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## Council Adds Officer for SHL Gives First O.K. to Upping Taxes

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council expects to enter into a public/private partnership agreement with AIMCO, the managers of the Springhill Lake Apartment complex, that will add another officer to the Greenbelt Police Department. The officer will be primarily assigned to patrol in the more than 2,900 unit apartment complex. This was the most significant budget change made by the council at its final budget worksession.

Overall council tentatively agreed to change City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget by increasing revenues \$76,000 and increasing expenditures an equal amount. Left unchanged was McLaughlin's proposal to increase the city property tax rate by four cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Only two citizens showed up at the worksession to observe the council in action and neither appeared to have any special con-

cerns about the budget under consideration.

While this may be the final budget worksession, it is not the end to the budget process.

### Public Hearing

On Tuesday, May 27 there will be a second public hearing on the budget. It will be another opportunity for citizens to express their views on the budget. The public hearing will take place during a regular council meeting, but will be at the beginning of the 8 p.m. meeting to be held at the city council room in the Municipal Building. Final budget adoption is scheduled for the regular meeting of June 9. This, too, is a public meeting at which citizens may express their views. While the council usually sticks with the decisions it makes at its final budget worksession, it can still make changes to the budget up until the time it is formally adopted.

The May 27 public hearing will also include the city's proposal to increase its constant yield tax rate. Each year the state calculates the tax rate needed to raise the same dollar amount of revenues as the city levied for the previous years. Since property values usually increase somewhat each year the constant yield tax rate is usually a little bit lower than the tax rate for the previous year. This year property assessments increased by 1.5 percent and a tax rate of 64.7 cents per \$100 of assessment will yield the same dollars for the city as last year's 65.6-cent levy. Since the council and manager now propose increasing the tax rate to 69.6 cents, four cents above last year's actual tax levy, they are proposing an increase of 4.9 cents over the constant yield tax rate.

The addition of another of-

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## Metro Interchange Called "Pork" by Beltway Plaza

by Virginia Beauchamp

A "scandalous travesty" and "a \$24,000,000 to \$32,000,000 pork project to benefit one at the expense of the many" – this language is from an April 14 letter from "Kap" Kapistan, general counsel of the Quantum Companies, to the Prince George's County Council committee on Transportation, Housing and Environment. Kapistan, whose company manages the Beltway Plaza, was describing the proposed Beltway interchange to the Greenbelt Metro property that would provide access to the proposed Greenbelt Station development.

A few days earlier, addressing the same committee, County Councilman Thomas R. Hendershot, whose district represents Berwyn Heights and most of College Park, described opposition like Kapistan's as "parochial." In Hendershot's view,

"It is insulting that people from Montgomery County and Howard County have a better Beltway access to the Greenbelt station than the vast majority of Prince Georgians." In his letter of March 25, Hendershot was commenting on the fact that the only direct Beltway exits to and from the Metro station are oriented to the west.

When the station was built, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) ruled out a full interchange and at the time the city of Greenbelt protested the decision. Now the positions are reversed. The agency seeks a full interchange in order to facilitate commercial development of its parking lot property and the city is opposed.

### Work Session

Both letters were among sev-

See **METRO**, page 12

## Delegation Gives Council Legislative Session Update

by Barbara Hopkins

Balancing the budget and slot machines – these were the two issues that dominated the state's recent legislative session, State Senator Paul Pinsky told the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting on May 12. Members of the 22nd District Delegation to the Maryland Legislature attended the meeting to participate in the ACE Awards and to give council a legislative update. Pinsky reminded council that the legislature has one constitutional requirement and that is to pass a budget and it had done that along with passing other important legislation. He told council the general fund budget grew by less than 1 percent so there would not be much money for programs that are not line items in the budget.

One bill that passed would close tax loop holes that allow corporations to save money. Pinsky said the governor has indicated he will veto the bill because it would temporarily increase corporate taxes. If the bill is vetoed the budget would require \$135 million in cuts to be rebalanced. Pinsky thought the cuts would affect local aid and higher education. If companies get to keep loop holes more companies will use them and revenues will go down further. Next year there is also a projected short-fall and funding for extending the Thornton Commission recommendations will come due. If the Commission recommendations are fully funded, he

See **LEGISLATION**, page 9

## Recreation & Parks Budget Is 21 Percent of City Costs

by Al Geiger

The proposed budget for the Recreation and Parks Department is \$3.89 million or 21 percent of the city budget. Of this amount \$3.07 million has been allocated for recreation. At the May 7 work session with the Greenbelt City Council the senior recreation staff gave council a presentation of highlights of the proposed 2004 fiscal year budget. The projected attendance at all city facilities and municipal activities for that year is anticipated to be 527,442.

### Administration

Expenditures for salaries and related expenses for the administrative staff in carrying out the city's recreation programs are projected to be \$506,600. This staff, with 5.5 full-time equivalent employees, is responsible for planning, management and information services for the city's recreation programs. The department seeks a full-time employee as assistant manager of various facilities, such as the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the future skate park. Also requested are funds to provide equitable benefits for part-time staff, estimated at about \$100,000.

### Recreation Centers

Proposed expenditures for the staffing and maintenance of the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Schrom

Hills Park and construction of the proposed skate park is \$355,400. Currently there are 5.8 full-time equivalent employees, two of whom are full time. The skate park, when completed, will be supervised whenever it is open.

The two centers are closed only on Christmas, New Year's Day and Thanksgiving. They are expected to have an attendance of 89,000.

### Aquatic/Fitness

The proposed budget for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is \$820,000. Revenues of \$600,000 are expected to be 72 percent of operating costs. There are 19.7 full time equivalent employees at the center. In winter 60 employees work part time and in the summer 90 are part time. Attendance is projected to be 182,600. The budget proposes a 3 percent increase in pass fees.

### Community Center

The Community Center proposed budget is \$561,600. With an income of \$240,700 from the rental fees of 38 civic groups and a large variety of other renters such as sports teams, churches and private parties and special events such as elections, the Greenbelt New Year and blood drives, the facility is 43 percent self-supporting. Unspeci-

See **PARKS**, page 12

## Legion Post Hosts Memorial Day Rites

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron #136 will host their annual Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday, May 26 commencing at 10 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, Roosevelt Center.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and join the American Legion in remembering veterans and those who are serving our country today. The program will feature a guest speaker. A buffet luncheon will be served at the Post Home following the completion of the ceremonies.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies and program will be held at the Post Home at 6900 Greenbelt Road at 10 a.m.

For additional information call the Post at 301-345-0136.

## News Review Closed Monday

The News Review will be closed on Monday, May 26 for the observance of Memorial Day. All advertising and copy for the May 29 issue will need to be submitted on Tuesday, May 27 between 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. (Materials may be dropped earlier in the mail slot in the News Review door or in the drop box at the Co-op.)

## What Goes On

**Monday, May 26** – City Offices Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

**10 a.m.**, American Legion Post 136 Memorial Day Service, Roosevelt Center (In case of inclement weather, 10 a.m. at the Post Home, 6900 Greenbelt Road)

**Tuesday, May 27**

**8 p.m.**, Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on FY 2004 Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, May 28**

**7:30 p.m.**, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center Senior Lounge

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession on Greenbelt Station, Community Center

**Thursday, May 29**

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

**Friday, May 30**

**6:30 p.m.**, ACE Reading Club Reception, Community Center

**Saturday, May 31**

**1 to 3 p.m.**, Seniors Only Workshop on Transportation, Community Center

**Sunday, June 1**

**1 to 5 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

# Get into the Arts

## Artful Afternoon: New Exhibit + Family Art

On Sunday, June 1, Greenbelters of all ages are invited to enjoy free art activities at the Community Center. The Recreation Department's Artful Afternoon program will include a workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. in which individuals, families and friends can create floating artwork for presentation at Buddy Attick Park in conjunction with the Fourth of July fireworks over Greenbelt Lake. All materials will be provided and no art experience is required.

From 2 to 4 p.m. the public is invited to attend an opening reception for a new exhibition at the Community Center art gallery. "DataPaint," an installation by Ann Stoddard, responds to the contemporary social climate in which surveillance and personal/behavioral tracking measures are increasingly common. Drawing on the history of the gallery as an elementary school classroom in a planned community built and operated by the federal government in the 1930s, DataPaint presents a reconstructed art classroom as a site for 21st century identity data collection.

Additional activities on June 1 will include a studio open house with the Community Center's artists in residence and tours of the Greenbelt Museum's historic home, both from 1 to 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Museum's new exhibit featuring the car-

toons of Isadore "Izzy" Parker will be open to the public. Beautiful and functional ceramics will be available throughout the afternoon with Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. The Greenbelt Concert Band will add a musical touch to the program with a performance on the Community Center lawn at 3 p.m.

"DataPaint" is the artist's first classroom installation. She has exhibited her work nationally in 13 solo shows and 50 juried and invitational group exhibitions. Her recent exhibitions include solo shows in Washington D.C. and Cleveland, group exhibitions in Georgia, New Jersey, Virginia and Maryland. Stoddard has received grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Cafritz Foundation, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Prince George's County Arts Council. She has taught full-time at three universities and served as adjunct faculty or visiting artist at several institutes of art.

Artful Afternoons are a monthly series sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation. The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For additional information call 301-397-2208. This event is sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Prince George's Arts Council and the PG Super Circle.

## Create Sculpture from Food

"Food: we need it; we eat it; but create sculptures with it? When you think 'A Banquet of the Sculptures,' you may have to recreate your concept of sculpture materials."

On Sunday, June 8, Greenbelt Day weekend, at the Roosevelt Center festival organized by Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), everyone is invited to "dig-in" to an activity that is sure to bring out creativity, engineering know-how, patience, laughter and community spirit. From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. edible food will be available for building a sculpture, based on the theme of "Home." Design a house in a literal sense, create an emotional sculpture of one's household, past or present, or make a sculpture of what "home means to you," all by using only edible foods. Complement the

sculptures by adding to the items provided. The Greenbelt Coop Supermarket is sponsoring this project with a donation of supplies. The Co-op Supermarket and convenience stores will be open for that last minute inspiration.

Tom Baker, Greenbelt resident artist, will lead this activity. Volunteers are needed to prepare food for the sculptures, assist participants in setting up and in cleaning up. Call Baker at 301-474-6525 to volunteer.

"You may also choose to create your edible food sculpture at home," says Baker and bring it completed to the festival between 1:30 and 3:15 p.m. Photos of all sculptures will be taken and awards announced. Then all participants who wish may contribute their artwork for the community to eat to "A Banquet of the Sculptures."

### "DataPaint" Surveillance

A new art exhibit will open at the Greenbelt Community Center on June 1, featuring a site-specific installation by conceptual artist Ann Stoddard. In "DataPaint," as the work is titled, an elementary school art classroom in a utopian planned community provides the context for 21st century identity data collection. In creating this work, the artist has responded to the history of the gallery itself as a former elementary school classroom and to the history of Greenbelt as a utopian planned community built by the federal government in the 1930s. The public is invited to attend an opening reception on Sunday, June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

In the words of the artist, "art meets Utopia and Dystopia" in this work. Stoddard comments, "Following September 11, national security programs are increasingly infringing on individual rights, as the profile of suspects fluctuates and we/they become almost indistinguishable." "DataPaint" examines the implications of contemporary security strategies such as the Defense Department's proposed TIA (Total Information Awareness) program with its goal of tracking individuals through life. Video surveillance in public places has become prevalent in Greenbelt and throughout the country. Fingerprinting of elementary school children is routine in some communities, including Washington, D.C. In "DataPaint," class photos are digitized as educational technology intersects with research technology and finger painting with identity tracking.

"DataPaint" will remain on view through July 6. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, whenever the room is not reserved for special use. The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For additional information call 301-397-2208. This exhibit is sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Prince George's Arts Council and the PG Super Circle.

### The Old Curmudgeon



"It's either this, or stop reading the 'Police Blotter'!"



## GHI House and Garden Tour

Sunday, June 8

12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Tour is FREE and starts at GHI Office on Hamilton Place

For information, please call 301-474-4075

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

## Roosevelt Center Arts Festival

Sat. & Sun. June 7 & 8



Events are outdoors & free unless noted.

### Saturday events

Greenbelt Stained Glass Guild Demo & Sale, Greenbelt Pottery Sale - 10:00 am-3:00 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Folk & Blues Festival - Sponsored by FONDCA - 3-10:00 pm  
Gate Film Festival - Old Greenbelt Theatre - 12:00 midnite - \$2 admission

### Sunday Events

GAVA/GATE "Vids By Kids 4" - Youth Film Festival - Old Greenbelt Theatre - 11:30 am  
Greenbelt Arts Center presents:  
Scenes from "An Evening of David Ives: All in the Timing" 1:00 pm  
Singing Class - Songs, Rounds & Chants - 2:00 pm, Auditions for "Henry V" - 2:00-6:00 pm  
"Banquet of the Sculptures" - Make Art from Food! Sponsored by GAVA - 1:30-3:30 pm  
At New Deal Café:  
Spontaneous Creative Writing with Greenbelt Writers Group - 2:00 pm  
Art Reception & Poetry Reading - Sponsored by FONDCA - 3:00-5:00 pm

This festival is funded in part by a grant from the Prince George's Arts Council.

## ACE Reading Club To Present Awards

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) announces that the ACE Reading Club reception will be held Friday, May 30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The ACE Reading Club is conducted in Greenbelt elementary, middle and high schools. The club is voluntary and open to all Greenbelt students in grades K through 12 and children residing in the city who do not attend these schools. It is designed to inspire and encourage students to read and enjoy books, develop a life-long interest in reading and explore a basic skill for success. ACE wants to send the message that "reading is fun!"

The purpose of the reception is to recognize those students who have participated in the club this year. Here are just some of the accomplishments of student members this year: numerous book review tapings at Greenbelt Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Springhill Lake Elementary and St. Hugh's schools; first annual High School Poetry and Short Fiction contest; first annual Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase featuring middle and high school students; participation in the Greenbelt Recreation Department's after school program; and poetry and games on the club's website.

Come to the reception to see all the projects, activities and cable television shows that students have completed this year. In a new addition to the reception this year, prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best Participating Class (class that has participated the most from each school); Best Participating Student (student who has participated the most from each school); and one door prize to a student attending the reception.

For more details contact Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or email e-murray@att.net or check out the ACE Reading Club link from the front page of the city's website: [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us).

## Wildflower Class

Join Ranger Kate on June 1 at the Greenbelt Park ranger station from noon to 3:30 p.m. and learn how to use field guides to identify wildflowers. The class is for adults and involves classroom and field work. Bring a favorite field guide and dress for a walk in the woods.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of May 23

**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

Monday  
\*2:30, \*5:00, 7:30

Tuesday - Thursday  
\*5:00, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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# Community Events

## Remove English Ivy

On Sunday, May 25 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 mosquitos; or d) none of the above. Come on Sunday to find out.

## Hot Dog Roast Opens Pool Season

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks will kick off the 2003 pool season with a hot dog roast at the picnic area on the hill on Saturday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The picnic area is located behind the Greenbriar Community Building before the pool. This is a free event for Greenbriar/Glen Oaks residents and their guests. It is first come - first served. Hot dogs, chips, beer and soda will be served. Come out and enjoy the food, the pool and talking to neighbors. For information call Tina at 301-441-1096, ext. 4.

## At the Library

Monday, May 26 - Libraries will be closed for Memorial Day Holiday.

Wednesday, May 28, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, May 29, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. 10:15 a.m. Teddy Bears Picnic for ages 2 to 5. Bring a teddy bear or favorite stuffed animal.

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

## GIAC Meets

The annual membership meeting and elections by the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) will be held Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Refreshments will be served. An agenda is posted at <http://www.greenbelt.com>.

## Rockets Baseball

by Mike Kerdock

The Greenbelt Rockets put forth a total team effort against the Clinton Flames on Thursday night and came away with an 11 to 6 victory. With Mykal Brown and Jeff Cheney getting on base in three out of four at-bats, they each scored three times. Mikey Kerdock led the RBI race with six RBIs in four at-bats. Buck Robison had two RBIs; Jon Butler and Chris Roy had one each.

Delonte Horton pitched four innings, getting the win. Mikey Kerdock closed out the last two innings to get the save.

All three aspects of the game were put together by the Rockets: pitching, timely hitting and strong fielding. The good fielding was led by Dan Dorsey who threw out two runners from the outfield, plus Buck Robison's five assists and two put-outs from three infield positions.

The Rockets will play a doubleheader versus Lake Shore at noon on May 24, a road game with Bowie on May 28 and a doubleheader at Gambrills on May 31.

## "Old Curmudgeon" Exhibit Honors Izzy

A reception was held May 14 honoring the work of Izzy Parker, longtime Greenbelt resident, former Washington Post cartoonist and current News Review "Curmudgeon" cartoonist.

Nicely mounted on the walls of the Community Center in the Greenbelt Museum's gallery on the first floor are cartoons from early days to the present. Parker's daughter Naomi and her husband Tom Hatch and son Eric attended, along with many friends, Mayor Judith Davis and numerous News Review staffers. The exhibit will remain for one year.

## City Notes

The special details crew made and installed five no parking signs on Mandan Road and refaced and replaced 10 cross-walk signs.

## Batey to Speak To Golden Agers

Christal Parker Batey will speak at the Golden Age Club on May 29 at 11 a.m. Batey is the city's community resource advocate on assisted living. She will talk about the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program and discuss the survey to be conducted during the month of June.

The survey will help determine which services and programs will help seniors to enable them to stay in their homes as long as possible. Results will be used to set priorities for city programs. The survey must be completed by those 45 years of age or older. Volunteer survey administrators and respondents are needed.

Batey will also discuss the free benefit check-up screening which determines eligibility for 56 different programs including discounts on medications, in home aid services and senior housing. This process may be conducted by phone. (See article on page 12 for office hours.)

Batey will speak on the same topics at Green Ridge House on June 3 at 7:30 p.m. and at the NARFE meeting in the community center at noon on June 11. All three meetings are for members of the respective organizations only. For anyone else who is interested in obtaining information, contact Batey by phone on 301-474-8000 ext. 105 or by email at [cbatey@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:cbatey@ci.greenbelt.md.us).

## Public Transport For Seniors Forum

A workshop to inform residents of the services available to users of public transportation will be held on Saturday, May 31, from 3 to 3 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Community Center. There will be presentations describing services such as senior discounts for Metro; Metro Access; the Bus; Zipcar; Call-A-Cab; Call-A-Bus and the Greenbelt Connection. Learn about all the benefits public transportation offers and how to get help if needed. The workshop is sponsored by the senior citizens advisory committee but is for residents of all ages.

## Chelsea Condos Election Results

On April 9 Chelsea Wood Condominiums held their 2003 annual meeting. Election of officers was held on May 14 with the following results: Peggy Smith, president; David M. Yoctorowic, vice president; Donna Fisher, treasurer; Kimele Carter, secretary; and Marietta V. Millonas, director.

Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 8405 Greenbelt Road. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

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## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Game
Mon., May 26	6:00 p.m.	Memorial Day
Tues., May 27	6:00 p.m.	Giants @ Cubs
Wed., May 28	6:00 p.m.	Indians @ Tigers
Thur., May 29	6:00 p.m.	Cubs @ Cardinals
Fri., May 30	6:00 p.m.*	Lions @ Athletics
Fri., May 30	After	Parents & Coaches
Sat., May 31	10:00 a.m.	Cardinals @ Athletics
Sat., May 31	1:00 p.m.	NL Practice
Sun., June 1	1:00 p.m.	All Star Game

### Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/20/03

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Athletics	6 - 0	Indians	7 - 3
Orioles	6 - 2	Cardinals	4 - 5
Giants	4 - 6	Cubs	3 - 4
Tigers	2 - 5	Lions	1 - 8

### 2003 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Tues., May 27	6:00 p.m.**	Rockies vs. Yankees
Wed., May 28	6:00 p.m.**	Astros vs. Rockies
Fri., May 30	6:00 p.m.**	Yankees vs. Astros
Sat., May 31	11:00 a.m.**	Rain out/Make up

### Machine Pitch Standings as of Tuesday 5/20/03

Astros	5 - 1
Rockies	3 - 4
Yankees	3 - 3

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.



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Washington Beltway (495) to exit Kenilworth Ave. towards Greenbelt, right on Crescent, follow signs to Roosevelt Center.

*In Memoriam*

# Remembering Charles J. Mills, My Father

by Monica Mills Johnston

My father was born in 1926 in Philadelphia. He lost both of his parents when he was very young and he and his sister Betty went to live with their grandparents. He was blinded in the left eye as a young boy.



My father was spoiled and "quite a handful" according to many in his family. He was the only boy living in a house full of females. As a young boy, it was his job to go next door and bring his grandfather and uncles home from the bar.

He sold newspapers on the streets of Philly, fought in school and was reprimanded by the nuns. He was a lifeguard in the summers.

Because he could swim, he and his friends were able to save the life of one young boy when two of them fell into a pond down by the railroad yard. He was given a gold watch, a parade and a mighty beating from Grandmom who had told him never to go down to the rail yard.

My father was a soldier. At 17, he wanted to enlist in the Army, but wasn't old enough. Aunt Edith went to the enlistment office and told him that he was old enough to know his age and if he said he was 18 then he was. He memorized the eye chart while waiting his turn in line and passed the eye exam and joined the U.S. Army Military Police. He served in Italy, Germany, Korea and stateside.

My father was also an animal lover. As an MP in Germany he trained and handled police dogs.

When he left his dog, Alcock, with a friend for a day he met with the wrath of another animal lover. Seeing the dog tied in a courtyard during a bad storm, Gudrun Humanik brought the dog to her office. My father received a severe tongue-lashing and fell in love with this woman, my mother.

My parents were married in Philadelphia in 1951. After ten years of marriage, they had two children, my sister and me. He was a wonderful father.

He retired from the Army as a master sergeant after 23 years so he wouldn't be shipped overseas again and so we could have a permanent home.

My father was a Capitol Hill police officer for 20 years. I felt much pride as a young girl saying that my daddy was a policeman. He always wore a uniform, a badge and a gun. I remember going to the Hill and watching him mingle with Congressmen. Everyone we met respected him.

My father was president of the Center School PTA and the Lakeside Citizens Association. He was involved in everything that affected my sister and me.

He joined the Greenbelt Lions Club because they "helped the needy and the blind." He was also a 35-year member of Post 136 Greenbelt American Legion, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and a Past Master Mason.

My father took the neighborhood children and later other children from school with us when their parents couldn't or wouldn't take them. No child who wanted to go to Pappy's or Wylie's Ice Cream parlor after a school basketball game was turned away.

My father was a Redskin's fan. Every Sunday, you could hear him yelling, sitting on the edge of the couch downstairs, biting his fingernails, hoping they would manage to pull it off this week. Dinner always waited until the game was over.

My father was a romantic. For my mother's birthday and anniversary, he would bring her roses and strawberry shortcake to share with all the women in her office.

My father was so proud of his grandchildren. My children spent many days at my parents' home. When he retired from the Hill in 1986, he was with us constantly.

After he retired, my father was a Greenbelt Center Bum. Every morning, he would leave the house early, hang out in the Center and drink coffee and argue with the other bums. Around 9, he would come home with fresh donuts, rolls and his newspaper.

To all who knew him, he was a kind and loyal friend. He liked to have good times, the more the merrier. Any stranger was welcome and anyone in need was taken care of.

There were quite a few people who would live with us as I grew up. Young people who needed a supportive family around. My Aunt Gaby, Connie, Boyd and Roland. Roland [Sheck, a severely wounded Vietnam veteran who had immigrated from Germany] became a son to

my parents and a brother to us.

My father always wanted to live on the shore. When we finally convinced my mother to retire and move to Florida, it was his dream come true. But it didn't last. Maybe it was being away from the kids and grandkids, maybe it was this terrible illness creeping in. When my parents moved back home we knew something was terribly wrong.

Daddy reduced his activities. He didn't feel comfortable talking in public anymore. My children were uncomfortable riding with him in the car. All of a sudden things were different.

He fought us so hard when we had to take his car keys away. His independence gone, he felt useless. Throughout this terrible illness, my father remained as sweet and congenial as always.

I want all of us to remember the man my father was. My father was Charles James Mills, Charlie, Chaz, Sarge, Bubby, Pop-Pop, Daddy, Honey and Friend.

[Charles Mills, 76, died May 11, 2003 of health complications resulting from Lewy body dementia. He is survived by his wife, Gudrun (former Greenbelt City Clerk), two daughters, Monica (Andrew) Johnston and Regina (Timothy) Murphy, grandchildren James, Joseph, Chelsey and Shawn, a sister, Betty Lehman of Pompano Beach, Fla., and his adopted son, Roland Sheck. A granddaughter, Jessica, preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on May 17. Funeral services will be held on June 12 at 10:15 a.m. at Fort Myer Chapel, Arlington, Va. with internment following at Arlington Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8424 Veteran's Highway, Millerville, MD 21108 or to the Lions Club of Greenbelt, PO Box 677, Greenbelt, MD 20768.]

# A Second Father to Me

by PJ Siegel

I joined the Greenbelt Lions Club in the year that Lion Charlie Mills served as deputy district governor. I went on a lot of club visitations that year and everyone knew Charlie Mills! He was a man everyone liked and trusted (except perhaps the bad guys). He exemplified service - by serving in the U.S. Army, on Capitol Hill as a police officer and for 31 years as a valued Lion.

I have known Charlie Mills since I was five years old. He would remind me how audacious I was then when I asked if he had any kids. He was thinking of buying the house at 11 Maplewood Court across the street. It turned out that he and Gudi did have kids (Monica and Gina) who were only a couple of years younger than I. Charlie Mills is the closest thing to a second father I had. I always felt safe at his house. I have often wondered if part of my reason for going into the military was because of him.

I'll never forget being outside playing in a thunderstorm. Charlie had to drag me into his house because I was telling him my mom said it was OK for me to play in the rain. I knew nothing of the dangers of lightning, but he, of course, did. I was always welcome in Charlie and Gudi's home.

I remember Charlie at the Cen-

ter, as a Center Bum - people who used to sit at the Center and drink coffee everyday. Whenever I saw him there I would stop to chat for a few minutes.

At one of these chats in 1988 I mentioned to Charlie that I had heard the Lions were finally allowing women to join as full members. I knew Charlie was a Lion. He and my Dad were Lions while I was growing up.

Anyway, Charlie said he would be honored to sponsor me for membership. This was back when many men in most clubs were resistant to the idea of a woman joining the "men's club." I thought there would be opposition, but there wasn't any. Maybe that was because of my sponsor. Because I went on so many club visitations, I got to know a lot of other great Lions in a lot of other clubs as well. I owe so much of this to Lion Charlie Mills.

I will miss him. We're proud to be Lions because, in part, we were touched and led by the example of a great Lion, Past King Lion and Deputy District Governor Charles J. Mills.

(PJ Siegel is a past president of the Greenbelt Lions Club and a major, U.S. Army (retired).)

## Baha'i Faith

We invite you to...  
Interfaith Devotions and  
Classes for Children & Adults  
Sunday, May 25 at 10 AM  
Springhill Lake Elementary School

"World Peace is not only possible but inevitable, it is the next stage in the evolution of this planet."  
-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

www.bahai.org/

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,  
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
Welcomes you to our open,  
nurturing community  
May 25, 10 a.m.  
"Transitions of Our Lives"  
by Barbara Wells, co-minister with  
Julie Watson and Drex Andrex,  
worship associates  
No RE classes - Families welcome  
at service.  
Barbara Wells and  
Jaco B. ten Hove,  
co-ministers



## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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

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

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410

SUNDAY



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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
www.gb-gm-UMC.org/mowatt

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

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter, Memorial Sunday  
Sermon: "Are You My Friend?"

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

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

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship  
8:45 a.m. Fellowship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@erols.com

## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | stgeog@aol.com | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

An inclusive congregation!



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

# Community Service

by Jack Maffay

Lion Charlie Mills joined the Greenbelt Lions Club in April 1971. Charlie was an active, involved member for over 30 years. In District 22-C, Charlie had the honor of serving as Lieutenant Governor in the 1988-89 administration of District 22-C Governor Sid Penning-ton. He also served in the district as a deputy district governor and zone chairman. He was a Roaring Lion.

At the club level, he held virtually every leadership or board position including director, visitation chairman, audit committee chairman, chairman of the Labor Day Festival food concession booth, bike and trike activity chairman, blood drive chairman, fruit cake sales, white cane sales, 22-C convention delegate several times, 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice presidents, as well as serving as president twice. When he wasn't serving in a leadership role, he actively participated in fund raising drives and service activities such as Lions World Service Day, DARE, Adopt-a-Park and the Christmas toys for children drive. He also sponsored six new members. Throughout his service, Lion Charlie worked diligently to improve our community and help the Lions of District 22-C improve the health and welfare of citizens in our area. He always displayed an infectious enthusiasm whenever he undertook a project.

Lion Charlie spent his whole life serving others both professionally and personally. He served in our nation's armed services and then, after retiring, as a Capitol Hill policeman.

Charlie will be missed by all who came in contact with him and experienced his cheerful, helpful attitude.



## Joan Conway

Longtime Greenbelt resident Joan Conway died on May 22. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Hugh's church on Tuesday, May 27 at 12:30 p.m.



Farewell and best wishes to MSW intern Ellisa Levine, whose internship at CARES is complete.

A speedy recovery is wished for Greenbelt Elementary School principal Katherine Curl who was injured recently in a car crash.

Congratulations to Suzanne McMichael on her graduation from Catholic University's National Catholic School of Social Service. She received a master's degree in social work. Proud husband is James McMichael and parents are Mary and Barry Moien of Woodland Way. Suzanne's sister, Kathleen Brown and her husband Michael visited from Santa Barbara for the celebration.

## Greenbelt Elementary Spring Fair

May 17, 10 am to 2 pm

Games, crafts, refreshments, new books for summer reading

Volunteers needed

Contact

gespta@ptmail.com



# City Information

**Regular Council Meeting, Public Hearing on FY 2004 Proposed Budget & Constant Yield Tax Rate**  
**Tuesday, May 27, 2003**  
**Municipal Building Council Room at 8:00 p.m.**

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation - Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2004 Budget

#### Public Hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate

**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.)

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #03-005 (FONDCA Contribution Group Status)

### LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Add to Parking Violations the Failure to Display Proper Registration Plates and Tabs (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed City Driveway Apron Policy
- National League of Cities Advocacy Alert - Support for Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003
- MML 2004 Legislative Initiatives - Action Request
- \* Resignations from Advisory Groups
- \* Appointments & Reappointments to Advisory Groups

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

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

## REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 26<sup>th</sup>

Monday Route - Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday

Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone is Invited!

## ACE Reading Club Reception

May 30, 2003 ~ 6:30pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Help recognize the efforts of our Club's student members at this FREE event.



Refreshments, videos, presentations and more!  
 For more information call 301-345-6660.

## Summer Memberships are now on sale at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Outdoor Pool opens May 24 @ 10:00am



Memorial Day Hours-May 26<sup>th</sup>

Facility hours 8:00am to 8:00pm

Outdoor Pool opens @ 10:00am

## OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

### RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

## MEETINGS FOR MAY 27-30

Tuesday, May 27, 8:00pm, **REGULAR MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE**, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, May 28, 7:30pm, **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee**, Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Lounge.

Wednesday, May 28, 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Community Center.

## NOT FOR SENIORS ONLY WORKSHOP PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Saturday, May 31, 1-3pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Multipurpose Room

An informational briefing by the Experts on the Who, What, Where, When and Why of Public Transportation.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Tuesday, May 27 at 8:00pm "City Council Meeting" live Thursday, May 28, 6pm Springhill Lake presents "A Blast From the Past" 7:30pm Replay of Council

Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 28 & 30, 7pm "Love Foundation-Faith to Faith II" 7:30pm "Democratic Club w/ Angela Walker & Tom Hucker" 8:45pm "Tracy's Birthday by Renee Robinson" Sunday, May 25 at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation-Faith to Faith II"

## CITY POSITION

**Crisis Intervention Counselor (1/2 time):** \$16.91/hr. with pro-rated benefits. To provide emergency and on-going counseling services involving domestic violence, rape, suicide, family conflict and juvenile crime. Work in close collaboration w/local Youth & Family Service Bureaus and the Police Department. Requires BA in social work, psychology or related field and min. 2 yrs. post graduate experience in family or crisis counseling. MSW preferred.

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt; download our Employment Application from website ([www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)) or call job-line at 301-474-1872 for required application.

The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

### Summer Session I Registration

Residents and Passholders, May 26 & 27

Non-Residents, May 28 - 30

Adult water classes and Adult swim lessons.

Info: See [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) or call 301-397-2204.

## An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, June 1st, 1-5pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Featuring a Floating Art Workshop, a New Art Exhibit and a Greenbelt Concert Band performance.

1-4pm: Create floating artwork for presentation at Buddy Attick Park in conjunction with the 4th of July Fireworks. All materials provided and no art experience is required.

2-4pm: Opening Reception for new exhibit: *DataPaint* by Ann Stoddard.

3pm: Greenbelt Concert Band performance on the lawn.

Additional activities include: Studio Open House, Greenbelt Museum Tours, ceramics sale, Izzy Parker exhibit. For more information call 301-397-2208.

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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.

## Attempted Murder

7900 block Vanity Fair Drive, May 15, 6:15 p.m., a woman had just come home from shopping and was about to enter the front door of her residence when a man approached from behind and forced her into the house. Two other men then entered the house behind them. One punched another resident of the house several times while the other displayed a sawed-off shotgun and demanded money. That man fired the gun into a wall above one of the two other residents home at the time. The suspects then searched the house for money, firing a second shot into another wall. Finding no money, they fled in a vehicle described as a black mid-90s Chevrolet Caprice station wagon, Md. temporary tag 16197E. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 15 to 20, 5'11", thin, medium complexion, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans and a red ski mask; (2) a black male, 15 to 20, 5'9", medium build, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a black bandanna, armed with what appeared to be a 9 mm. semiautomatic handgun, and (3) a black male, 15 to 20, 5'9", medium build and medium complexion, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans and a black and white bandanna.

## Sexual Assault

Greenbelt Metro Station, May 13, 8:19 p.m., a woman was walking to her vehicle in the parking lot when she saw a man walk by her. She got in her vehicle and was about to lock the door when the man opened it. The victim offered the suspect her car keys, but as he forced her to the passenger seat he threatened to stab her if she made any noise and made motions as if he was going to sexually assault her. At this time the victim got the passenger door open, fell to the ground and began yelling for help. The man then fled the scene toward Cherrywood Lane. He is described as a black male in his twenties, 6', medium build, hair in a bush style, wearing all dark clothing. The victim was not physically injured.

## Weapons

Area of Walker Drive and Greenbelt Road, May 13, 3:25 a.m., a nonresident, 17, was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun. An officer saw him push a vehicle onto the side of the road, get into a second vehicle and leave the area. Later he was seen walking back to the vehicle that he told police belonged to him. A computer check showed that he had an open arrest warrant with the Sheriff's Department. Police found a loaded Ruger .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun in the vehicle. The youth was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

## Unattended Child

Greenway Shopping Center, May 10, 4:52 p.m., an off-duty

officer working security saw a three-year-old in an unattended vehicle in the parking lot. When the nonresident mother returned from shopping, she was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

## Drugs

6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, May 11, 1:22 a.m., after an off-duty officer working security responded to a motel room for a party complaint, two nonresident men, 18 and 19, were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were released on citations pending trial.

6400 block Greenbelt Road, May 12, 1:52 a.m., after a traffic stop, an officer's computer check showed that the driver's license had been suspended in Maryland. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of marijuana, paraphernalia and an electronic stun gun. A nonresident man, 24, was arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

9200 block Springhill Lane, May 12, 6:15 p.m., a nonresident man, 22, was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. He was also found to have an open warrant with the Sheriff's Department and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

## Theft

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, May 9, 3:20 p.m., after the victim's wallet was stolen while he was dining at the restaurant the preceding evening, unauthorized charges were made on two of his credit cards.

Greenbelt Middle School, May 13, 3:27 p.m., a cellular telephone and money were taken from an unattended purse at the school; the telephone was later recovered inside the school and investigation is continuing.

7400 block Greenbelt Road, May 13, 5:15 p.m., someone used unknown means to open a secured locker and took keys and jewelry. The vehicle keys were then used to gain entry to the victim's vehicle. Money and jewelry were taken from the vehicle.

## Burglary

7700 block Greenbelt Road, May 12, 8:19 a.m., someone forced open the door of an office suite and took several laptop computers and a projector.

6100 block Springhill Terrace, May 13, 9:23 p.m., someone used unknown means to enter a residence and take a laptop computer, jewelry and money.

Greenway Beauty Supply and Salon, May 14, 1:24 a.m., someone broke into the business and took two cash registers.

## Trespassing

Beltway Plaza, May 12, 5:48 p.m., a nonresident man, 30, told to leave the mall after bringing alcohol into the Academy 8 Theatre was arrested when he re-

turned. He was released on citation pending trial.

6100 block Breezewood Court, May 13, 6:56 p.m., a nonresident man, 19, was seen on the property of Springhill Lake Apartments. The officer knew the suspect had been banned by agents of the property and he was later arrested before being released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1995 Camaro two-door, May 11 from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive recovered the next day near St. Hugh's church; a 1999 Dodge Neon four-door, May 14 from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane recovered the next day by county police in Largo; a 1996 Dodge Neon four-door, May 14 from the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road recovered the next day in Beltway Plaza; a 1995 Toyota Camry four-door, May 14 from the 7200 block of Mandan Road recovered the next day by county police in Laurel; a white 1995 Nissan Maxima four-door, Md. tags AOO9073, May 15 from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace; a 1989 Ford Aerostar van, May 15 from the 6200 block of Springhill Court recovered the same day by county police in College Park.

In the area of Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive on May 13, a man driving on Edmonston Road saw a vehicle he owned, a 1989 Ford Econoline van, pass him on the roadway. The man then followed the vehicle to the 9100 block of Edmonston Court, where three suspects got out and fled on foot. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 16 to 20, medium height, heavy build, wearing a black windbreaker-type jacket and light blue jeans; (2) a black male, 16 to 20, tall, hair in corn rows, wearing a hat, and (3) a black female, 16 to 20, medium height, heavy build, wearing a blue jean jacket and carrying a black purse.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; Beltway Plaza; 9100 block Edmonston Court; 9100 block Edmonston Road; 8000 block Mandan Road; 6000 block Cherrywood Court; Centerway; 6000 block Springhill Drive; area of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane; unit block of Crescent Road.

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

## Garden Club Meets

The Beltsville Garden Club general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Spend an evening learning what heirloom vegetables to grow in the garden. Cynthia Brown, interpretive horticulturist at Green Spring Gardens Park in Alexandria, Va., will be the speaker.

Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539.

## Co-op Food Store History Recounted

The entire back page of the March 2003 issue of the magazine Taste for Life is devoted to an editorial by Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Board Secretary Leta Mach and Co-op Supermarket General Manager Bob

Davis.

Mach and Davis review the history of the Greenbelt co-op store and pharmacy in Roosevelt Center and explain the value of member input. Copies of the article are available in the Co-op.



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification Program

Yards scheduled for inspection the week of May 27th will include the following courts, weather permitting:

- Ridge Road – 65 through 73 courts
- Hillside Road – 9 through 22 courts
- Research Road – 1 through 9 courts
- 135 A & B Northway
- 133 Greenhill

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

## AMERICAN REALTY



### 9-S Research Road

This two bedroom unit has refinished hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and bathroom, new drywall and trim throughout, extra closet space throughout, large patio, storage shed, landscaped yard and backs to the woods. Call for an appointment!



### 56-K Crescent Road

**BRICK-END** – Two bedroom **BRICK END** unit with one of the largest yards. Ikea wood floors, bright and airy. Close to the Center.

**Are you thinking about selling?  
Do you know what your home is worth?  
If you are interested, please call for a  
Free Market Analysis.  
There is no obligation.**



### 12 Pinecrest Court Single Family

Lakeside Home – This four bedroom, three bath Lakeside home is in pristine condition. The owners have done all the work for you so you can relax on your large deck and enjoy the beautifully landscaped yard. The remodeled kitchen with custom designed cabinets and extra counter space; new vinyl windows and siding; freshly painted; fireplace; large family room; carport; large storage shed; pond with fountain; recessed lights; workshop; laundry room; new sliding doors; gas heat and central air are just a few of the reasons why this is a **MUST SEE HOME!!** Call Jeannie for an appointment. Exclusive Listing!

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

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said, Prince George's County, the biggest recipient, would receive \$900 million over six years. Pinsky said he considered his vote on the Thornton Commission bill his most significant vote in 17 years in the legislature.

**Slot Machines**

Pinsky said he opposed the slot machine legislation because he did not consider it good public policy. He also thought it did not provide enough money to public education and that an overly-generous amount of generated funds would have gone to owners of race tracks where slot machines would be located. Even if it had passed it would only have provided half of the funds necessary for the Thornton commitment. He told council he expects the bill to come back next year. Later Delegate Anne Healey said that she expects there to be a public hearing on slot machines when the bill comes up again, indicating that she felt public involvement had initially been too limited.

**Other Legislation**

A bill supported by Greenbelt that was passed by the legislature permits municipalities to purchase and use speed cameras in residential areas and school zones. This bill has not yet been signed and Pinsky said there is speculation that the governor will veto it. The bill's final status should be known in about two weeks, he added.

The city supported a bill to increase the surcharge on new developments for education and this bill had also passed.

Two bills sponsored by Pinsky that would help protect the environment were passed, but the governor had not yet signed either and Pinsky did not know if he would. One bill would require appliances sold in Maryland to meet certain energy effi-

ciency standards. This would reduce dependency on fossil fuels and provide cleaner air. The other bill would improve water quality by requiring the state Department of the Environment to more aggressively pursue polluters.

Members of council and members of the delegation spoke with appreciation to one another for their mutual efforts in establishing a viable working relationship during the first year that Greenbelt has been in the 22nd district. Healey, in her thanks to the city and its residents, said it was "very refreshing to have so many activists" and "wonderful to have so many people engaged in the process."

Delegate Justin Ross said he wants to continue to work with Greenbelt on municipal zoning authority. He added his number one commitment is full funding for the Thornton Commission proposal.

Delegate Tawana Gaines had intended to be at the meeting also, but a sudden family illness kept her away.

Councilmember Thomas White told the delegation that the budget process just ending was the most difficult one he could recall of the 30 he had worked on since becoming a councilmember. He said the state cannot continue to lay responsibility for citizens' basic services on local governments. He asked the delegation to pursue sharing of state revenues with local governments. Mayor Judith Davis supported White's statement, saying the city could not survive any more cuts such as those that occurred this past year. She said deficit spending may work on a federal level, but she thought there should be a re-thinking of policies that cut taxes yet increase expenditures. Homeowners cannot always be expected to foot the bill, she said.

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ficer in the police department to patrol in Springhill Lake is contingent upon the city obtaining a \$25,000 COPS (community oriented police) grant from the federal government, which city staff believes is doable. AIMCO will kick in \$45,000 a year or more, up to \$55,000, for three years. Added budget cost to the city is \$80,000 but, with the grant money and Springhill Lake money, the net amount of cost that the city needs to pick up is only \$10,000. Regional Property Manager for Springhill Lake Apartments, Joe W. Raker told the city, "It is always a positive step forward when the City of Greenbelt can joint venture with the private sector to improve the services of the community."

The council also agreed to continue funding a red light camera for southbound Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane. McLaughlin proposed removing this light because fines from violations photographed from the camera were paying only a third of the camera's operating costs. This change increased revenues by \$10,000, but increased expenses \$30,000.

Council agreed to increase the fees charged to residents for the use of a variety of park and recreation facilities such as the Attick Park group picnic facility, the pavilion at Schrom Hills Park, renting the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Community Center gymnasiums and for special events, resulting in an added revenues of \$4,000 for the budget. On the other hand, council restored proposed cuts in the hours of operation of recreation facilities for an added expense of \$4,500.

Because it was told by the groups involved that their grants were not needed this year, council cut out the proposed grants

for the Golden Age Club and the Greenbelt Writers Group for a budget savings of \$5,300. These are one time cuts. Council made another budget savings of \$2,000 by eliminating the operation of the Greenbelt Connection on Sundays after 1:30 p.m.

These changes left the budget out of balance by \$32,200. Council cut the reserve set aside for unforeseen contingencies by that amount, leaving \$26,000 for such emergencies. Should that prove to be insufficient, the city can draw down on its unallocated fund balance (surplus), currently estimated to be over \$2.8 million at the end of this fiscal year.

McLaughlin warned council that Governor Robert Ehrlich has not yet approved all the state budget legislation. The governor has until Tuesday to either sign or veto legislation that, if not approved, could mean further cuts in state aid to the city and other local governments.

On the plus side, McLaughlin also noted that under the municipal tax differential formula Greenbelt taxpayers will receive a small reduction in their county property tax rates.

**Greenbelt CARES**

The week of May 12, Teresa Smithson and Medical Social Worker intern Ellisa Levine held the last sessions of the Greenbelt Middle School seventh and eighth grade discussion groups. Both groups got together for a pizza party. Levine's internship at CARES is now over.

The Commuter Affairs and Community Service programs at the University of Maryland presented Judge Hering with the Community Advocate Award at the Celebration of Service program May 8. This award acknowledges community members who work to develop partnerships with the University of Maryland that contribute significantly to the mutual learning that can emerge from service.

Clara Hill, Ph.D., professor, Department of Counseling Psychology, University of Maryland, spoke with the CARES Family Clinic staff on the Hill Cognitive-Experiential Dream Model. Hill is author of "Dream Work in Psychotherapy: Facilitating Exploration, Insight and Action," to be published by the American Psychological Association in August 2003.

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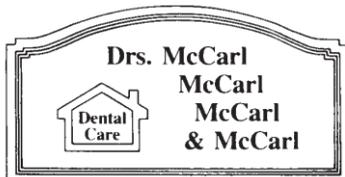
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fied rental fee increases for use of space in the Community Center are anticipated. There are 4.5 full-time employees and 4.1 full-time equivalent part-time employees.

A major projected expense for the Community Center will be replacement of the windows in the original part of the building. As now planned, work will begin in the senior game room as a demonstration project.

### Special Programs

Greenbelt Kids provides enrichment and socialization for children between one and 14 years of age when county schools are not in session. These programs include six summer and school-year camps, after-school programs, workshops, preschool classes and other non-arts based activities. For these programs expenditures of \$300,200 have been projected along with revenues of \$415,100. Income is 138 percent of expenditures. Attendance is projected to be 36,717.

Therapeutic recreation, which provides recreational opportunities for individuals with special needs, including the elderly and persons with disabilities, has a proposed budget of \$115,000. Revenues of \$21,500 from grants and trip fees and senior nutrition fees are about 19 percent of the budget. Attendance is projected to be 22,500.

Greenbelt is the only municipal recreation department in suburban Maryland with a full-time certified therapeutic recreation specialist.

With proposed expenditures of \$105,000 and \$23,500 in class fees and league revenues of \$35,000, the adult leisure and fitness program is 57 percent self-supporting. Activities include adult sports leagues, teen trips, performing arts classes, fitness classes and workshops for individuals 13 years of age or older. There are 1.6 full-time equivalent employees in this program.

### Arts and Events

Projected expenditures for the arts are \$144,900. Revenues from fees and grants are projected to be \$67,000 or 46 percent of expenditures. Staffing is 2.7 full-time equivalents. Projected attendance is 28,234.

Activities include Sunday Artful Afternoons, arts education, an arts emerge program, city stage performances and exhibitions.

The proposed budget for special events is \$160,000. Over 15 special events in Greenbelt include Independence Day fireworks, the Labor Day Festival and the Festival of Lights. Attendance is projected to be over 20,000.

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eral documents submitted prior to the transportation committee's work session on April 15 in Upper Marlboro. The committee's purpose was a briefing by the State Highway Administration (SHA) on final project planning for the interchange and the decision to expand the study area eastward to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and westward to the county line at I-95. Previous boundaries of the study had been drawn at Kenilworth Avenue and U.S. 1.

Issues concerning accident statistics along the extended section of the Beltway, cumulative environmental impacts and spacings between the Beltway ramps were on the committee's agenda, as well as other alternative development scenarios. The committee also wished to hear about updated positions from the cities of College Park and Berwyn Heights.

### Committee Members

The committee, which is chaired by county councilmember Samuel Dean, includes Greenbelt's representative Douglas Peters. Other members are Marilyn Bland, Thomas Dernoga and Peter Shapiro. Only Peters has opposed proceeding with the project. In this position he endorses the City of Greenbelt's official stand on the Beltway interchange proposal.

Kapistan, Barry Bleckman of the Beltway Hardware Store, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Berwyn Heights Mayor Patricia Dennison and College Park's Dorothy Friedman were among the list of visitors attending the work session. So were two members of the local environmental group CCRIC, the Committee to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek.

Three members of the SHA and two from WMATA also attended.

### Rivera Letter

Norman Rivera, attorney for Metroland Developers, LLC, who was present as well, like Kapistan and Hendershot had submitted a previous position statement on the Beltway interchange proposal. His letter asserted "that the provision of full access was always a priority of the county."

Rivera referred to the 1982 General Plan, the 1989 College Park-Greenbelt and Langley Park Plan and the 2001 Greenbelt Sector Plan - all products of the county's Planning Department - as contemplating full access to the Metro station. "The Greenbelt Station redevelopment

tions such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Golden Age Club are proposed to be \$72,000. Of this amount projected revenues are \$8,500 from ticket and concession sales.

project was not the impetus for the ramp project, the Metro Station was," his letter says.

This is the point, however, that Kapistan disputes. Kapistan describes the present alternative interchange designs, which are to be "publicly financed," as operating "solely" to benefit the Greenbelt Station Project. The point is important because interstate ramps, by law, must exit on to public streets not private property.

Greenbelt is primarily opposed to the interchange as compounding the traffic density of the area - both on the Beltway and on the affected city streets. In particular it would increase traffic on Cherrywood Lane and through the residential area of Springhill Lake. Far from enhancing the transit-oriented function of the Metro station, it would in fact bring more cars on to the site, the Greenbelt planning staff predicts.

### Greenbelt Station

Greenbelt Station was originally conceived as a high-end retail mall. Over the past several years it has been redesigned, however, as a more modest main street style shopping area and office and residential property. It would also include restaurants and theaters and a natural park area in a wetlands set-aside.

Rivera describes it in positive terms: "It is environmentally sensitive through the permanent preservation of 111 acres of the Indian Creek Stream Valley; removal of the concrete mountain and other debris; stream valley restoration in damaged areas; and the provision of water quality for the untreated runoff emanating from the City of Greenbelt."

The so-called concrete mountain is debris left on the adjacent A. H. Smith property to the south. The Smith tract would be included with the Metro site in the Greenbelt Station development. The Smith company is a sand-and-gravel operation where in one location the drums of cement mixing trucks were regularly cleaned out.

### SHA Schedule

The SHA will now proceed with Stage II of the project planning process for the Beltway interchange. Detailed engineering studies and an environmental document will be prepared and made available prior to the next public hearing, tentatively scheduled sometime next fall.

### MVA Will Close

The MVA will close its full service and express offices on Saturday, May 24 and Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed.

## New Resource Advocate

by Mary Moien

Christal Parker Batey, the city's new Community Resource Advocate, was formally introduced at the April 14 City Council meeting. Prior to this position, Batey worked for Collington Care Services and the Prince George's County Department of Aging (now the Department of Family Services). She also served on the city's Assisted Living Task Force. Batey described a new project that is being submitted to the Maryland Department of Aging in hopes of receiving a grant in FY 2004.

The grant proposal, which was approved for submission by the city council, would create the Greenbelt Senior Information Multi-Media Network. The project would formalize a system of communication for seniors and those who are homebound or disabled. Currently, Bates indicated, some information is published in the News Review, other information may be on the city cable network and some on the city website. She would seek to unify the information.

Batey also described plans for a cable channel call-in show - Seniors Ask the Experts. The grant would help to purchase the phone-in equipment. The shows could also be taped and shown at other locations and summarized for the newspaper. Several groups are already working on ways to participate. St. Hugh's school has volunteered the use of its computer lab on an occasional basis to help seniors and others screen websites for benefits. Prince George's Community College has proposed having a caregivers training session in Greenbelt.

Councilmembers welcomed

### Senior Survey Needs Help

Greenbelt volunteers are needed to help conduct surveys in Greenbelt through June 30. Also needed are seniors to be surveyed. 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 45 years old. Training will be provided for the surveyors. To volunteer or obtain more information 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.

Batey and congratulated her on quickly developing this grant proposal. Batey will be in her office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Batey's phone number is 301-474-8000 ext. 105.

### ATTENTION MEMBERS

#### GHI Warehouse Adds Saturday Springtime Hours

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

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#### Items for sale include:

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



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 29, 2003 7:30 p.m.  
GHI BOARD ROOM

#### GHI Key Agenda Items

- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Set Summer Meeting Schedule
- Request for Shed Exception - 2 D Southway
- Business Insurance Policy Renewal - 2nd Reading
- Unallocated Funds
- Underground Utility Repairs at Eleven Sites
- Underground Utility Repairs at 2 A/B Hillside
- Removal of Eleven Underground Storage Tanks
- Rehabilitation of 8C Research
- Board Training
- Procedure on Exception Requests

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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