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# Council Reviews "Hold the Line" Recreation and Parks Budget

by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt's Director of Recreation, Hank Irving, along with eight of his key staff members provided in-depth overviews for the programs and operations of the Greenbelt Recreation Department at the council's fourth worksession on the City Manager's fiscal year 2005 proposed budget on Wednesday, April 21 at the Community Center.

"When the parks budget is included," Irving told council, "the total proposed budget expenditures for FY05 for the department amounts to just over \$4 million." Irving also expressed appreciation for the support of the members serving on the four advisory boards and committees that assist the department in programming for recreation/parks, arts, youth and senior activities, as well as the many volunteers that assist his staff in carrying out specific scheduled programs and events.

"If we had to pay for the many services performed by volunteers supporting the department's programs, the estimated cost would be \$2 million," Irving noted. Before handing over the worksession presentations to his key staff, Irving reiterated for council, the Recreation Department Mission Statement: "to provide extensive recreation services and facilities which are fully responsive to the needs of residents, resulting in self development, satisfying activities and enriching social and cultural experiences." He also noted the long tradition of Greenbelt's recreation programs, including the first municipal recreation department and swimming pool in the state. This tradition is "fundamental to the quality of life we have come to expect in Greenbelt," he concluded.

Recreation department staff then provided slide presentations covering the various budget accounts: recreation administration, recreation centers, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt Kids, therapeutic recreation, adult leisure and fitness, arts, special events and parks. (The parks budget account actually covers the salaries of the parks crews and other public works personnel when working in the parks, supplies and materials used in maintaining the parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and tennis courts and will be taken up during the public works budget worksession.)

## **Operations**

Joe McNeal, assistant director for Operations led off the presen-

# Derelict Jaycees Building Is Eyed by DAV Group

by Thomas X. White

When the Greenbelt City Council met for its worksession on Thursday, April 8 to review the proposed fiscal year 2005 budget for the Planning and Community Development Department, a brief time was allotted at the beginning of the meet- far." ing for a guest. Commander James L. Miles, Jr., of the Greenbelt/Hyattsville George H. Seal Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter No. 23, was present to request access to the long abandoned "Jaycee" club house adjacent to the St. Hugh's school west parking lot.

Miles hoped council would allow him to work with Celia Craze, director of planning, in undertaking a preliminary evaluation of the derelict building. At issue was whether a restoration of the building would be economically and structurally feasible. Currently the DAV chapter conducts its meetings at the Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136, but is interested in seeing if the Jaycee building could meet its needs. Craze felt it was important for council to be aware of this latest interest in the building and to give its approval for access to the building before the city and the planning department went forward. Craze noted that, "Over the years, there have been several community-based organizations that expressed an interest in the structure but none of those proposals went very far."

Before the current interest by the DAV, the latest previous proposal was put forward last year by the Planning and Community Development Department itself when staff evaluated the building as an animal control facility. Rehabilitation costs and impact on the surrounding neighborhood led to a negative decision.

In light of the DAV's interest in the building, Craze noted that the proposed Capital Projects Fund budget for FY05 retains \$10,000 for use as seed money for the city to use with a partner willing to invest in restoration of the building.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked Miles if the building would be big enough for the chapter's needs.

Miles answered, "As a start the building would be adequate at this time. In 10 or 15 years,

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tations, covering recreation administration and recreation centers. The recreation administration account funds salaries and related expenses of the department's administrative staff which consists of five and a half full time equivalents (FTEs) responsible for planning, management, registration and information for all recreation programs. The proposed FY05 expenditures for this account total \$536,500, and there is expected revenues of \$12,800 for recreation center rentals.

Their FY05 objectives include: implementing an on-line registration and pass management program using the WebTrac system; complete the design and construction of the proposed skate park facility; complete the historic Community Center window renovation project and develop a recreation department employee recognition program. Only the last objective is new for FY05; the others are carryover projects from FY04 or previous years. In response to questions from Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach concerning the scope of the proposed recognition program, McNeal indicated that it would include classified employees as well as non-classified and donor organizations. Staff assured council that the donor recognitions would not constitute "endorse-

Issues and services enumerated for this account included one "significant need" and one "big ticket item" that were not funded in the proposed budget. In other words, these two items were requested by the recreation department staff but not included in the

See **BUDGET**, page 6

# What Goes On

Friday, April 30

6 p.m., "It's Municipal Government," Community

Saturday, May 1

9 a.m. to noon, Greenbelt Clean-up Day Sunday, May 2

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center Monday, May 3

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession, F.O.P. Budget, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71) **Wednesday, May 5** 

**7:30 p.m.,** Council Budget Worksession – Contribution Groups, Community Center **Thursday, May 6** 

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession, Green Ridge House, Green Ridge House
Saturday, May 8

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



The ACE Reading Club provides opportunities to enjoy reading through a variety of activities.

# ACE Reading Club Offers Free Program for Students

by Liz Murray

As reading continues to be a struggle for students nationwide, a free program right here in Greenbelt offers students the opportunity to expand their skills, develop self-confidence in their reading ability and explore an often times much belated, but fun activity. The ACE Reading Club has been in existence since 2000 when the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education established the program through a grant. The club is currently supported and funded by the Greenbelt City Council and extends services to all the schools in Greenbelt and to students who live in Greenbelt but may attend school in another city.

The ACE Reading Club is offered primarily through the schools; however, activities and the classroom on an individual basis and are designed as well to be utilized by parents at home. Students, parents and teachers can access the club website, which is found through a link on the main page of the city's website (www.ci.greenbelt.md.us), where they will find book reviews and creative writing by students, student artwork, tips on how to get students excited about reading, club member photographs, games and activities.

A newsletter is sent to members every month and a monthly reading activity calendar provides a reading-related activity for every day of the month. Both of these can also be found on the website for students who

events are also provided outside See ACE CLUB, page 9

# GES Multicultural Dinner Draws a Large Crowd

by Mary Moien

At Greenbelt Elementary School, the annual multicultural dinner sponsored by the PTA has become the most popular student and parent activity of the school year. The pot-luck dinner was held in conjunction with hall displays of student projects from each class.

On April 22, parents, grandparents, students and teachers filled the school. Children were leading their parents down the crowded hallways to show off their projects. Each class was involved. Fourth grader Brittany Greg guided the News Review reporter through the displays.

The kindergarten students of Mrs. Lee and Miss Bennett were studying Australia – the Land Down Under. Colored pictures of koala bears combined with their practice printing – "please save the koala" – lined the walls. At the first grade classrooms, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Kendall were dressed the part for studying Mexico. The "senoras" were showing off drawings the stu-

dents had made about a Mexican story they had read.

Khalil Levi was helping Miss McConnell, the third grade teacher. He proudly showed the shiny pink and black clay pinch pots that the students had made while studying the Navajo culture. These miniature water jugs were beautifully and carefully made

Fourth grade classes were studying Maryland and each class had made a full-size quilt. Brittany pointed out the square that she had made. Fourth grade teacher Miss Stelzer commented on what a "good guide" Britany was

The upper-grade projects were truly astounding for elementary students. Some fifth and sixth graders in Ms. Bauer's class produced books on Biomes and how humans impact the environment. They then videotaped each other reading from their books. They also produced

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# **Letters**

# Appreciation Week For All Teachers

Many education leaders suggest that the best way to improve education in this country is to give teachers the status, support and recognition they genuinely deserve. The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA agrees.

Greenbelt Elementary School joins the National PTA to focus attention on the outstanding work of public school teachers.

Everyone is invited to take a moment during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2 to May 8 to thank the teachers in students' lives, the teachers in the neighborhood and the teachers remembered from past school days.

Theresa Henderson, President Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

#### **THANKS**

The blood drive on April 23 at the Greenbelt Community Center was a success and thanks are given to all the people who donated their blood. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its worthy service at this time of the nation's need.

As usual, thanks are given the Red Cross personnel and the volunteers for their outstanding

The next scheduled blood drive is on Tuesday, June 22, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

You will be contacted by the Red Cross to make an appointment. If you have not made an appointment through the Red Cross, please call Janet Goldberg of the Recreation Department at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment.

> Janet Goldberg Recreation Coordinator

# **THANKS**

Thanks to all who donated, all who came to find bargains and the volunteers who gave hours of hard work setting up and taking down the second annual FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts) rummage sale on

The \$1,105 raised that day will be spent on concerts and other free arts events in Roosevelt Center.

Eileen Peterson Sale Coordinator

# Artful Afternoon Is Day Of Variety and Enjoyment

On Sunday, May 2, children and guests of all ages are invited to attend the Greenbelt Recreation Department's monthly Artful Afternoon program at the Greenbelt Community Center. This program is free of charge and open to the public. Activities will include hands-on visual arts, mixers for young and adult musicians, a new gallery exhibition and Greenbelt Museum house tours.

From 1 to 3 p.m. children are invited to enjoy a "musical instrument petting zoo" and learn about joining the Greenbelt Youth Orchestra which is now forming under the direction of local resident Allison Smith. The orchestra will be open to young musicians ages 5 to 12 with or without prior musical training. Instruction will be provided by volunteer teachers including Smith, a violinist and teacher at the Levine School of Music. Private lessons will begin this summer.

Experienced musicians, dancers and poets ages 16 and up are invited to a "meet and greet" event with local resident Sondra Holland from 1 to 2 p.m. Holland is planning to form a new chamber performance ensemble for weekly rehearsals and occasional performances of published and original work.

From 1 to 3 p.m. guests of all ages can create colorful tie-dyed articles with Artist in Residence Elizabeth Morisette. Large "Greenbelt New Year" T-shirts will be provided as supplies last. Guests may also bring a clean, white, cotton item from home to

From 1 to 4 p.m. guests ages 16 and up can create a stained glass suncatcher with Artist in Residence Betty Broderick. This program is intended for individuals without prior experience in stained glass. Space is limited for this workshop, so arrive promptly in order to take part.



Allison Smith will be one of many volunteer teachers who will conduct a "musical instrument petting zoo" on Sunday.

From 1 to 5 p.m. visitors can enjoy a variety of additional activities at their own pace. A new exhibition will be open at the Community Center art gallery. The show, "Galapagos Odyssey" features abstract paintings by Belgian-born artist Dominique Samyn-Werbrouck who drew inspiration from the ecology of these famed islands off of the coast of Ecuador. This exhibit is accompanied by an "i spy" gallery guide and contest for children ages 5 to 10.

The Community Center's Artists in Residence will host a studio open house. Several artists will offer original fine arts and home goods for sale, as will the Greenbelt Pottery guild.

The Greenbelt Museum will sponsor guided tours of the historic home located across the street from the Community Center at 10-B Crescent Road. The house tour provides a view into the history of Greenbelt's origins in the 1930s and 40s.

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For additional program information, call 301-397-2208. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

# **New Guide Available for Seniors**

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program has announced publication of the GAIL Guide. This free quarterly newsletter is available to Greenbelt residents or caregivers of Greenbelt residents. To receive a copy call 301-474-8000. The first issue features articles on pharmacy assistance, home safety, the new "Ask the Experts" cable

show, free senior tax assistance and more.

For more information call Christal Parker Batey, Community Resource Advocate, at 301-474-8000 ext. 2012. Join the many Greenbelt residents receiving this quarterly publication.

# **OLD GREENBELT** THEATRE

THEATRE
Week of April 30

Lord of the Rings:
Return of the King (PG13)
Station Agent (R)

Friday
Station Agent \*5:30
Lord of the Rings 7:30

Saturday
Station Agent \*3:30, \*5:30
Lord of the Rings 7:30

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Sunday
Station Agent \*3:30, \*5:30
Lord of the Rings 7:30

Monday-Thursday
Station Agent \*5:30
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# The Old Curmudgeon



"Operation Quagmire here . . . ."

# St. Hugh's School **Silent/Live Auction**

to benefit the Primary Playground

Saturday, May 1 6:00 PM, Grenoble Hall

Admission \$10

includes hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks Cash bar available

For information call St. Hugh's School at 301-474-4071 Visit our website to preview auction items http://www.sthughs.com

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# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

GHI AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH MANAGEMENT AUDIT GUIDELINES

The GHI Board wishes to conduct a Management and Technology Audit to determine future needs.

This committee will develop guidelines and draft an RFP. Members experienced in this area may obtain an application at the management office.

#### <u>Videos</u>

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# **Community Events**

# Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald The Golden Age Club celebrated its 47th anniversary on April 21 with a lovely luncheon at La Fontaine Bleu with an attendance of 105 members and guests. We were pleased to have Mayor Judith Davis, Mike McLaughlin, city manager and Greenbelt Recreation Department therapeutic supervisor Karen Haseley as our guests, represent-

ing the city.

April birthdays were honored as author Joe Rimar read his birthday poem and another poem from his latest book. All past presidents were honored and several good jokes were told. We enjoyed a great "Laugh Therapy" moment with Karen Haseley. Many thanks to the committee who worked hard to make the affair a success. Good food, good friends and attractive tables contributed to a very enjoyable luncheon.

# **Hubble Telescope** "Explorations" Topic

Using the Hubble Space Telescope, looking up in space, major discoveries of the universe and the solar system were found. Using another satellite, looking down on earth, the earth's resources were studied. Don Haxton, working over 30 years at Goddard Space Flight Center, will show pictures of some of these magnificent discoveries on Friday, May 7 during the "Explorations Unlimited" program.

Haxton graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in astronomy. He has worked on the Hubble Space Telescope for 16 years and for the last four years worked on earth observing systems.

"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 to learn more.

#### St. Hugh's School **Auction Fundraiser**

On Saturday, May 1 at 6 p.m. St. Hugh's school will be holding a live and silent auction in Grenoble Hall. Proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase playground equipment. There is a fee. Refreshments are included and a cash bar is available. A listing of auction items may be found at http://www.sthughs.com.

# Can Spam Demo At GIAC Class

Too much spam getting people down? Come to the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative's (GIAC) beginnerslevel class "How to Can Spam" by Greenbelt.com webmaster Neil McLeod. Included will be an online demonstration of the spam-blocking software Mail-Washer Pro. The class is Wednesday, May 5, at the Community Center in the Theater Rehearsal Room (2nd floor, by the G.A.T.E. studio) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To reserve a copy of the handouts, call GIAC at 301-419-8044 by Monday, May 3 and leave name and number of copies needed. For further information leave telephone number as well as name. Registration is unnecessary; this free class.

# Greenbelt Baseball

#### Major League Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Game</u> s
Mon., May 3	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Lions
Tues., May 4	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Tigers
Wed., May 5	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
Thur., May 6	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cardinals
Fri., May 7	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cubs
Fri., May 7	7:00 p.m.*	Lions vs. Orioles
Sat., May 8	10:00 a.m.	Cardinals vs. Athletics
Sat., May 8	1:00 p.m.	Rain out/Make up

# Major League Standings as of Tuesday 4/27/04

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

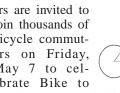
#### 2004 Machine Pitch Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., May 3	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies vs. Mets
Wed., May 5	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Marlins
Fri., May 7	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Phillies

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.

# Bike to Work Day

Greenbelt bikers are invited to join thousands of bicycle commuters on Friday, May 7 to celebrate Bike to



Work Day. Festivities will be held at 18 locations in the region, with the main event occurring at Freedom Plaza in downtown Washington.

Riders will leave Roosevelt Center at 6:25 a.m. to arrive at Freedom Plaza for the Bike to Work Day rally at 8 a.m. Register for a free Bike to Work Day T-shirt (for the first 4,000 registered) by calling the Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA) at 202-628-2500. Register online at www.waba.org/ waba.php. The rally includes a bagels-and-bananas breakfast. The Bike to Work Day is sponsored by WABA and Commuter Connections.

For more information call Bill or Mary Clarke at 301-474-7280 or email clarke@greenbelt.com.

# **Roosevelt Center** Arts Festival

Greenbelt artists and crafters the 2nd Annual Roosevelt Center Arts Festival, June 5 and 6, still has spaces available for Saturday, June 5, if interested in selling work as part of the arts/crafts fair. Artists/crafters who would like to do demonstrations either Saturday or Sunday are needed. These events will coincide with the outdoor music planned for the festival. If interested, call Barbara Simon for an application/information at 301-474-2192. Spaces are limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Children and teens - a separate table is planned for young people who would like to sell their art work or crafts at the festival. Call Barbara Simon at the number above if interested.

The 2nd Annual Roosevelt Arts Festival is sponsored by community arts groups working together to celebrate the arts in Greenbelt. A variety of arts are needed and suggestions are wel-

# **Greenbelt Pet Expo** Set for May 8

Come hear the Washington Post "Animal Doctor," Dr. Michael Fox, speak at the Greenbelt Pet Expo on May 8 at the 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 Baler. Grooms is an animal massage therapist and Reiki Master and Baler 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.

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

There will be other animaloriented events - from agility demonstrations to a K-9 demonstration to pet photography to caricature drawings and many rescue groups for a variety of animals. Dog licenses and discount rabies shots will also be available.

For more information call 301-345-5417.

# **GHI Notes**

May 2 - Community-wide Cleanup

May 3 - Pre-purchase Orientation, 7:15 p.m. in the Board

May 8 – Pet Expo, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center

Board of Directors meetings are May 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The May/June GHI Communicator is currently being delivered. Members who do not receive their copy should call 301-474-

# Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt 301-474-3766

# **ESTATE JEWELRY SALE**

Date: May 2, 2004

Place: Mishkan Torah Synagogue Time: 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Mostly Costume Jewelry Some Pieces Quite Old

# Museum Cartoon Exhibit Ends May 2

by Sandra A. Lange

Only a few more days remain for people to visit the Greenbelt Museum's special exhibition featuring the cartoon artistry of Isadore J. Parker, "The Old Curmudgeon." "Izzy" will close on Sunday, May 2, following a yearlong run in the museum's exhibit room in the Community Center.

Izzy Parker is a Greenbelt icon. Weekly his cartoons appear in the Greenbelt News Review. The "Izzy" exhibition spans more than 60 years in Parker's career. The early Greenbelt cartoons spoof the formation of the housing cooperative, carpooling and community life. The subjects of Parker's later cartoons run the gamut from notorious to mun-

The Greenbelt Museum's next special exhibition will feature "Sports, Health and Hygiene in the New Deal Era." A reception and grand opening will be held at the Community Center on Friday, May 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. The museum will also host a lecture on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center on "Women in Sports: 1920s to 1940s." The presenter, Dr. Joan Hult, is a University of Maryland professor and historian

# The Old Curmudgeon

"I heard there were bald eagles . . . ."

on women's sports.

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) board member Rita Cacas has designed a new web site for the museum which can be reached online at http:// www.greenbeltmuseum.org. It features information on FOGM's history, the challenge grant from the National Endowment for Humanities and items in the gift shop. It also gives information on how to become a museum volunteer. It has links to other sites about Greenbelt's history, events, places and people.

## International Conference on Music at ERHS

An international conference on music, "Music Transcends," will be held on Saturday, May 8, at Eleanor Roosevelt



Nathan Bala

High School from 2 to 8 p.m. The conference will be hosted by Jayamangala School of Music and Dance of Greenbelt and Lanham, whose director is Dr. Nathan Bala of Greenbelt. The school's mission is to spread peace in the world through the medium of music.

The conference consists of lectures and demonstrations by world experts in music and will conclude with a symphony performed by international musicians showing that music transcends geographical limits, language barriers, cultural variances, racial discrimination and religious differences.

Lecture demonstrations will be given by the following presenters: Professor T. R. Subramanyam, performer, teacher and musicologist of India, on "The Universality of Carnatic Music of India"; Dr. Samuel Magrill, professor of music, University of Central Oklahoma, on

"Transciption of Carnatic Music into Western Music Notation"; Dr. Matthew Harp Allen, professor of music at Wheaton College, Mass., on "Music - An Integral Complement of India's Bharatanatyam Dance"; and Alif Laila, sitar performer, "The Splendor of Sitar in World Music Focus on Carnatic Music."

Conference supporters include Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson and the Embassy of India.

The public is invited to attend. There is a fee. For information call 301-345-3856.



Jaya Bala

**GIVE BLOOD** There is an urgent need!

# KOL HARUACH KLEZMER BAND IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, May 9 at 7:00 PM

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD Resv/Info = 301-474-4223or www.kolharuach.com

Ticket prices = \$10 to \$18, Group Rates available



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

GHI's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19 this year. Any GHI member who is hearing impaired and wishes an interpreter, please notify GHI in writing or call 301-474-4161 no later than Friday, May 14 so that we may accommodate your request.

# Live Klezmer Band Comes To Mishkan Torah May 9

The Kol Haruach Klezmer Band will perform a benefit concert at Mishkan Torah Synagogue at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, Mothers' Day evening, for the support of Mishkan Torah and the Capital Area Foodbank. The concert is open to the public as well as to Torah's Mishkan membership.

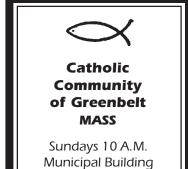
The Kol Haruach Klezmer Band has jor roof renovation of **Dvoskin on bass.** Mishkan Torah's building. Kol

Haruach noted that this synagogue, being a small yet historic building, fitted into their purview for promoting Jewish education and preserving Judaic culture. Mishkan Torah is the oldest Jewish congregation in Prince George's County, dating back to 1939. The building was originally built by the labor of its unskilled members in the early 1950s with major help of volunteers from other organizations and residents in Greenbelt at that time. The original plans for the building were made with the help of the Department of Architecture of Howard University. The building had a flat roof surrounding a steeply sloped parapet roof, popular in the 1950s. Unfortunately, it was in need of constant maintenance, because it did not successfully shed water, let alone snow and leaves. Currently, a trussed hip roof is being erected over the whole building.

The proceeds from the concert ticket sales will go to Mishkan Torah to help pay for the roof renovations. In addition, net proceeds from the sale of Kol Haruach's new CD release will be donated to the Capital Area Foodbank to help the hungry and needy. Through the help of the band, Mishkan Torah will be aided in meeting some of the expenses associated with the roof renovations and also support Mishkan Torah's Social Action Committee's activities by helping the Capital Area Foodbank carry out its program - while supporting an exciting community event to include live music, culture, and dance.

The band Kol Haruach will begin a nationwide concert tour to promote their first album. "In The Beginning" with the benefit concert at the Mishkan Torah and then head off to the Sun City area of Arizona. The group will continue through the end of the year with stops that will include Augusta, Ga., Tampa, Fla. and other major U.S. cities.

Kol Haruach (Voice of the Spirit) appeared on the music scene by accident two years ago.





The Kol Haruach Klezmer Band features come to aid Mishkan Rafael Javadov on violin, Fred Jacobowitz on Torah Synagogue to clarinet and sax, Brian Choper on drums, Vichelp complete a mator Prudovsky on keyboard and Victor

While the artists were acquainted with each other they met in person at a jam session in the Lansing, Michigan Jazz festival in 2001. The Kol Haruach Klezmer Band was born.

Two of the band members, Brian Choper and Rafael Javadov, took the lead in forming this five-piece ensemble. The band features Rafael Javadov on violin, Fred Jacobowitz on clarinet and sax, Brian Choper on drums, Victor Prudovsky on keyboard and Victor Dvoskin on bass. Choper is the son of Eva and Jordan Choper of Northway.

#### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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# Our Neighbors

Greenbelter Michelle Burton has organized an HIV/AIDS Run/ Walk at Prince George's Community College for Sunday, May 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. A 2003 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Burton is a founding member of WAIT (Washington AIDS International Teens), an organization that performed at the two previous Labor Day Festivals in Greenbelt. Burton is the recipient of a Presidential scholarship through the Points of Light Foundation. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Congratulations to Pat McCoy, News Review staffer, whose retirement from Gallaudet University was celebrated at a reception on Wednesday, April 28. She had been employed for 26 years as a secretary in various departments. McCoy was the first hearing student admitted to the University's undergraduate program, in it's 122-year history, and received her bachelor's degree in 1989.

Greenbelter's are reminded to submit honors, accomplishments, relocations, births and any other interesting news for publication in the Our Neighbors column.

# Baha'i Faith

"Set your faces towards unity, and let the radiance of its light shine upon you. Gather ye together, and for the sake of God resolve to root out whatever is the source of contention amongst you.'

- Baha'u'llah

The Baha'is of Annapolis present Race Unity Awards at the Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin St. in Annapolis, May 2 starting 7PM. James Sturdivant is keynote speaker.

Greenbelt Baha'i Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-2918 301-220-3160 www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

# Jewelry Sale in the Making



Sisterhood members gather round to price jewelry for upcoming estate jewelry sale. The sale is a fundraiser for the synagogue's new roof. Left to right they are: Nancy Gerstel, Sisterhood President Debbie Brenner and Judy Morganstein.

# Mayor Davis Named COG Vice-chair

Greenbelt Mayor Judith F. Davis has been named vice-chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. Davis has held numerous positions with COG, including serving on the

Ad Hoc Digital Divide Task Force, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee. Davis is also COG's liaison to the Potomac Regional Education Partnership Advisory Board.

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:1155-156

For more information about Islam, contact 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamworld.net.

# Youngster Delights Astronomy Club

by Ed Abel

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club had a special guest at a party on Astronomy Day, Saturday, April 17, a young lady who has just celebrated her 4th birthday – Jenna, by name. Enthusiastic! Excited! Knowledgeable. A smiling wonder!

"What's your favorite planet?" her mother asked. "Jupiter!" she exclaimed with a smile and delighted glee. "I love the bands and the little white dots around it." She climbed the first three steps of the ladder and peered through the 17" Dob's eyepiece. "Wow!" was the hushed and excited exclamation. Her whole body shook with that "Wow!"

I thought my night complete. No. She then described the banding and the moons and their location. "One disappeared," she lamented as Europa went outside the field of vision. "Why?"

I thought my night complete with that question. No. As her mother asked for the names of other planets, she listed them, with help. When it came time for the last one, the gentle reminder was her mother's hint, "Disney's cartoon character."

I thought my night complete. No. "May I see Saturn and its rings, please?"

May nights like these never end. Thanks, Jenna, and all the other young minds looking up. Delightful.

# Local Chiropractors Support Olympics

The Bezak Chiropractic and Rehabilitation practice located inside Bally's Gym in Greenway Center will donate all first day services during May and June for a minimum \$35 donation (tax deductible) to the World's Greatest Athlete Decathlon Club in support of future Olympic participants.

A certified strength and conditioning specialist, Dr. Shawn M. Bezak is a chiropractor with physical therapy privileges. He has a bachelor of science degree in human biology and a doctor of chiropractic degree from Northwestern Health Sciences University.

His wife, Dr. Kelly M. Krol, is also a chiropractor with physical therapy privileges. She has a bachelor of science degree in health and exercise science from Wake Forest University and a doctor of chiropractic degree from Northwestern Health Sciences University. Dr. Krol is a certified health and fitness instructor through the American College of Sports Medicine.

Dr. Bezak and Dr. Krol treat a variety of muscular skeletal conditions including but not limited to neck pain, lower back pain, extremity pain and sports related injuries.

# **Beautification Nominations Due**

Every year the Prince George's County Beautification Committee seeks nominations to honor those who, by their landscape activities, are contributing to the beauty of their community. Any person or group maintaining residential, commercial, public or private property in the county is invited to submit an application for the 34th Annual Beautification Awards. All entries must be received by May 28. For information contact Charmane Truesdell at 301-470-4462.



# City Information

# GREENBELT PET EXPO

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BRING YOURSELF, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND BRING YOUR PET!

# MEETINGS FOR MAY 3-8

Monday, May 3, 8:00pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION

**F.O.P. Budget,** at Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, May 5, 7:30pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION

re: Contribution Groups, at Community Center

Thursday, May 6, 7:30pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Green Ridge House,

at Green Ridge House.

# OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

Advisory Committee on Education Park & Recreation Advisory Board Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

# **GREENBELT CLEAN-UP DAY**

Saturday, May 1st 9am - 12 noon

- Work as a group with your coworkers, neighbors, friends, scout troop, church, school, etc...or work on your own!
- Pick an area such as park, playground, common area, pathway, roadside, wooded area, etc. that you would like to clean up. If you can't think of an area for clean up, we'll give suggestions!
- Call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004 and let us know your plans. We will provide gloves, bags and arrange for pickup of the trash.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Volunteer community service hours will be given. Bring your forms!

Sponsored by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

# GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, May 3 at 8pm: Budget Work Session Re:FOP (live) Tuesday & Thursday, May 4 & 6: 6pm "ACE Reading Club Literary Workshop" 7:15pm Greenbelt Museum presents "Art for the People" 8:15pm "Replay of Budget Work Session"

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Tuesday & Friday, May 5 & 7: 7pm** "Public Safety Spotlight" **7:30pm** "Future Views Discovering the Aquarian Age" **8:00pm** "Pittsburgh Comicon 2003"

# **CITY JOB OPENING**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now accepting applications for Center Leader position. Position Description: Part-time position with major responsibility for monitoring admission to the Greenbelt Recreation Department facilities. Specific responsibilities may include but are not limited to:

- Monitoring the facility and grounds around it.
- Responsible for equipment, behavior of participants and building security.
- Acting as a representative of the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the City of Greenbelt.
- Checking IDs at facility entrances.
- Answering phones.
- Preparing facility for special events and meetings.
- Attend scheduled staff meetings.
- Monitoring facility use and attendance.
- Keep assigned activity areas clean and safe.

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- Safety Maintain a keen instinct for safety hazards.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. 18 years or older.
- 2. Ability to interact courteously with facility users and coworkers.
- 3. First Aid/CPR Certification preferred.
- 4. Punctuality and dependability.

**STARTING PAY:** \$6 -\$8/hour - depending upon experience.

APPLICATION: Submit a city application to the Personnel Department, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

The City of Greenbelt is an EOE.



# An Artful Afternoon~Sunday, May 2 from 1-5pm

**Greenbelt Community Center** 

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

Featuring Arts Workshops, Recruiting for Youth Orchestra and Adult Chamber Ensemble

**1-3pm "Musical Petting Zoo"** learn about joining the Greenbelt Youth Orchestra. Open to young musicians ages 5-12 with or without prior musical training.

1-2pm Experienced musicians, dancers, and poets ages 16 and up are invited to "meet and greet" with Sondra Holland who is seeking to form a new chamber performance ensemble. 1-3pm Create colorful tie-dyed articles with Elizabeth Morisette.

1-4pm Guests ages 16 and up can create a stained glass suncatcher with Betty Broderick.
1-5pm ART EXHIBIT "Galapagos Odyssey" featuring abstract paintings by artist Dominique Samyn-Werbrouck.

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information contact John Norden, Arts Assistant at 301-397-2208.

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city manager's proposed budget submitted to council. The significant need is described as funding for a Facilities Supervisor at the GC-12 level to provide mid-level management of the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Center, skate park, movie theater, Schrom Hills Park and field permits, etc. Staff estimated that \$50,000 would be needed to fill this proposed slot.

The item labeled big ticket by McNeal is a proposed benefits package for approximately 16 non-classified part-time positions. The stated rationale for this request is to provide more competitive incentives for retaining these part-time employees. The program package was estimated to cost \$100,000 last year. Also listed under issues and services were concerns with crime/ safety in and around recreation and park facilities; implementation of e-government initiatives; ball field upgrades; teen programming and a recent drop in adult sports leagues.

The Recreation Centers account funds the staffing and maintenance costs for the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Center, Schrom Hills Park and the proposed skate park. Proposed expenditures are \$365,500. Objectives for next year include: better marketing of the facilities; allow the use of Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center passes as ID for the recreation centers; physical improvements to improve safety and appearance of the centers and oversight of the renovation and expansion of the SHL Recreation Center if it is initiated next year. McNeal noted that approximately 80 percent (\$72,000) of the account for repair/maintenance of the recreation centers was for cleaning.

## **Aquatic Center**

George Rogala, Aquatic & Fitness Center supervisor presented the proposed budget for the facility he manages. Proposed expenditures for FY05 total \$870,400 with no capital outlays planned. Revenues projected for the facility from admissions, passes, rentals, classes and concessions total \$629,500 or approximately 72 percent of expenditures. This recovery experience would be about average for the facility during its nearly 13 years of operation. The projected revenues are based on a staff proposal to increase daily admissions across the board by fifty (50) cents. Rogala indicated that staff was reluctant to recommend any further increases in the monthly or annual passes this year and there appeared to be no council objection to the proposed approach.

A management objective for the next year is to accomplish an energy audit aimed at achieving savings in the operation of the heating, ventilation and humidity controls. Rogala also directed council's attention to the substantial increases in costs in maintaining the mechanical systems for the facility and some problems with part-time lifeguard and pool manager staffing during the winter months.

# **Community Center**

Di Quynn-Reno, Community Center supervisor, presented the budget account for the Greenbelt Community Center. The proposed budget includes expenditures of \$593,000 and projected revenues of \$240,000 which is about 41 percent self-supporting, though trending down from 57 percent in FY02. Mayor Judith Davis noted that that recovery rate was about as much as could be expected for the Community Center because there is considerable use of the facility made available for programs and community organizations for free. Councilmembers Putens and Mach suggested that some of the groups currently using rooms for free might be amenable to paying a moderate fee for the use of the meeting rooms.

Concern was expressed about making sure that the expected change in Adult Day Care provider was accomplished without any lapse in service. Council also inquired regarding the status of the city's arrangement with the New Deal Café for use of the kitchen and the pay-down of its indebtedness to the city for unpaid kitchen rentals. Staff offered to provide background information on the New Deal Café arrangement in preparation for a separate meeting that council could schedule with the Café managers.

Community Center staff will also be conducting an energy audit for the Center and will accomplish lease updates for both the Nursery School and the Adult Day Care space.

#### **Greenbelt Kids**

Nancy Wilmot, Greenbelt Kids supervisor, provided information on the Greenbelt Kids account in the proposed budget. The program, which was first organized as a separate account in FY03 provides enrichment, socialization and movement offerings for youth during those times when Prince George's County Schools are not in session. Activities and programs are held for ages, 1 to 14, not including visual arts. For FY05, proposed expenditures are \$276,200 and projected revenue is \$341,900. Objectives for the new fiscal year include: explore new approaches for after school services for grades 6 to 8; expand the Spring Camp program to private school students; develop low or no fee one-time programs for the SHL Recreation Center and investigate options for low cost evening programming (6 to 8 p.m.) at SHL Recreation Center.

## Therapeutic Recreation

The budget for Therapeutic Recreation was covered by Karen Haseley, Therapeutic Recreation supervisor. Proposed expenditures for FY05 are \$128,000 and projected revenues are \$19,500 for this account, which provides recreational opportunities for individuals with special needs. Increasingly, individuals with special needs have participated in most programs offered in the Recreation Department brochures. During the FY04 summer camp sessions, 18 different children with disabilities went through the therapeutic recreation process and were either assigned inclusion counselors or an inclusion counselor checked in with them on a regular basis.

Five of the 18 had autism, one had diabetes, two had cerebral palsy, two had emotional disorders, one had scoliosis, one had Asperger's and the remainder had combinations of ADD, ADHD, LD or development delays. Haseley has an objective for next year to develop a more comprehensive method of assessing inclusion participants entering the programs and a program

for advising recreation staff on the disabilities.

## Adult Programs

Greg Varda, recreation coordinator, presented the budget for Adult Leisure and Fitness, which is meant to meet the social and leisure needs of those 13 years of age and older, offering sports leagues, trips, fitness classes, camps, clubs, educational classes and workshops. Proposed expenditures in this area for FY05 are \$104,200. Projected revenues through fees paid by participants for classes and leagues are \$66,000.

Objectives for FY05 include: reevaluation of men's softball for a possible fall league; establish men's summer basketball league at SHL Recreation Center; coordinate a summer basketball camp for teenagers at SHL Recreational Center and expand on last year's youth basketball program at the Youth Center and offer a similar program at SHL, including speakers, fundamentals and games.

#### **The Arts**

Nicole DeWald, Arts coordinator, provided the FY05 budget overview for the Arts account which provides a broad spectrum of educational programs in the visual and performing arts. Proposed expenditures for this account total \$143,000. Projected revenues from class fees and grants total \$57,500 or about 41 percent of expenditures.

Objectives for the new fiscal year include: investigating new funding opportunities in light of an expected reduction in Maryland State Arts Council operating grants in FY06; pursuing expanded media coverage of city arts programs and investigating the feasibility of an artist's resi-

dency to serve the SHL community. Issues to be faced next year include: need for appropriate stage lighting/backdrop for the Community Center stage, not funded, but projected to cost approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000. This improvement would greatly enhance concert band and other performances in the Community Center gymnasium; need for improvement in the condition of the artist's studios and the potential impact on studio operations during the window renovation work.

#### **Special Events**

Julie McHale presented information on the last departmental budget account for special events. This account was formerly called Other Recreation Programs, but has been renamed and includes the city's costs for special events and contributions to volunteer groups. No full-time recreation staff salary is included, but salaries for public works labor and part-time program leaders are accounted for in this account. The account supports over 15 programs held annually throughout the city including the Labor Day Festival, SchromFest, Greenbelt New Year, the Celebration of Spring, July 4 and others.

Proposed expenditures for FY05 are \$159,400 with \$79,400 of that proposed for contributions for volunteer groups.

Another major issue raised in the recreation department budget involved a family of issues relating to athletic fields. According to the recreation staff, ball fields in the city could use upgrades. Northway Fields do not provide the esthetic experience one expects from a park setting due to the way the site is managed and because of competing projects. The proposed Capital Projects Fund includes \$25,000 for a Northway Master Plan and \$10,000 for a city match for a Greenbelt Astronomy Club sponsored observatory at the site. There are no funds for actual improvements. Braden Field, the most utilized field complex in the city, has a longstanding need for improvements to maintain that usage. Specifically noted are crowning work on the football field, tennis court renovations (for which \$75,000 was included in FY Capital Projects Budget) and a lighting upgrade. Schrom Hills Park fields need surface attention including crowning and re-grading of the football/soccer field and the softball field. Also there is a more recent (evolving) proposal for lights at McDonald Field. The city manager's statement regarding these developments was "staff are not moving on ball-field stuff."

# **Traffic Calming**

While speed studies indicate that vehicle speeds between Kenilworth Avenue and Northway exceed the speed limit by more than five miles per hour, there are no additional traffic calming devices planned for Crescent Road, according to Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze.

There are several factors that make implementation of traffic calming devices difficult. Among these factors are the potential impact on emergency service vehicles, constraints associated with bike lanes, the historic profile of the street and conflict with street maintenance activities.

"It is staff's assessment that the obvious and most needed traffic calming measures have been implemented," said Craze.



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# **POLICE BLOTTER**

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

#### Robbery

6100 block Springhill Terrace, April 22, 5:17 p.m., a pizza delivery person reported that he was attempting to make a delivery at an apartment when three men came to the door, pulled him inside and began to assault him. They took the victim's wallet, cellular telephone, money and car keys and fled the scene on foot. Investigation revealed that the apartment in question was supposed to be vacant. The suspects are described as three black males approximately 20 years of age, each wearing a white T-shirt and an unknown type of mask on their faces.

#### Carjacking

9300 block Edmonston Road, April 22, 10:10 p.m., a man reported that he was getting out of his vehicle when he was approached by the suspect, who produced a handgun, demanded money and ordered him out of his car. The suspect took his cellular telephone, wallet and car keys and fled the scene in the victim's gray 2003 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags LXG564. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 18 years of age, 5'7" with a stocky build, black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing a dark blue T-shirt and a hat.

#### Sex Offense

7800/7900 block Mandan Road, April 16, 1:15 p.m., a woman reported that in September of 2003 she was sexually assaulted by four men when she was lured into a residence to use a telephone. She reported that she had been walking through the neighborhood looking for a friend's residence when the men approached her and asked if she was okay. She stated that she needed to use a phone, at which time the suspects said she could use the phone at their home. Upon entering the home the woman was assaulted. The suspects are described as four black males ages 18 to 20, one was 5'9" with a bush type haircut, wearing a white T- shirt, another was 5'10" to 6'.

# Drugs

19 court Parkway, April 17, 6 p.m., two resident youths and a nonresident youth were arrested for possession of marijuana. Police responded to a report of youths possibly smoking marijuana in a wooded area. They were located and observed throwing baggies of marijuana and marijuana cigarettes to the ground. All were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Theft

8900 block Edmonston Road, April 19, a 2000 Volkswagen Jetta 4-door was stolen. The next day the vehicle was located in the parking lot of Eleanor Roosevelt High School unoccupied. A Greenbelt youth was observed getting into the vehicle and was arrested for theft. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

## Burglary

8000 block Mandan Road, reported April 16, 11:34 a.m., fraudulent means were used to obtain a key to a vacant condo-

minium. The suspect then used the residence to store property.

7300 block Morrison Drive, reported April 16, 10:52 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing open the basement door. A DVD/VCR player, digital camera and a laptop computer were taken.

7300 block Hanover Parkway, reported April 16, 10:58 p.m., commercial burglary.

#### **Vehicle Crimes**

The following vehicles were some of the vehicles that were stolen: a green 1997 Ford F250 truck, Maryland tags 62N557, April 15, from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a 2000 Dodge Caravan, April 16, from the 100 block Westway, recovered April 18 by the Maryland State Police after a short vehicle pursuit and motor vehicle accident, three adult arrests were made; a 1988 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, April 16, from the 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, recovered the next day by the Metropolitan Police, no arrests; a red 2000 Dodge Caravan, Maryland M496120, April 16, from the 100 block Westway; a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, 4-door taxi cab, April 17, from Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane, recovered April 20 by the Metropolitan Police, no arrests.

# Teen Career Day At Baysox Game

Teen Career Day with the Baysox is offered on May 8 at the Prince George's Stadium, 4101 Northeast Crain Highway, Bowie as part of the scheduled 7:05 p.m. game between the Bowie Baysox and the Altoona Curves.

This is an excellent opportunity for teens to earn community service hours toward graduation from high school and see numerous exhibitors who will have information on career opportunities within the umbrella of Homeland Security. Recruiters will be available to answer questions.

Organized by The Maryland-National Capital Park Police and the Bowie Baysox, the exhibitor event starts at 4 p.m. and continues throughout the game, with a fireworks display after the game. The United States Marine Corps (USMC) Silent Drill team performs at 6:30 p.m. followed by a talk by USMC Sergeant Major Doug Willey. Bomb sniffing dogs, a helicopter, bio-suits, SWAT team equipment, police vehicles, Park Police horses, Mobile Command Post and a silent drill team. will be displayed. There will be free fingerprinting for children.

To receive free admission to the game that night, donate an old cell phone to be refurbished by Motorola and given to victims of domestic violence.

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The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, May 3, 2004 7:15 p.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004 11 a.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office.

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[we] may need something else."

Roberts also inquired as to the chapter's planned uses of the restored building and if alcohol use was contemplated. Miles said that meetings and DAV functions would be held at the location, but he does not anticipate any provisions of alcohol. "At this stage," Miles noted, "we just want access to the building to get a good estimate of needed work to get the structure to a point of occupancy."

Craze informed council that her last estimate for costs to bring the building up to code was \$50,000. The structure has declined over its period of no-use and is not "weatherized." She views the DAV chapter's interest as an opportunity for a public/private partnership for restoring the building.

For both the city and the DAV, the first question is: Is it doable? The second is: Who pays and how? The third issue is determining the actual arrangements for use of the building.

Council raised no objections

about allowing access to the building for a structural evaluation and estimates. Craze will have to notify the Greenbelt Arts Center, however, which has been using the building for storage of stage set materials that these will have to be moved for the assessment to be carried out.

Mayor Judith Davis noted at close of the discussion that the \$10,000 in the proposed Capital Projects Fund budget can either be used as "seed" money for a restoration project or to raze the building.

# **Patuxent Programs**

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will host a program on "Nature Tots: Hooray for Herps!" on Saturday, May 8, from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. for children ages 3 to 4. Introduce preschoolers to the world of slimy and scaly amphibians and reptiles in this fun and interactive program. The visitor center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.



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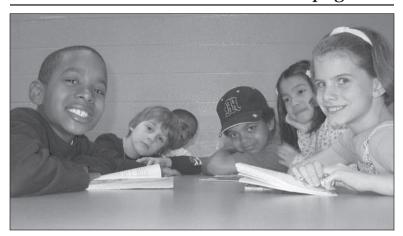
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# ACE CLUB continued from page 1



Planning is now underway for the Greenbelt Youth Literary Show which features creative writing. Participation has increased over last year's literary show.

are not enrolled in the club, but who still would like to participate in the fun of reading. Students are encouraged to send in these activities so they can be posted on the website or chosen to be included in the ACE Reading Club television programs, which are aired on cable channel 71 thanks to the collaboration between the club and the city's public information office.

#### **Contests**

Recently the ACE Reading Club hosted the annual Youth Writing Contest and the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase. It is in the planning stages for the annual club reception, held in late May or early June. The literary showcase had a tremendous turnout this year; attendance was up 30 percent from the previous year and the number of students presenting creative writing doubled. All ACE Reading Club events are free

and open to the public.

This school year, nearly all the schools in Greenbelt have participated in an ACE Reading Club television program, including Greenbelt Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Magnolia Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary schools. Students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School traditionally do not tape the television shows; however, they participate in the writing contest and literary showcase.

Teachers and principals are encouraged to contact the ACE Reading Club if they are interested in having their students taped for a television program. These programs usually spotlight students who are excited about reading and have something reading-related to share with the community. In the past, students have created artwork, reviews and even board games based on a book they have read. Original

# DINNER continued from page 1

video commercials to persuade other students to visit their biomes. In Mrs. Novick's sixth grade students had developed an interactive Power-Point presentation about Brazil. In Mr. Week's sixth grade project was titled "Excelling in Excel: Destination Latin America." Students used Excel software to produce tables and charts about the environment and culture of that area of the world.

Greenbelt Elementary has an after-school art program sponsored by the PTA that meets one

stories and poetry are also a favorite of students.

Next year the ACE Reading Club intends to initiate an international pen pal program with students from the Book-It reading clubs in the UK, as well as an inter-school pen pal program within Greenbelt. In addition to this new component, the ACE Reading Club plans to visit schools after hours and other community locations for club meetings, where students can come together to discuss books, tape ACE Reading Club television programs and participate in reading-related activities and games designed to be fun and increase excitement about read-

For more information on the ACE Reading Club, how your child or students can participate, or for upcoming events, contact the ACE Reading Club coordinator at 301-345-6660 or email acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

day every other week. Three teachers and the PTA vice president Eileen Sherman are the artists. The work on display was very professional. The students are working in pottery and in watercolor at the moment. They also designed a sculpture made of garbage that was inspired by "Night Music" by Louise

Nevelson.

The potluck dinner followed the tour of the classrooms. Foods of many countries were represented, numerous rice and pasta dishes, meats and desserts. It was obvious that a tremendous amount of time and talent had been devoted to class projects and to menu items.

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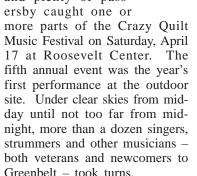


# Get into the Arts

# "Crazy Quilt" in Full Voice At Sunny Roosevelt Center

by Eli Flam

By bicycle, baby carriage and on foot, many of the faithful and plenty of passersby caught one or



A circle of drummers billed with Eastern dancers led the program; last was Cliff Art, for "jazz with a twist. Unusual instruments . . . hypnotically hip." Along the way were the likes of Kelly Hendel, a local singer-guitarist-songwriter in from New York, where she studies opera; Mike Elosh, known for American roots, "Dylan style;" and Symbiont, an acoustic rock trio. Doug Way, "the Texas travelin' man with a bag full of tunes," preceded Paul Kamm & Eleanore MacDonald's close harmonies from Northern California.



At a couple of tables next to the New Deal Café, several members of MoveOn PAC.org put on a bake

sale, reportedly one of a thousand across the U.S., to benefit the campaign of assumed Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. Brownies and chocolatechip cookies were the major items. And emcee Richard McMullin promoted the annual silent and live auction to benefit the Greenbelt Nursery School, which took place that afternoon at the Community Center.

McMullin, from Washington, D.C., usually plays his guitar and sings, mostly his own songs, the first Friday of each month on the New Deal stage. Off-stage Saturday he confessed to following the Woody Guthrie impulse, to wake up and sing a song every day. During the week, the architect then goes off to a project management job with the federal government. Crazy Quilt, he said, is the only concert at Roosevelt Center each year that is stitched together of so many different musical fabrics.

# Show at New Deal Café Probes Emigrant Experience

by Barbara Simon

Ellen Smith's digital inkjet prints will be shown at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center during May. The reception, a free event to which the public is invited, will take place on Sunday, May 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Smith's prints deal with immigration and the intersection of two cultures: contemporary United States and her family heritage. Her maternal grandparents came from a small Jewish village in Poland in the 1890s.

In exploring culture, and how we categorize difference and assimilation between the past and present cultures and history, Smith writes: "I think of it as a duality. This is because the common thread of my parents' marriage and the primary issue of our family life was the orthodox versus the secular world. How much popular culture would be permitted to come into the home? Would we eat what others ate? Would we eat as our mother and her mother and her mother's mother ate? It affected all aspects of life, not just on holidays or Sabbath.

"If one is a member of a smaller cultural group that is surrounded by a larger cultural group, the cultural habits, rituals and needs of the larger group are bound to be more largely addressed than those of the smaller group. Should the smaller group join the larger one? Share their food habits? Or co-exist?

"How does the next generation handle this? How do they remain what they are and also join the world of the new country? Does the smaller group retain its traditions, thereby maintaining a deliberate separation?"

Smith uses unusual materials in her work. "Trees have Roots Jews have Feet," in which the smaller culture intersects with the larger culture, uses paper bags on which are printed her emigrant relatives' faces to represent the process of packing all they own into a small unit and transporting it to the new land. Smith uses pieces of matzo in other works. The perforated matzo reminded Smith of writing paper and she saw a connection between the matzo and the strong Jewish tradition with the written word.

In her history project, "Emancipation One and Two," Smith takes published research or history and incorporates it into a visual of ancient Jewish knot patterns. She writes: "I had to do research to find these stories [and the patterns]. I found that they referred to aspects of my own family story. I realized that personal stories are the local version of the larger history. The greater history says 'pogroms occurred.' The personal history says my grandparents came here 'because of the difficult life for Jews in Europe, probably after a pogrom.' I am giving this history both a global and a local afterlife or remembrance or memorial or a daily 'yartzeit' [yearly Jewish remembrance of a deceased relative or event].'

Smith's show is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, which received a grant to help fund the monthly exhibits from the Prince George's Arts Council.

# Friends of FOGM Ask City for Help

by Judy Bell

A number of Greenbelt's dedicated Friends of the Greenbelt Museum turned out on a hot April 19 night in support of the efforts of the FOGM staff to raise the museum's part of a one-to-one \$100,000 National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge grant. Only 10 such grants were awarded throughout the country and after this year NEH will discontinue this offer.

The occasion was a Greenbelt City Council budget worksession, where museum staff presented their needs and put their wish lists on the block. July 1 is the museum's deadline to raise \$40,000, the museum's first portion of the three-year grant. The group hoped to be able to budget \$10,000 as the city's contribution toward the fundraising effort. However, due to fiscal constraints, nothing was budgeted.

Among those lobbying for putting the \$10,000 in the budget were Mary Linstrom, Lee Shields, Julia Eichhorst and former Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Havekost, who got a big laugh from the audience when she told members of the council, "We know where you live."

Mary Linstrom and Julia Eichhorst, co-chairs of the fundraising committee, hope to use the endowment to fund an education coordinator position.

Beginning to work on a historic master plan to identify the significant historic aspects of Greenbelt is one of the museum's objectives for FY 2005

It was announced that Karl Pena has taken over the volunteer coordinator position at the museum since Barbara Havekost has stepped down.

## Art Show and Sale

A spring art show and sale presented by the Prince George's Art Association will be held May 1 to 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro in the Paddock Room in the Equestrian Center. A reception to meet the artists will be held Saturday, May 8 from 3 to 5 p.m.

# **Free Concert**

The University of Maryland Collegium Musicum will present a free concert of "Music of the Court of Henry VIII" on Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Center for Performing Arts.

## **Shohin Bonsai**

View a private collection of the unusually tiny Shohin bonsai at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum of the National Arboretum. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., May 1 through May 9. Join Doris Froning on May 9 at 1 p.m. in the Lecture/Demonstration Center for a one-hour lecture about her collection and how Shohin bonsai are created. Exhibit and lecture are free. Visit www.usna.gov or call 202-245-5898 for information.

# Proposed CARES Budget Explained to City Council

by Judy Bell

Christal Parker Batey, Greenbelt's Community Resource Advocate, led off the discussion of CARES Fiscal Year 2005 Proposed Budget by presenting an overview of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program at a city council budget work session April 19.

It was proposed at the meeting that the GAIL program come under the aegis of the CARES program.

Before Batey came on board approximately one year ago, 85 GAIL clients had been served with information, referral and advocacy services to enable seniors to remain in their homes during the previous year. This number jumped to over 350 in FY04 under Batey's reign.

Some of the FY05 GAIL goals are to provide caregiver training; address the Senior Needs Assessment issues; arrange - through the county - for two van aides to assist seniors with getting on and off buses; work with Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) to help control the cost of home health care; develop a brochure describing services for Greenbelt seniors; and work with clients on their specific financial needs. Leonie Penney, chair of FORA, along with others, spoke in support of the work that Batey is doing, eschewing the microphone by saying, "I have already an accent."

#### Overview

Liz Park, CARES director, discussed FY04 accomplishments and goals for FY05.

Among the accomplishments were the awarding of a \$20,000 grant through a Prince George's County Livable Communities Initiative to provide the Strengthening Families program in the Springhill Lake Community; initiating a quarterly column in the

News Review designed to offer readers information on a variety of family-related topics; establishing a men's discussion group; producing the GAIL Guide, a quarterly informational newsletter; and working with Sukol Communications to conduct a Senior Needs Assessment.

Goals for CARES FY05 include adding a third crisis intervention counselor, addressing office space issues and seeking other grant funding for the Strengthening Families program.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin gave Park accolades for coming in behind "the legend" of Carol Leventhal and continuing the quality of service that CARES provides.

# City Notes

The week of April 19, the streets crew completed asphalt paving of the area that was used to connect the new natural gas pumps to the gas line in the public works yard, began digging to install the new French drain at the Braden tennis courts and cleaned the sediment pond at Schrom Hills of trash.

The cleaning crew cleaned all city buildings and cleaned the floors and tile at the Youth Center.

The horticulture crew mulched trees on Hanover Parkway, Mandan Road, Megan Lane, and Ora Glen Drive, mulched Greenspring Park, began planting street trees in Lakeside and planted shrubs at the police station and Legion Circle.

The parks crew began installation of new playground equipment at Schrom Hills Park and removed graffiti from bus stops in Springhill Lake and at Schrom Hills Park.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff continues to work on the outdoor pool for the opening on May 29.

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