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City Revenues Increase 2.6% But Costs Rise Even More

by James Giese

On April 4 the Greenbelt City Council held its first of many worksessions to go over the budget submitted by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Council is faced with the daunting task of reviewing a proposal that calls for the largest property tax increase in the past 40 years, if not the entire history of the city.

Mayor Judith Davis noted she had received expressions of concern about the tax increase following an article appearing in the Gazette. She told council that in order to reduce the tax rate by one cent, it would need to cut the \$20 million plus budget by \$145,000. "We'll have to look at some very big ticket items if we really want to make a difference," she told council.

Davis wanted the public to know, "We are still mulling. We hope to cut [the budget]. It's only on paper." Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who ineffectually has sought tax rate reductions in past budgets, remarked on the mayor's interest now in cutting taxes.

During the worksession, members of council identified some small ticket items that might be considered for change but "big

ticket" items did not become apparent. Finance Director Jeff Williams

and McLaughlin first reviewed projected revenues for the new fiscal year, which begins on July 1 and ends June 30, 2006. Total revenues for the general fund, the major operating fund of the city, are expected to be \$20,424,100, a 7.1 percent increase over the current budget. Revenues are estimated at \$230,000 higher than expenditures in order to increase the city's reserve funds, which have been significantly eroded over the past two years with expenditures exceeding revenues.

Property Taxes

Without increasing the property tax rate, revenues would increase by 2.6 percent. This revenue growth would be largely due to increased property taxes through reassessment. This is the first of a three-year phase-in of property assessments based on last year's triennial reassessments.

The average increase in assessment was 8.6 percent, McLaughlin noted. The increase was greater for apartments, condominiums and townhomes, less for single-family homes and much

less for commercial and office properties. McLaughlin described as "good news" the expectation that the city will see a growing assessable base over the next three to six years as existing assessments are phased-in and new reassessments in this rapidly-rising real estate market value property even higher.

While major new development projects at Greenbelt Station and the redevelopment of Springhill Lake are expected to add significantly to the city's assessable base, it will be many years before that impact occurs. In fact, McLaughlin noted, Springhill Lake values could drop during redevelopment as old buildings are torn down before new ones are built.

A major portion of the city taxes come from commercial property. Corporate assets remain positive, McLaughlin said, but the increase in value has been only at the rate of 2.3 percent over the past four years.

Property taxes comprise 61 percent of the city's revenues, according to the budget. Although the city receives another

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Council Reviews Possible City Administrative Costs

by James Giese

After completing its overall review of revenues and expenditures at its first budget worksession on April 4 the Greenbelt City Council reviewed the cluster of budgets under the category General Government. The first budget in this group is that of the city council itself. Mayor Judith Davis expressed surprise that the number of meetings held in 2004 were fewer than those in the previous year (80 vs. 84). She said that it didn't feel to her as though council was attending any fewer meetings.

Under management objectives, a listed goal of council was to conduct a visioning process for the community. Davis proposed cutting this objective as well as a \$5,000 budget item to employ a facilitator. She felt that staff members had enough on their plate at this time without taking on this additional task. Councilmembers appeared to concur. (Where there are proposals for changes, council makes notations. During final budget consideration these items are reconsidered and decisions are made whether or not to amend the budget based on the position of the majority of council.)

Davis noted that council would do visioning work in its consideration of the development of Greenbelt Station and the redevelopment of Springhill Lake. As to the departments, council could do worksessions, she believed, on where they are going.

Conferences

Davis also said that the amount budgeted for the council to attend conferences appeared inadequate. She noted that both she and Councilmember Edward Putens were on national committees of the National League of Cities and would have to attend extra meetings with added travel expense.

However, Davis felt that councilmembers should be expense out of their own pocket. Putens objected, noting that councilmembers had regular jobs to which they had to give first priority and that it was not always possible to know in advance if they would be able to get away for a city-related conference. Calling the cost savings "peanuts," he said it was up to each councilmember to determine the appropriate action. Councilmember Konrad Herling noted that having a voice in these municipal conferences really makes a difference. There will also be added expense because Greenbelt will be hosting a meeting of a committee in which Putens is involved. The budget for this item is \$14,000.

Under Administration, City Manager Michael McLaughlin has proposed staff participation in a regional performance consortium sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the International City Management Association. He felt this was about the best opportunity to accomplish solid, usable performance measurments and with the consortium, costs would be reduced by two thirds. Other training expenses (\$2,000) would be reduced to offset this cost since this activity would also be considered training. Davis was concerned whether this was an acceptable increase in staff workload at a time when the staff has so much to do but Councilmember Leta Mach believed this activity could be useful for understanding how departments are operating.

Elections

The coming fiscal year requires a budget increase to cover the expense of the next city election (\$20,100). McLaughlin noted that the city mailed out sample ballots last year. To do so again would cost \$3,000. In addition, the county Board of Elections now requires the city

Greenbelt Will Be the Focus Of a National Health Survey

A major national health survey will begin in Prince George's County on April 15. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will gather health information by interviewing participants - selected by scientific sampling to represent the U.S. population - in communities throughout the county. Participants will also visit the survey's state-of-the-art mobile examination centers for a standardized physical examination. For the survey that runs through June, the mobile exam centers will be located in Greenbelt. The survey travels to 15 locations across the country each year, including cities big and small, towns and rural areas. A team of health personnel, including a physician, nutritionists and health and laboratory technicians using high-tech equipment will staff the mobile examination centers. A staff of specially-trained professionals conducts the household interviews. All participants receive a focused examination by a physician as well as a dietary interview, health history and body





The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is underway now in Mobile Examination Centers located in Greenbelt.

measurements.

There is also a fitness test where many participants will walk on a treadmill while technicians assess their cardiovascular health. The various tests and procedures depend upon the age of the participant.

No medical care is provided directly in the examination center but medical reports of findings are given to each participant if they wish. All individual information collected in the survey is kept strictly confidential; privacy is protected by public law. Participants selected to undergo the physical examination receive reimbursement for travel expense and remuneration of up to \$100 per person.

Individuals selected for the survey represent the U.S. population of all ages but there is a special emphasis on the health of adolescents, pregnant women and older Americans. In addition to covering the health of the

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pected to register early when registration fees are at their lowest and, if they failed to do so, possibly pay for the added exto pay the cost of mailing voter registration notices before the

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. - noon, Earth Day Celebration, Buddy Attick Park

10 a.m. – noon, Public Works Open House, Public Works Facility Next to Buddy Attick Park

Monday, April 18

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Social Services, Misc. and Other Funds, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, April 20

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room114

- **8 p.m.**, Council Budget Worksession on Public Works, Community Center
- 8 p.m., Public Information Meeting on Ballfield Light Request, Youth Center
- Thursday, April 21

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room

Delivery Problems

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From time to time carriers change or instructions are not clear, resulting in the News Review not reaching all the addresses accustomed to receiving the paper every week. We really need to hear when that happens. Calls should go to the distributor at the phone number listed in the staff box on this page or to the News Review voice mail at 301-474-4131, mailbox 4.

Unfortunately, not all our circulation problems can be so easily solved. There are areas of Greenbelt, like University Square Apartments with its locked buildings, where our carriers do not have access. Some areas have papers delivered through arrangements with the governing homeowners association and may not always have people available to deliver the paper.

Certain apartment buildings – Glen Oaks, for example – have requested papers be delivered to the office for pick up by tenants to avoid an accumulation of papers discarded in their buildings. And one apartment group on Parkway, persistently troubled by homeless loiterers who pose a fire and sanitary hazard, have requested we stop delivering the paper.

This week the News Review received a complaint from a resident of Parkway who misses having his paper delivered to his apartment door faithfully every week. He's picking it up at the Co-op now but questioned if we had stopped home delivery of the News Review altogether and wanted us to resume delivery to his building. This reader lives in one of the buildings on Parkway where apartment management has directed that the News Review not be delivered. Thank you to Parkway residents who miss the paper for letting us know – at least the Co-op is close by and has extra copies available.

The News Review is sorry for the inconvenience.

Letters to the Editor

Litterbugs – A Sign of Spring?

On Sunday, April 10 we saw many signs that spring has arrived. It wasn't just the weather that signified this but the Greenbelt Little League parade and annual season opening ceremonies at McDonald Field.

However, to my dismay, while walking my dog this morning (Monday), I found that the spectators and participants had left behind a terrible mess. There were fast food wrappers, bottles, cans (including beer cans) and various other trash strewn around not only the dugouts but the bleachers and the adjoining playground and field. Unfortunately these litterbugs do not confine their illegal practices to the ballfield. I have noted over the past 12 years I have lived near the ballfield that those who are walking to the games tend to drop trash wherever they please oftentimes in my yard and along the walk from the 9 court to the field.

Now, tell me, who is to clean this up? The City of Greenbelt Public Works employees? The residents who live in the area

THANKS

The family would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for all your kindness and love during our period of bereavement. We are grateful for your cards, floral tributes, visits, gifts and most of all, your prayers.

May God richly bless all of you.

The Family of Thomas Singleton

Lost and Found

I would like to thank everybody who helped look for our dog Little Bear on April 4 and 5. It seems as though he spent the day exploring GHI, visiting the houses of our friends, running on the inner walkways and playing in the surrounding woods. At around 6:30 p.m. when he got tired and hungry he came home. Again many thanks.

Jessie Meltzer



Weekly Jazz at New Deal Café

Our sympathy to the family of Virginia Scarbeau of Lakecrest Drive who died on April 6, 2005.

Condolences to Kyong Un Yi Singleton and family on the death on March 29, 2005, of her husband and their father, Thomas Singleton.

Congratulations to:

- Isaiah Billington, a senior in the School of International Science at American University majoring in international studies, who was named to the fall 2004 Dean's List.

– Nia Billings, a senior at Loyola College, who was recently selected for inclusion in the 2004-05 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges as an outstanding national leader and was recognized at Loyola's annual Maryland Day Convocation.

It's a son for Carrie and Tom Provenza of Glenn Dale. Nicholas Joseph Provenza was born at Anne Arundel Medical Center on April 8, 2005. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. Nicholas' grandparents are Jeannie and Larry Smith of Pinecrest Court. He is Grandma Jeannie's first grandchild. Mother and baby are doing well.

The News Review was glad to see Emma Mendoza, who recently moved from Greenbelt to Leisure World, return for Wednesday's proofreading session.

City Announces New Appointees

New appointments were announced at the April 4 city council meeting. Ginny Mudrock was appointed to the Forest Preserve Task Force; Shawn Burke-Stoner was named to the Arts Advisory Board and David West to the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.

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THEATRE

Week of April 15

MILLIONS (PG)

<u>Friday</u> *5:10, 7:30, 9:40

<u>Saturday</u> *2:45, *5:10, 7:30, 9:40

> <u>Sunday</u> *2:45, *5:10, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

Starts Friday: The Wild

Parrots of Telegraph Hill

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by Shirl Hayes

Every Tuesday for the last nine months, jazz musician Alex Martin has made the New Deal Café his musical touchstone. He walks in laden with his amplifier, guitar of the night, a music stand and the desire to learn and explore the pathways of music not yet traveled, as well as those laid down for him by his heroes: jazz pianist Thelonious Monk, jazz bassist and composer Charles Mingus, Miles Davis and Breton harper Alan Stivell.

"What appealed to me most about [these] men was that they dared to be different . . . especially Monk, who was my idol. He made it okay for me to be strange, as an adolescent and as a perpetual foreigner caught between two cultures," said Martin, who was born in Brittany, the Celtic region of France, to his French mother and American father.

Some weeks Martin is alone with his electric or acoustic or nylon-strung electric-acoustic guitar. He finds playing solo challenging but worth it. There is no place to hide if he makes a mistake or loses his way. Such an honest environment can be instructive.

"I bring different guitars. [Even] though I play a lot of the same songs regardless, the instruments lead me to play the music differently. The electric guitar allows you to sustain notes longer than on an acoustic instrument. You can take the time to linger over the sound intervals. Fewer notes are often better," said Martin.

Every now and then a friend or two drops by with an electric bass guitar or an upright acoustic bass adding to the interplay and musical rapport. And, of course, there is the audience.



Alex Martin

"When someone is listening, I can tell because all of a sudden everything feels much easier. It's like the listener has just built the other half of the aqueduct across which the music can now flow. That's happened to me countless times at the New Deal. The fact that so many of the listeners [there] are also creative people is also inspiring," said Martin.

One of his favorite moments happened when a writer's group was working and "free" writing during his set. They were clearly wrapped up in their creative endeavor, yet

"When they were done, they took turns reading aloud what they'd written. A lot of them began with 'The musician was playing an old Broadway tune' or 'The musician was speaking French' (I'd introduced a French tune I played). And then went on with their own very individual directions. I felt like my music had served as a springboard back to their own lives. [Our] different arts fused there for a while," said Martin.

In working to find himself musically and to grow as an artist, Martin is helping to organize a jazz festival in Roosevelt Center later this year. He also teaches lessons in beginning and intermediate jazz guitar improvisation and can always be found perfecting his craft at the New Deal Café on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.



adjacent to the ballfield? I don't believe this is fair to either party.

The Greenbelt Little League has now asked the city to put up lights at the field. Good idea? Bad idea? I don't know. But I will say this. They are not doing themselves any favors by their actions nor are they endearing themselves to the neighbors of McDonald Field who will have input with the city regarding the lights.

Please clean up after yourselves and leave the field and the adjacent areas as you found them. There are at least six trash cans in that immediate area. Use them!

Marion Holland

129 Centerway www.pgtheatres.com **Greenbelt Library** ****************** Auction and Dance to benefit Greenbelt Nursery School Saturday, April 16 ---2-5 pm, Room 201, Greenbelt Community Center Baltimore Symphony Orchestra tickets, Baysox tickets, 7-course dinner for 10 and belly-dancing at the Marrakesh Restaurant, National Aquarium membership, art by Greenbelt artists-in-residence, haircuts, museum and theater passes and more. Admission \$5 includes refreshments. For information, call Greenbelt Nursery School

at 301-474-5570.

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

Community Events

"Eyes on the Sky" Lecture at Goddard

In honor of the World Year of Physics 2005, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center invites people to a special series of lectures and discussions on cosmology and astrophysics with some of the world's leading scientists. These lectures "Eyes on the Sky - Peeking into the Universe's Past, Fathoming the Future" are open to the public but are geared toward the high school/college level and above.

All lectures will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 12 at NASA Goddard's Visitor Center. While the events are free, registration is required. For more information on "Eyes on the Sky" or to register for an event, visit http:// university.gsfc.nasa.gov/ eyeonthesky/ or call 301-286-8102.

The next lecture will be Thursday, April 21. Ted Jacobson, from the University of Maryland, College Park, will discuss "Einstein's Warped Universe: from the Big Bang to Black Holes."

ACE Writers Debut Works on April 15

Lovers of creative writing are invited to join the ACE Reading Club and selected winners of this year's ACE Reading Club Youth Writing Contest for an evening of original creative works of poetry and short fiction at the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase on Friday, April 15. The twelve winners of the writing contest will present their winning pieces in front of family, friends and honored guests such as the mayor, councilmembers and other members of the Greenbelt community. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the City Municipal Building. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Explore this Friday **On Scuba Diving**

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Karan Temple True on Friday, April 15. She will discuss scuba diving and show some videos on underwater adventures.

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



Laura Baron and Pat Quinn will present heart-touching poetry in song this Saturday, April 16 at 6 p.m. in Roosevelt Center, as part of the first of seven monthly, free all-day outdoor concerts presented by Friends of New Deal Café Arts.

FONDCA Sale Needs Donation

The Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) seeks donations of new or gently used items to sell at its yard sale in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, April 30.

The nonprofit organization will accept donations (and provide a receipt) from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. that day. No clothes. See flyers around town and classified ads in this paper.

FONDCA produces an annual, free outdoor concert series in Roosevelt Center and sponsors monthly art exhibits at the New Deal Café.

At the Library

Tuesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. -Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, April 21 - Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

Adults

Wednesday, April 20, 2:00 p.m. Book discussion, Octavia Butler's "Parable of the Sower."

Auction Cancelled

The Prince George's Choral Society benefit auction scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at Holy Cross Church has been cancelled.

Explore Next Friday On Love Poems

Explorations Unlimited will host a romance poetry presentation by Jim Link on Friday, April 22. Come read and discuss assorted love poems, some good, some ugly, none bad, all of which turn a searchlight into the human heart. Handouts will be provided.

Link has been a teacher at Prince Georges Community College for 16 years, teaching both basic, developmental English and mythology. He is also a resident of Greenbelt.

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Venezuelan President Chavez failed in 2002. Hear expert panelists' update.

Peace & Justice Coalition

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule					
Date	<u>Time</u>	Games			
Fri., April 15	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers			
Fri., April 15	7:00 p.m.*	Cardinals vs. Indians			
Sat., April 16	10:00 a.m.	Orioles vs. Athletics			
Sat., April 16	1:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Cubs			
Mon., April 18	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Indians			
Tues., April 19	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Giants			
Wed., April 20	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Orioles			
Thur., April 21	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Cardinals			
Fri., April 22	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants			
Fri., April 22	7:00 p.m.*	Athletics vs. Tigers			
Sat., April 23	10:00 a.m.	Indians vs. Lions			
Sat., April 23	1:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Cubs			
Major League Standings as of Tuesday 4/12/05					
American League W-L		National League W-L			
Giants	2 - 0	Indians 1 - 0			
Orioles	0 - 0	Lions 0 - 0			
Tigers	0 - 0	Cardinals 0 - 1			

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- 1	Cubs	0 - 1			

2005 Machine Pitch Schedule

<u>Date</u>	Ti
Mon., April 18	6:0
Wed., April 20	6:0
Fri., April 22	6:0

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Athletics

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Visitor vs. Home Marlins vs. Mets Phillies vs. Marlins Mets 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.



Volunteer Day At Greenbelt Park

Join a park ranger and neighbors to help Greenbelt National Park. Volunteers will be cleaning up the campground, painting picnic tables and doing other projects.

Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information and to sign up, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park's web page at http://www.nps.gov/ gree.



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Arts & Crafts Show Vintage Jewelry Sale April 17, 2005 11 am to 4 pm **Framed Artwork** Local Artists & Craftsmen Vintage & Costume Jewelry Sale

Mishkan Torah Synagogue 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 301-474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org

For tickets call 301-474-4071 \$20/per person \$35/per couple

(No ticket sales at the door)

To visit auction items: www.sthughs.com



PRELIMINARYAGENDA **MEETING OF THE GHIBOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, April 21, 2005, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

- Management Audit Report & Recommendations
- Yardline Pilot Project 2/4/5/21/34 Courts Ridge Disposition and Certification
- Spring Concrete Contract 2nd Reading
- 2005 Slate Roof Contract 2nd Reading
- 2004 Audited Financial Statements Presentation
- SMART Update
- · Approval of Patriot Mortgage as a Lender

Regular board meetings are open to members

Obituaries

Virginia Scarbeau

Virginia Helen Scarbeau, 41, died Wednesday April 6, 2005, at her home on Lakecrest Drive after a threemonth illness. Born April 5,

1964, in North Adams, Mass., she was the daughter of Ruth Virginia Scarbeau of Pittsfield, Mass., and the late Wilfred Edward Scarbeau.

Ms. Scarbeau received her high school diploma at age 16 and subsequently received two years of further education in Early Childhood Development. She loved and worked with children throughout the country including the Boston Center for Blind Children and the Child Development Center in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Washington, D.C., Child Development Council since September 29, 1999. Her hobbies were Native American history, particularly Hopi Indian culture. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the Southwest United States by motorcycle.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her half sisters Karen, Dianne and Andrea Scarbeau.

In addition to her mother she is survived by her loving companion of 20 years John C. Harvey, Jr., of Greenbelt; her adopted family Dorothy L. Harvey and son Patrick F. Harvey, both of Westernport, Md.; Richard and Kim Harvey and their daughters Sarah Ann and Sadie Rose of Cumberland; Robert and Jackie Harvey and their sons John, Joseph, Seamus, Daniel and Liam of Minneapolis, Minn., and Morrisville, Vt.; Michael and Beth Harvey and their son Bryson of Oakland.

At her request, her body was cremated. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at the Boal Funeral Home, Westernport. Memorial graveside services were conducted at St. Peters Cemetery, Westernport, with Father Manning Smith officiating.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Feed the Children Foundation, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0036.



Thomas Singleton

Thomas Singledied on March 29, 2005. He had lived on Mathew Street for over 16 years.

was born on July 21, 1935, in

Sumter County, S.C., to the late Sanders and Delia Bracey Singleton. Raised in the Sumter community, at an early age he joined the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. Later he enlisted in the United States Army where he served for 25 years and was honorably discharged as a master sergeant.

On December 24, 1958, he married Daisy Olden. They had a daughter Theresa and a son Randolph. He later married Kyong Un Yi on December 9, 1968. They had a son Elbert and a daughter Sabrina.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers Wade, Macer and John and a sister Hattie Jackson.

He is survived by his loving wife Kyong; two sons Randolph and Elbert; two daughters Theresa and Sabrina; daughter-inlaw Bridgette; five brothers William, Albert, Benjamin, Louis and Gaynard; four sisters Carrie Mae, Darcus, Sarah Ann and Rhetta; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on April 2 at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville. Interment was on April 6 at Arlington National Cemetery.

Student Jazz at UM

Director of Jazz Studies Chris Vadala presents student combos under the direction of Gerry Kunkel, Steve Fidyk and Jon Ozment featuring original compositions, unique arrangements and improvised solos. This free concert will take place on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Memorial Service For Arlene Souser

A memorial service for Arlene Souser will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at the Greenbelt Community Church. The church is on Crescent and Hillside Roads. Pastor Dan Hamlin will conduct the service.

There will be a reception in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service.

Talk on Palestine At Paint Branch

On Sunday, April 24 at 4 p.m., Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church will present "Palestinian Non-Violent Resistance: A Viable Option for Winning a Two-State Peace?" an exploration of peaceful solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Two leaders of the non-violent movement, Mubarak Awad, founder and director of Nonviolence International and Sami Awad, executive director of the Holy Land Trust, will explore the use of nonviolent action in the search for political independence for Palestine.

Nonviolence International, with offices in Washington, D.C., Ireland, Thailand and Russia, is a network of resource centers that supports nonviolent action within every culture and religious tradition.

The Holy Land Trust supports an independent Palestine founded on the principles of nonviolence, democracy and respect for human rights.

The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road.



Doyle – Morris

Suzanne Catharine Doyle, daughter of Bob and Lyn Doyle of Greenbelt, exchanged wedding vows with Geoff Morris on Sunday, April 10, 2005, at the Newton White Mansion.

Ms. Doyle was a 1993 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, then graduated with a B.A. from St. Mary's College in 1997. She spent six years working and studying in England, earning a doctorate at Cambridge University in November 2003.

Mr. Morris is the CEO of a children's charity in the United Kingdom.

Wedding guests came from England, Scotland, California, Iowa, Ohio, Texas, as well as Virginia and Maryland. The couple will reside near Cambridge, England.







ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



Mr. Singleton

Baha'i Faith

"This period of time is the Promised Age, the assembling of the human race to the "Resurrection Day" and now is the great "Day of Judgment." Soon the whole world, as in springtime, will change its garb. The turning and falling of the autumn leaves is past; the bleakness of the winter time is over. The new year hath appeared and the spiritual springtime is at hand." -Baha'i Sacred Writings

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Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410 www.gbgm-umc.org/mowatt

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

Hillside & Crescent Roads Phone: **301-474-6171** mornings www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/ **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..."

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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

Helping People_Connect with His Family through Loving Service

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30 pm Signe	ed Mass (last Sunday of each
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What is Islam?

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Justice is one of the greatest virtues in Islam.

"O ye who believe, stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to God, even as against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, and whether it be against rich or poor: for God can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest ye swerve, and if ye distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily God is well acquainted with all that ye do." -The Holy Quran 4:135

There is much injustice in the world today. Don't let the hectic pace of your daily activities allow you to overlook the plight of those who are struggling around you, near and far. To find out more about the concept of justice in Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail searchislam@mail.com or visit www.learnaboutislam.org.



OFFICIAL NOTICE The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, April 25, 2005, 8:00 p.m. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2005-2006

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FT 200	JJ-2006		
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Licenses & Permits			
Revenue from Other Agencies			
Service Charges for Current Services			
Fines & Forfeitures	680,000.00		
Miscellaneous Revenues	176,800.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$20,424,100.00		
Appropriation of Fund Balance	\$0.00		
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$1,798,700.00		
Planning and Community Development	837,300.00		
Public Safety			
Public Works			
Social Services			
Recreation and Parks	4,391,800.00		
Miscellaneous	131,100.00		
Non-Departmental	466,400.00		
Fund Transfers	1,331,500.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR	ROTHER FUNDS		
Building Capital Reserve Fund			
Cemetery Fund			
Debt Service Fund	,		
Replacement Fund	179,000.00		
Special Projects Fund			
Temporary Disability Fund			
Unemployment Compensation Fund			
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$1,322,000.00		
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS			
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,325,000.00		
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2001 Bond Fund	1,200,000.00
Community Development Block Grant Fund	100,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$2,625,000.00

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House \$1,118,700.00

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two public hearings on the budget. The second is scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2005. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any person with a disability, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted

NOTICE: PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Ballfield Light Request WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005 8:00PM Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

The Greenbelt Park and Recreation Board (PRAB) has scheduled a meeting to review a request from the Greenbelt Youth Baseball League for lights at McDonald Baseball Field located at 7 Court of Southway Road. Interested residents are invited to attend to hear the proposal and make comments. PRAB will forward a report to the Greenbelt City Council for future consideration.

For additional information contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department weekdays from 9:00am to 4:30pm at 301-397-2200

TEMPORARY SKATE PARK NOW OPEN FOR SEASON!

The Spring hours of operation for the temporary skate park located on one of the Lakecrest tennis courts are:

Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The hours are subject to change depending on weather conditions and the availability of staff.

Meetings for April 18-22

Monday, April 18, 8:00pm, **Budget Work Session, Social Services, Mics., and Other Funds,** Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30pm, Board of Elections, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 20, 8:00pm, **Budget Work Session, Public Works,** Community Center.

Wednesday, April 20, 7:30pm, **Advisory Planning Board,** Community Center, Rm 114. On agenda: Introduction of New Community Planner and video on Planning, Zoning & Development Review Process in Prince George's County.

INCLUSION CAMP COUNSELORS

The Greenbelt Recreation Dept. has Inclusion Camp Counselors and general counselor positions available. Hrs. 8:30am-5:00pm M-F June 13 - Aug. 12. Requirements: flexibility, 18+ yrs. and exp. w/ individuals w/ disabilities preferred. Salary: \$6.00/hr negotiable DOE. The City of Greenbelt is EOE. For more info call (301)397-2208.

APRIL IS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH ENJOY THESE VARIOUS EVENTS AS PART OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH ON

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

EARTH DAY

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Buddy Attick Park

Celebrate Earth Day with the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and help plant native wetland plants at the Wetland Education Center.

<u>ATTENTION STUDENTS</u>: Volunteer community service hours will be given.

VEHICLE DISPLAY: Be sure to check out the Honda hybrid vehicle on display courtesy of College Park Honda and ZIPCAR - Wheels When You Want Them display.

ARBOR DAY

After the Earth Day celebration, join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees with the Arbor Day Tree Planting at 12:15 p.m., also at Buddy Attick Park.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE:

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Public Works Facility next to Buddy Attick Park Demonstrations, tours, ride the bucket truck, hot dogs and more! For more information, call 301-474-8000



on the city website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board Park and Recreation Advisory Board For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPALACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 18th at 8:00pm: Budget Work Session "live" Tuesday & Thursday, April 19 & 21: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Veterans' Benefits," 7:00pm "A Book Discussion on Master and Commander," 7:15pm "3 Brazilian Works," 8:15pm Replay of Budget Work Session.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:Wednesday & Friday, April 20 & 22: 7pm "Medicare Covers America," 7:30pm "GAC Annual Meeting," 8pm "Labor Day FilmWorks Festival 2004." Springhill Lake Recreation Phone: 301-397-2212

April 30 from 2-6pm Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane

CARNIVAL GAMES MOONBOUNCE FOOD PINATA'S FOR ALL AGES VISION'S OF JAZZ (live band) MAKE & TAKE ARTS-N-CRAFTS

Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Business Phone: 301-397-2200 ANOTHER MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKS MONTH EVENT

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17.8 percent of its revenues from other taxes, primarily a share of the state income tax, the city lacks authority to increase the rate of taxation as it does with property taxes.

Income Tax

The city's share of the income tax (\$1,953,300) will grow moderately, somewhere over 2 percent. That is not as rapid a pace as the county and state are experiencing.

City staff expects the hotel/motel tax will increase significantly, 11.3 percent, because the new Hilton Garden Inn will be doing business, . However, the amount of that increase is only \$50,000. On the other hand, the admissions and amusement tax yield is expected to drop by \$100,000 with the closing of the six-theater complex at Beltway Plaza.

Worse, the city staff is concerned that the eight-theater complex might close as well, as new stadium theaters in surrounding areas have made the city's theaters less attractive.

The city's share of the state gas tax is expected to be restored to previous levels before state budget cuts – unless new reductions come out of the Maryland General Assembly. McLaughlin noted that the highway user gas tax is still under attack and the revenue of last resort in order to close a state budget gap.

Service Fees

Property taxes are not the only city revenue source proposed for rate increases. The budget proposes increases to city service charges. Waste collection fees are proposed to be increased by six dollars a year, still a very competitive rate, city staff contends. Also the recycling-only service fee is proposed to be increased by two dollars a year. Pass fees at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center are also to be increased by five percent, if council approves the budget proposal. (These fees were not increased last year when daily admission fees were increased.)

Parking violators will also be asked to suffer more under the new budget. The general fine for violations (excluding fire lane and handicap violations) would be increased from \$25 to \$40 for a yield of \$60,000 in increased revenues. Staff noted that contracting with a collection firm had helped collect fines from outstanding tickets. However, the yield was not as great as hoped because so many of the tickets were so old it was not possible to pursue collection. The percent collected will be better in the future as collection efforts are initiated at an earlier date.

Salaries

McLaughlin again referred to a "structural problem" faced by the city. The costs of doing city business are increasing faster than city revenues. A large part of the city's expenses are salaries for employees and their related benefits. These comprise 67 percent of the budget. If salaries increase by a typical 5 percent in a year, without considering any other city cost increases, revenues would need to rise about 4 percent.

This year, the budget proposes a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment for city employees. That will be on top of any performance bonus increases granted, which can amount to as much as 3 percent. A 15 percent increase in health insurance premium costs is expected for city employees. To offset this cost, McLaughlin proposes cutting the city's share of the premium cost from 85 to 80 percent. Such a reduction would bring the city's share more in line with that of other municipalities. The cost to employees would be less than the salary increases proposed. However, it would be the second reduction in the employee compensation package in two years. McLaughlin indicated that the estimate for health costs might be lowered before budget adoption.

Energy

The budget is also impacted by the rising cost of energy. Budgeted at a 12 percent increase, the cost of electricity is now expected to rise by 23 percent. However, the city's decision to join others in the cooperative purchase of electricity could hold cost increases to 5 percent. Assistant City Manager David Moran warned, however, that there could be delays going into the cooperative that could increase expenses.

Gasoline prices are also much higher and could be worse than the staff anticipated in preparing the budget. The city now buys bio-diesel fuel, costing 15 to 20 cents more than regular diesel.

Relief

Councilmember Edward Putens asked McLaughlin, "Is there a break for the citizens in the future?" The city manager responded that his staff did not see relief in the foreseeable future. He noted that that gloomy assessment was based on data which included the expectation that property assessments would continue to go up 9 or 10 percent a year.

Healey Offers Scholarships

Anne Healey, Greenbelt's state delegate (District 22A, Prince George's County) will award Maryland House of Delegates Scholarships to students from her district.

Interested students should call the delegate's office in Annapolis (301-858-3961) to obtain information and an application. The completed application must be postmarked no later than Saturday, April 30. Scholarship awards will be announced in June for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Takoma Park Will Dedicate Soccer Field to Walt Penney

A soccer field in Takoma Park will be named for Walt Penney who was killed while riding his bike in 2002. He was 49. Penney, the son of Leonie and the late Walter Penney of Northway, grew up in Greenbelt. A citizen of Takoma Park after leaving Greenbelt and living near Jequie Park, the location of the soccer field, Penney had been very involved in coaching the Takoma Park Basketball, Baseball and Youth Soccer Leagues and coordinating the Montgomery County Swim League.

A dedication ceremony is planned for Saturday, May 14 at noon in Jequie Park. The program will include the unveiling of the official "Walt Penney Soccer Field" memorial and presentations from state, county and municipal representatives. There

History Re-enactment At Marietta Museum

Marietta House Museum will host "Marching Through Time," a multi-period living history encampment on Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a fee.

Experience over 10 centuries of living history including Roman, Viking, 15th century War of the Roses, 16th century Holy Roman Empire, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, the Old West, World War I, World War II and more. Period merchants and artisans will be on site and food will also be available. No pets are allowed.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale. Free parking and continuous shuttles will be provided from the Glenn Dale Community Center on Route 193.

For information call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit www.pgparks.com. will be refreshments and music and a gathering of Penney's family and friends. The final soccer games of the season will be played following the ceremony.

Jequie Park is at the intersection of Takoma and Albany Avenues. (For information or directions, call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943.)

As a little boy, Walt moved with his parents into the home on Northway in May 1957. Here, he participated in the swim team, the Boy Scouts under Al Cousins, the Little League and the Poetry Club with leader Marj Donn. He delivered the News Review in his neighborhood. In 1969 he graduated from High Point High School. Penney was married to Cheryl Brand. Their children are Walter and Vanessa Penney.

Md. History Lecture At Montpelier

Pam Williams, assistant director at Belair Mansion in Bowie, will speak on the Tasker sisters during the American Revolution. All married into prominent families (Ogles, Delaneys, Lowndes and Carters). She will give listeners a glimpse into the feelings of people of the time. The free lecture will be given at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20.

Astronomy Day Is April 16

Astronomy Day will be held this year on Saturday, April 16 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. This free event will include telescope viewing (weather permitting) planetarium shows, child-ren's activities and door prizes. Call 301-918-8750 during school hours or visit www.greenbeltastro.org for details.



Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

Police Blotter

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

Robbery

March 30, 11:13 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a man reported that he was walking down the street when he was approached from behind by two men. One of the men punched him in the face and took money from him. Both suspects then fled the scene on foot. The victim was treated on the scene by ambulance personnel for bruising and swelling to his eye.

March 30, 1:41 p.m., Greenbelt Park, a woman reported that she was walking east in the area of the park when she was grabbed from behind by a young man, who then announced a robbery. After she gave the man her wallet, he fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a young male, 6'1" with a light complexion, wearing a white or gray shirt.

April 5, 11:45 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, the victims advised that they were walking to an apartment building when they were approached by two men, both armed with what appeared to be sawed-off shotguns. One of the men announced a robbery and obtained a wallet from one of the victims. Both fled the scene in a waiting vehicle described as a 1995 to 2000 blue/gray Honda Accord or Nissan Altima 4-door, with a possible Maryland tag. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 23 years of age, 5'6" to 6', with thin builds. One was wearing a white longsleeve T-shirt and black jeans; the other was wearing a black longsleeve T-shirt and blue jeans.

DWI

April 1, 10:31 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident male was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 3, 1:15 a.m., Greenway Center Drive and Hanover Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after the vehicle he was driving left the roadway and came to rest on an embankment. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

April 1, 2:37 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver, a nonresident man, had open arrest warrants with the Henrico County, Va., Sheriff's Department; he was arrested. Found in the passenger door area was paraphernalia commonly used to ingest marijuana. The woman was released on citation pending trial. The man was released to the department of corrections for service of the warrant.

Seat Belt Stop Yields Gun/Drugs

On April 6 Officer Jermaine Gulledge was working seat belt enforcement as part of the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge and stopped a motorist in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway for a seat belt violation. Upon approaching the vehicle he detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The motorist then told Gulledge that there was a handgun under the

driver's seat. The weapon, a loaded .38 caliber semiautomatic handgun, was recovered. Located inside the trunk of the vehicle were over 100 grams of marijuana.

As a result of the stop a Florida man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of a handgun in a vehicle. The suspect was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of a group of suspicious people in the 6500 block of Springcrest Drive. Two people were located and upon approaching them the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. One of the two was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 5, 10:26 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police observed a person walking into the roadway soliciting for money. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

April 4, 4:25 p.m., Roosevelt Center, two nonresident men were arrested and charged with trespass after they were observed loitering in such a way as to block the free passage of patrons to and from a nearby business. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

April 7, 6:41 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed shouting profanities in the center. He was arrested when he refused to cease his actions and was rearrested and charged with theft when police observed a suspicious person loitering around a vehicle. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man got into the vehicle and attempted to leave the area. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

April 4, 6:23 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a vacant apartment by breaking out a rear window.

April 6, 2:34 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a 1995 Dodge Neon 4-door from the 7300 block Morrison Drive and a dark blue 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass 2-door, Maryland tags 8527HD from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

Six vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and four by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries. One set of tags was not recovered.

Vandalism to, thefts and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block Morrison Drive, 7800 block Mandan Road, 7200 block South Ora Court (two incidents), Greenway Center, 2 court Eastway, Roosevelt Center, 6100 block Breezewood Drive and Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents).

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election (\$3,900).

Another \$2,500 is budgeted for the first time for tabulating the election questionnaires. Mc-Laughlin advised council that the previous service at no cost is no longer available.

Putens questioned the need for the survey. McLaughlin said he felt it was of value. Although its statistical validity may be questionable, as one citizen has often pointed out, McLaughlin felt it was one of the best ways to measure the city's performance. About half of the voters take time to fill out the questionnaire.

Legal Fees

In fiscal years 2004 and 2005, legal fees have exceeded the budget because of the cost of the city's successful appeal of the county's approvals of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station. Actual costs for 2004 were \$104,573 and 2005 costs are estimated at \$88,600. The proposed 2006 budget is for \$80,600.

Community Promotion

At the beginning of the review, McLaughlin noted that COG had contracted with ROAM Secure to provide a system of notifications of emergencies via cell phones, pagers and other technology. This program involves use of Patriot Act funding and would be available to residents. McLaughlin called it an "exciting opportunity to have this technology available to Greenbelt residents."

He noted that the county WARN System, which would provide warnings to persons and provide checks on at-home individuals, was moving more slowly toward accomplishment. An objective for the Community Promotion budget, which accounts for city expenses in providing information to citizens including newspaper notices and operation of the city's cable channel B-71, is to make the ROAM Secure system available to residents when it is completed.

The total Community Promotion budget is \$165,000. Offsetting this expense are fees the city receives from its franchise of the cable television system operator (\$254,400).

McLaughlin noted that the city's original intent was to fund the operations of Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) with 20 percent of the franchise fee revenues but due to budget constraints the city has not done so for the past two years. This year's budget of \$38,600, the same amount as was budgeted last year, will also fall short.

It is expected that GATE will take exception to the proposal. Davis proposed that if the franchise fees exceed the budget estimate, GATE should receive 20 percent of the additional amount. Herling, who has been associated with GATE, felt that GATE would agree to that proposal.

Montpelier Holds Tea Festival

Montpelier Mansion, Muirkirk Road at Route 197 in Laurel, will be the site for the Montpelier annual Herb, Bread and Tea Festival on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date April 24.)

This year the festival will feature more breads, more herbs and more family activities than before. Stroll among vendors of handmade items like baskets, garden accessories and jewelry. Enjoy tea and scones in the mansion. Take a tour of Montpelier. Hear live music, enjoy food, take in a lecture. The festival is free. Call 301-953-1376 for more information.



Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is that time again to ask for your generous donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., in our *Annual General Fund Drive for 2005*. We will be starting our fund drive in late April or early May. We truly appreciate your contributions during the previous fund drives.

You will receive your donation package in the mail during the month of April or early May. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail us your contribution. Please note the new mailing address for the station: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept., 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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April 3, 9:58 p.m., Hanover Parkway and Megan Lane, a non-

leased on citation pending trial. Theft

April 3, Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft when police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

April 5, 1:45 p.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace, a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun was taken from a residence by unknown person(s). April 6, 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was

Man Shot by Police Pleads Guilty

Anthony Curtis Foster, who was shot September 4 by a Greenbelt police officer after exiting his vehicle brandishing a .45 caliber semiautomatic handgun, pled guilty April 5 in Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro to first degree assault and handgun possession. He was sentenced to seven years in prison for the assault charge and three years for the handgun charge, to be served concurrently.

Foster, 34, of 7907 Mandan Road was taken into custody shortly after the shooting. He escaped the next day from Prince George's Hospital while awaiting a psychiatric evaluation and was arrested October 22 by the Mt. Rainier Police Department. As in the past. I would like to **emphasize strongly** that you **do not accept any solicitations over the telephone** from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. For this <u>Annual General Fund Drive</u> during the months of April/May, we only ask for donations through the mail.

We have received some questions from concerned citizens as to some of our other scheduled fundraisers. During the month of December we conduct what we call our annual boot drive. At various intersections throughout the city we station our members so that they are able to collect donations in fire boots.

May I please encourage you to come and enjoy a day of bingo at the station on Sundays and Fridays? We offer food and drink at no cost to you.

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past and continued support during our *General Fund Drive*.

Regards,

D. Christopher Fleshman, President Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for informa-tion 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.

A Motto to Live By – *"Turn around, don't drown"*

Spring is here. Along with warm weather and blooming flowers comes the occasional heavy rain, heavy enough at times to cause flooding. More deaths occur from flooding than from any other severe weather event.

While most of Greenbelt is built on high ground, it is important to remember how easy it is to underestimate the power of flood waters. For safety – avoid walking or driving through flooded areas. Half of all flood-related deaths are a result of automobile drivers attempting to drive through a flooded area and being swept away.

"Turn around, don't drown" or TADD is an educational motto from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service.

"You will never know if you can make it through the water safely until it's too late." This advice is offered by the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Host Families Needed for Exchange Students

ASSE International student exchange program is currently seeking local families to host high school foreign exchange students for the 2005-2006 school year. The students are between 15 and 18 years old and speak English. Each student is anxious to learn about this country by living as part of an American family and attending the local high school. Students come from Scandinavian countries, Germany, Italy, France, Brazil, Thailand, Poland, Japan, the Czech and Slovak Republics and other eastern European countries.

The students are carefully screened in their home countries. Interested families or single adults have the opportunity to select the student of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. The students arrive in the U.S. from their home country in August shortly before school begins and return home in June at the end of the school year. Each ASSE exchange student is fully insured and brings their own personal spending money.

Host families come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Single adults, single parents, couples or retirees can qualify to host an exchange student. One does not have to have children to host an exchange student, just the space and the desire to share a home for a year with a teenager from another country. Host families volunteer to provide room, board and supervision for the exchange student. They assist students with homework and students assist with family chores. Host families and their students enjoy a unique opportunity to share culture, thus promoting a better understanding of the world.

For information call Darlene Thompson at 301-474-2999 or 1-800-677-2773 or visit ASSE's website at www.asse.com.

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total population, profiles of the health of specific groups, such as African-Americans and Mexican-Americans are developed.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is the nation's most comprehensive study of the health and nutritional status of Americans. It has been conducted for almost 50 years. It has produced landmark findings that have led to many advances in health and medical care.

For example, the study documented high blood lead levels that resulted in the switch to unleaded gas and efforts to remove lead in paint. Other findings were used to direct efforts to control hypertension and high cholesterol levels and to create the standardized growth charts that pediatricians across the country currently use to track children's growth.

U of Md. Choruses Give Joint Concert

The University of Maryland's (UM) Men's and Women's Choruses, William Culverhouse and Philip Silvey, conductors, will present an all-chorus concert featuring a variety of music, from Gregorian chant all the way to the Beach Boys.

This free event is presented by the UM School of Music on Sunday, April 17 at 3 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on the College Park campus.

Hospice Holds Open P House for Volunteers S

Hospice of the Chesapeake a community will hold an open house to acknowledge its volunteers in recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 17 to 23. Delegate Joanne C. Benson of the 24th District; Bishop C. Anthony Muse, Ark of Safety Christian Church and former 26th District delegate; and Rev. Dr. Carol Jackson, Word of Faith Temple, are the guests of honor for the occasion.

The open house will be held on Thursday, April 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover. Volunteers will be recognized for their compassionate care of the terminally ill and their families and community outreach volunteers who represent Hospice of the Chesapeake at health fairs and other community events.

To contact Julie Medlin at jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org or by phone at 301-499-4500.

Blue Sky Hosts Puppet Workshop

On April 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. the "Blue Sky Puppet Theatre" with Michael Cotter will conduct an interactive workshop for children no younger than 6 years and up. The workshop will demonstrate the four major styles of puppets; hand, rod, string and shadow; vocal manipulation techniques; and develop skits.

The workshop will be held at at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (at the corner of Dartmouth Avenue) in College Park. The program is free.

Peters Hosts Shadow Programs

Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters (D-4th District) hosted two student participants who attend schools in his district in an annual County Council Student Shadow Program. The two students, Abigail Phillips, a junior from Bowie High School and Gabriel Marwell, a junior from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, met with Councilmember Peters and attended council's regular business meeting. They participated in making a presentation of county council proclamations to their respective schools, Bowie High School Men's Wrestling and Eleanor Roosevelt High School Girl's Indoor Track Teams which were recognized at the council session.

The shadow program, which is part of 2005 National County Government Week (NCGW) from April 10 to 16, selects a student from each of the county's high schools to shadow a member of the county council for a day and participate in various aspects of the legislative body, including council session, hearings and meetings. NCGW is sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACO) to raise public awareness about the roles and responsibilities of counties. Prince George's County is one of more than 1,000 counties nationwide participating in the week's activities.

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Fire & Rescue Volunteers Mark 50th Anniversary



Mayor Judith Davis (far left) swears in the newly elected officers of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Ladies Auxiliary.

by Randy Crenwelge

On March 12 the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., (GVFD&RS) and Ladies Auxiliary held their 50th Anniversary Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the University of Maryland, University College, Inn and Conference Center.

Numerous proclamations, awards and certificates of appreciation were awarded to the fire department and its members, firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

According to the banquet brochure, "the 50th Anniversary Banquet is proudly dedicated to the men and women who had the vision to foresee and begin the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., and Ladies Auxiliary 50 years ago."

The GVFD&RS and Ladies Auxiliary received proclamations for its 50th anniversary from County Executive Jack Johnson; the Prince George's County Council (signed and presented by Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters); the City of Greenbelt; the Maryland State Fireman's Association; the Ladies Auxiliary of the Maryland State Fireman's Association; and the P.G. Fire/EMS Department, Lawrence Sedgwick, Jr., fire chief.

The banquet began with welcoming remarks by Jay Remenick, past president; invocation by Greenbelt Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain Kathryn Reynolds; dinner; introduction of guests by Jay Remenick and then presentation of awards by Remenick, Fire Chief Brian Rudy and Ladies Auxiliary President Nancy Remenick. Ladies Auxiliary Chap-

lain Kathryn Reynolds gave the benediction. After the awards ceremony a dance hosted by East Coast Sound Productions, Mike Quaid-DJ, was held until 1 a.m.

The following awards were presented: Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Randy "LR" Krob for his dedication, motivation and enthusiasm. The Combined President and Chief's Award was given to George Moore for his contribution and dedication. The Chief's Award was presented to Jason Morgal. The President's Award went to Teresa Ann Crisman for continued support and dedication. Jason Doane received the Training Award for obtaining Firefighter I, Firefighter II and EMT within a three month period. Honorary Membership was presented to the Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts, Ed Putens, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to live-ins Calder "Tre" Robertson, Robbie Tripe, Jason Doane and Frances Caron. Tripe was cited for hard work and dedication. Kelley Piper and Stacy Brown were recognized for creating and maintaining the department's outstanding website.

The administrative officers for 2005 were elected as follows: president, Donald Fleshman; vice president, Jay Remenick; secretary, Wayne Lewis; treasurer, Margaret Dutton; Gene Davis, assistant to the president; and Matthew Palmerton, assistant to the secretary.

The following are trustees for 2004 and 2005: John Daffron, Donald Fleshman, Robert Holland, Randall (Tick) Mangum, Jay Remenick, Brian Rudy and Ken-

neth Stair.

The administrative officers of 2004 were Jay Remenick, president; Donald Fleshman, vice president; Wayne Lewis, secretary; and Margaret Dutton, treasurer.

Line officers for 2005 are as follows: Brian Rudy, fire chief; Jason Morgal, assistant fire chief; Robert Holland, deputy fire chief; Matthew Palmerton and Christopher Ransom, 2005 captains. John Daffron, Kristie Krob and Sean Leahy are 2005 lieutenants.

Line officers for 2004 included Brian Rudy, fire chief; John (Dicky) Wynkoop, assistant fire chief; John Morgal, deputy fire chief; Robert (Tommy) Holland, Matthew Palmerton and Christopher Ransom, captains; and John (Bigger) Daffron, Kristie Krob and Sean Leahy, lieutenants.

Career personnel for 2004 and 2005 include Lieutenant Robert Rouse, Technician William (Fred) Dunn, Firefighter Ivan Beard, Firefighter John Chambers, Firefighter Benjamin Collins and Firefighter Anthony Ryan.

In 2004 there were 1,651 fire calls and 1,796 EMS calls. Top five fire station live-in call responders included Jeremiah Voigt, 818; Chris Fleshman, 650; Robert Holland, 521; Christopher Ransom, 408; and Robert "T.J." Hill, Jr., 380. The top five live-out responders included Andrew Moffitt with 273 calls, Sean Leahy with 246, John Daffron with 169, Kelly Piper with 158 and Marcus Paxton and James Silcox tied with 153 calls each. Married firemen responded to fire and EMS calls as follows: John "L.R." Krob responded to 327 calls, John Voigt attended 251, Randall "Tick" Mangum responded to 248, Kristie Krob worked 224 and Matthew Kulle worked 146 calls. Service awards for five years of service to the department include Joseph Comproni III and John Michelitch. Calder Robertson has 10 years of service. Pins for 15 years of service were awarded to Michael Burt, Matthew Palmerton, Tommy Ray, Brian Rudy and Ted Sacra. George Moore was awarded a pin for 20 years of service. Wayne Lewis, John "Dicky" Wynkoop and Jack "Randy" Krob have 30 years of service. John Voigt has been a member of the department for 35



George Moore, right, receives the service award from Brian Rudy and Jay Remenick. Moore was also honored for 20 years of service.

years. Forty year pins were awarded to Michael Dutton, Robert Pergola and Kenneth Stair. Members with 45 years of service include Dave Hissey and Maurice Palmerton. Those members of the department who have accrued 50 years of outstanding service include Francis "Ben" Kolbenshlag, Robert Mogel, Paul Rousseau and Henry Wynkoop, Jr.

Life members of the GVFD&RS include Harry Atherholt, Barry Bordas, Gene Davis, Margaret Dutton, Michael Dutton, Walter Dutton, D. Christopher Fleshman, William Hissey, Robert Holland, Lawrence Hughs, Vernon Iseli, Emory Kerr, Francis Kolbenschlag, Jack Krob, Wayne Lewis, Randall Mangum, Camillo Mascio, Edward J. Meier, Jr., Billy Mims, Jr., Robert Mogel, Maurice Palmerton, Matthew Palmerton, Robert Pergola, Reynolds and Guard Dorthea Leslie.

Service awards for the Ladies Auxiliary include five years, Kim Lewis; 10 years, Teri Heinicke; 15 years, Diane Ronchi; 20 years, Teresa Crisman and Kathy Legendre; 30 years, Kathy Reynolds; 35 years, Nancy Remenick; 40 years, Margaret McKenney; and 50 years, Pauline Bordas, Cleo Dutton and Betty Wynkoop.

Ladies Auxiliary Life Members include Pauline Bordas, Mary Fran Crisman, Teresa Ann Crisman, Ethel (Cleo) Dutton, Kathleen Legendre, Dorothea Leslie, Margaret Mc-Kenney, Peggy Pergola, Nancy Remenick, Kathryn Reynolds, Teresa Wynkoop, Diane Ronchi and Faye Zoellner.

Pauline Bordas received the Ladies Auxiliary 2004 President's Award for her unselfishness and



Ladies Auxiliary president Nancy Remenick honors charter members Pauline Bordas and Henry Wynkoop, center, for 50 years of service and Mike Dutton for 40 years.

Jay Remenick, Brian Rudy, Ted E. Sacra, Kennith Stair, James

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Ladies Auxiliary Officers include President Nancy Remenick, Vice President Teresa Crisman, Secretary Donna Mangum, Treasurer Theresa Wynkoop, Historian Pauline Bordas, Chaplain Kathyrn dedication.

Honorary members of the GVFD&RS include Tracy Andersen, Kay Angell, Stacey Burns, Kenny Campbell, Tom Christy, Bonnie Haines, Debbie Huffman, Barbara Johnson, Mary Keller, Earl Potts, Keith Quail, Kim Wells, Marty Werlein, Trish Williams, Steve Wisemen, Bill Wolfe and Thomas White.



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