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CARES, GAIL, Museum Budgets Are Presented to City Council

by Judy Bell

Director Liz Park demonstrated CARES' many Fiscal Year 2005 accomplishments with a presentation at the April 17 Greenbelt City Council budget worksession. Among the accomplishments were running skillbuilding and discussion groups at three area schools and truancy prevention groups at Roosevelt and Duval High Schools. At Springhill Lake Elementary School CARES sponsored both anger management groups and decisionmaking skills groups as well as a second year of the Strengthening Families program. These school programs have been added to a continuing series of other activities - its core services of counseling, GED preparation courses, babysitting courses, tutoring and the Advisory Committee on Education.

Park said that some additional space has been made available to CARES with the first-floor conference room becoming office space for staff. CARES continues to have a long waiting list for counseling services, however. An additional counselor to alleviate this problem would add Inc., to secure funding for the See COUNCIL, page 6

\$20,000 to the Fiscal Year 2006 budget of \$384,900. Of the budgeted amount \$84,000 is funded through state, county and GED co-payments.

Management objectives for CARES include developing a strategic plan for the department with a mission statement, values statement and short- and longterm goals and offering an adult skills development group.

GAIL

Park went on to present the budget for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program headed by Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey. This program, known as GAIL, has now been placed under the CARES umbrella.

Goals so far accomplished for GAIL included establishment of a new intern position to provide services to seniors, the hiring of a senior van aide (public works), obtaining a service coordinator for Green Ridge House (funded through a HUD grant) and providing counseling services for seniors. GAIL also has partnered with Community Crisis Services,

Greenbelt Suicide Prevention Program, as well as creating a partnership with the Bowie State University nursing program to provide weekly health visits to Greenbelt residents.

The GAIL FY06 budget totals \$85,200.

Management objectives for GAIL include developing a preferred provider program for home health care for Greenbelt residents and offering a money management program for seniors (in conjunction with AARP).

Museum

Steven Oetken, president of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), announced that the museum is now \$500 away from raising \$30,000 for the second phase of a \$100,000 National Endowment for the Humanities matching grant, which must be completed by July. The museum expects to receive \$10,000 from the city, \$10,000 from Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas Peters and \$10,000 from the Marjorie Patterson Foundation.



A bale of turtles warm themselves in the sun on a barley bale in Greenbelt Lake. According to the California Turtle and Tortoise Club "the classic collective term is a bale of turtles."

Green Man Events, Maypole, **Concert at Artful Afternoon**

The monthly Artful Afternoon for May will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 at the Community Center. Inspire and be inspired by the Green Man. This free monthly event, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, includes hands-on art projects, a gallery opening and entertainment. It is suitable for all ages and all are invited to come, bring family, friends and neighbors for a relaxing, fun afternoon celebration of the arts.

Q. What is Green and inspires art?

A. The Green Man & Artful Afternoons in Greenbelt!

For the May Artful Afternoon there will be Green Man events all over town. "The Nature of Green Man" exhibit opening reception will be in the Community Center Gallery from 3 to 5 p.m. The reception will feature storytelling with Artist-in-residence Sandra Dwiggins, Environmental Film Festival animation shorts made by students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, refreshments and more.

The show features Greenbelt artists and friends, inspired by nature and promoting environmental awareness. The show is

coordinated by Jean Newcomb, artist-in-residence, in conjunction with the first Green Man Festival in Greenbelt. Artists in this group show in-

clude Tom Baker, Loraine DePietro, Tai Hwa Goh, John Guernsey, Pamela M. Hagerhorst, Marla McLean, Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette, Jean Newcomb, Celestine Ranney-Howes and others. The "Nature of Green Man" show remains on view through June 5. The Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, whenever the room is not reserved (to confirm access call 301-397-2208).

To make a Green Man or Woman, join Artist-in-residence Marla McLean from 1 to 3 p.m. to make eco-friendly Green Man/ Woman sculptures. Use sticks, plastic recyclables and twine to create Green Men and Women or other creatures. The sculptures will be featured later as part of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Tour. All materials will be provided. For all ages.

If the wild joy of the Green Man inspires, Greenbelters can dance around the Maypole at 2:30 p.m. on the Community Cen-

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"Green Concrete," an animated short created by young people in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, when it was screened as part of the 13th Annual Environmental Film Festival on March 16. The Washington, D.C. 10-day festival showed over 100 films from 22 countries to "challenge and broaden our . . . perception and understanding

of the complex world around us.'

George Kochell, instructor for the Greenbelt animation program, and Manager Barbara Simon introduced "Green Concrete" at the screening. Greenbelt resident Christopher Dingman, 18, who wrote and performed the original music for the animated short, was also present.

"Green Concrete" was created by the summer 2003 animation class. The students, ages 10

Sunday Screening

The video "Green Concrete" will be screened during Sunday's Artful Afternoon in the Community Center Gallery as part of the reception which begins at 3 p.m.



Six of the 15 young people who together created "Green Concrete," from left to right: Christopher Dingman, Jamal Rollins, Pallas and Tucker Bane, Jamie Phillips and Madalena Noyes. Christopher, Jamie and Madalena are Greenbelt residents.

through 15, wrote the story and created the work with cut paper collage and the "Flash" computer animation program. Their short relates with humor what happens when GHI members plant English ivy in their yard.

Former Greenbelt City Councilmembers Thomas White and Alan Turnbull were also in the audience. White is a member of the Board of Directors for GATE (Greenbelt Access Television) and Turnbull was formerly president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., which commissioned "Green Concrete."

GHI commissioned the short

as part of its educational program to advise residents on the dangers that invasive species pose in gardens and woodlands. Funding for the project was provided by GHI and the Prince George's Arts Council.

Another Festival

"Green Concrete" has also been accepted for the 4th Annual MHz Shortz Film Festival. This festival, which received a record number of entries from the United States and Canada, will take place Saturday, May 21 in Silver Spring. MHz Networks,

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 30,

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Buddy Attick Park

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring (Cinco De Mayo) Springhill Lake **Recreation Center**

Sunday, May 1,

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center Monday, May 2,

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Room 112

8 p.m., Budget Worksession, FOP, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, May 3,

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center Wednesday, May 4,

8 p.m., Budget Worksession, Recreation, Community Center Saturday, May 7,

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

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, May 4, 5 and 6-

Aquatic and Fitness Center will be closed for repairs.

<u>Editorial</u> FY 2005 Budget Higher Taxes vs. Deep Cuts

It is unlikely that council will make significant changes to the proposed budget for the fiscal year or substantially reduce the proposed tax levy even though that budget proposes the highest tax rate increase in perhaps the city's history on top of substantial increases in assessed valuations of properties within the city. To do so would take a will that does not seem apparent. Council lacks that will in part because the budget proposed is essentially the council's budget. While City Manager Michael McLaughlin is responsible for submitting the budget proposal, he, following council guidelines, crafts that budget to reflect the policies and priorities set by council.

This Greenbelt council did not run for election to cut the budget or hold the line on taxes. Instead, all candidates, including those unelected, advocated bettering services. Citizens appearing before the council have generally sought improvements to city services not budget cuts. The only time a significant citizen turnout appeared at a budget worksession so far, they lobbied council to keep in the budget an item of special concern.

Nor have the citizens of Greenbelt done much so far to give council the will to make the hard choices needed to cut the budget. At the first public hearing on April 25, three citizens made only mild requests for minor cuts.

Unlike Congress, the Greenbelt City Council can not spend more than it gets. To maintain the present level of city services will require a tax increase.

As Mayor Judith Davis has pointed out, it will take a substantial sum - \$145,000 - to cut the budget by one cent. To avoid a tax rate increase, council will need to reduce the budget by \$870,000. The city is a service-oriented operation, relying primarily on paid employees. Salaries and related benefits form the greatest portion of city expenses. Thus, to significantly cut the budget, salary expenses for employees must be cut. Employees must be let go or vacant positions left unfilled. Either process means cutting city services.

No one publicly advocates that services be cut. City voters consistently re-elect incumbents or elect newcomers advocating similar platforms. Voters consistently rate city services as very good and even better than ever. Residents often say they want to stay in Greenbelt because it offers so much in the way of services.

Perhaps somewhere among the city's population there are those not satisfied with the way things are. If so, they need to come out from hiding and make themselves known in the strongest terms. Otherwise all of us, come next September, can expect to pay more in taxes.

Greenbelt CARES

ACE hosted its annual meeting for PTA presidents. This meeting is used to give local schools an opportunity to discuss common concerns and solutions. There were representatives from Springhill Lake Elementary, St. Hugh's School, Greenbelt Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The schools were all interested in ways to increase parental involvement in PTAs

Correction

The News Review neglected to report that Erin Henson was one of the main speakers on behalf of the Boxwood residents at the April 6 city council

and assistance with grant writing to benefit school programs, in addition to some programs specific to each school.

M. Burton's Big Win, **Cooke Scholarship** Michele Burton, the accom-

plished young woman of Laurel Hill Road whose achievements were summarized in last week's News Review, has still more to appreciate this week. She is one of 25 out of 700 applicants to be awarded a Jack Kent Cooke 2005 scholarship which will provide \$30,000 a year for up to three years of study. To vie for this scholarship, Burton had to write an essay about "When Does a Belief Become a Prejudice?"

Burton, currently a student at Prince George's Community College, is not yet sure where she plans to use the scholarship. She is still awaiting word on her applications to four-year schools and is reluctant to have her hopes put in print. As for the scholarship, she says she is "grateful to have it."

City Notes

Parking enforcement staff, in addition to routine duties, is giving particular attention to monitoring the fire lanes at 7501 Greenway Center Drive due to numerous complaints.

Planning staff attended meetings with the new owner of the former nursing home site to review preliminary development plans, Springhill Lake representatives regarding redevelopment and Fairfields to review plans for a multi-family housing development in the South Core of Greenbelt Station.

The Public Works horticulture crew planted 16 trees that were given to the city by the National Arboretum, completed planting water lilies which were left from Earth Day and fenced the new trees planted at the lake Park.

Parks crews completed the retaining wall and equipment installation at the playground near 73 court Ridge Road, continued work on the handicapped access ramp at the new Animal Control Facility and repaired umbrellas for Roosevelt Center.



Photos by Smallwood Shown at New Deal Café

Michael Smallwood's photographs will be on exhibit at the New Deal Café during May. Primarily landscapes, many of them at national parks, the pictures were taken during his travels.

Smallwood is well known as an abstract painter. His paintings have been exhibited at the WPA, the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the Addison/Ripley Gallery in Washington, D.C., as well as in museums in North Carolina and in the GSA Art in Architecture Program in Atlanta.

In the last three years,

Smallwood has turned more intensely to photography. Some photographs in the exhibit at the New Deal Café were included in "The Seductive Landscape," a four-person group show at the William Parker Gallery this year in Washington, D.C. All the photographs in the exhibit were taken with a digital camera.

Each image was processed through Photoshop with no additions or overlays to enhance or change the image. Each photograph is based on what was perceived at the moment the picture was taken.

Monthly art exhibits at the New Deal Café are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with supporting funds from Prince George's County and the Prince George's Arts Council.



This Joshua Tree looks rather like a broom.



This photo was taken of a church northeast of Albuquerque, N.M.



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

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<u>Saturday</u> *3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:30

<u>Sunday</u> *3:30, *5:30, 7:30

Monday - Thursday *5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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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

Explore Russian **Religious Icons**

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by John Cahill on "The Russian Icon: A Window Into Heaven" on Friday, May 6. Cahill will discuss the icon (a religious image) that has been produced for centuries by monks, nuns and lay people of the Christian Church in a variety of media. The images depict Jesus Christ, the Mother of God and countless prophets and saints. Most are done on wood but some are found on other materials and on the walls of Catholic and Orthodox churches throughout the world. The divine images are a form of liturgical art whose function is essentially spiritual and present a true "window into heaven." A collection of original Russian icons will be available for viewing during and after the presentation.

Cahill has B.A. and M.A. degrees and has taught a variety of courses in adult continuing education programs in several county public school systems and community colleges in Maryland, including the SAGE program for Prince George's Community College. Some of the courses he has taught include ancient and Biblical Greek, classical and ecclesiastical Latin. classical mythology in the arts, Latin and Greek etymology, ancient Greek civilization and opera.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the 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.

Arts Advisory **Board Meets**

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information, call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057.

"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, May 5. Beverly Berger from the National Sciences Foundation and Robbins Stebbins from Goddard Space Flight Center will speak on "LISA: Observing the Gravitational Wave Universe."

Cinco de Mayo **Celebration of Spring**

Spring is here and the City of Greenbelt will celebrate its arrival, along with the Cinco de Mayo holiday, on April 30 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

Carnival games, pinatas for all ages, moonbounce, make and take arts-n-crafts, the "Visions of Jazz" band and lots of good food will be available.

For information, call 301-397-2212 or 301-397-2200.

GATE Films Shown At New Deal May 4

GATE will host its monthly screening at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, May 4 from 8 to 9 p.m.

Productions include the GATE interns portfolio by Kurt Huston, Andrew Mangum and Steven Stewart. They incorporated a sampling of some of the projects they worked on this past school year with a little creativity.

Nick Dobson and Malia Murray won slots in the 48 Hour Film Project this weekend. Their teams will have 48 hours to write, rehearse, shoot and edit a 48 minute production. Their entries will be competing against 70 other teams in the Washington D.C. area. The winner will go on to the national competition against the other top city winners from London to Sydney and other American cities in between.

"TAG" was a National Film Challenge entry, the sister event to the 48 Hour Film Project, in October 2004.

Paul Allen will show a short done as a satirical service module for For Eyes optical. It is a humorous look at different ways to deal with the demanding public.

The screening event is free. For more information call the GATE Studio at 301-507-6581.

Seniors Win First Game, Beat Bowie

Greenbelt's senior softball team beat Bowie Gold in Bowie, 20-5, on Monday, April 25 for their first win of the new season. The first three Greenbelt batters singled to load the bases, then clean-up batter Fred Bohle homered to deep right. Thirdbaseman John Benish got six straight hits to run his streak to 11 in a row over two games. First-baseman Irv Salzberg hit

Cleanup Day At Greenbelt Park

Volunteers are needed to help clean up Greenbelt Park and campground and paint picnic tables. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday May 14 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 call 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at http://www.nps.gov/gree.

First 10 and Under Triathlon in City

Greenbelt children 10 years old and younger are in training to join the St. Hugh's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track team in the first-ever "kinGTUT" - the Greenbelt Ten and Under Triathlon, which will be held on May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The young triathetes will swim 40 meters, bike 1500 meters, and run 100 meters. At 11 a.m. the triathletes will yield to "specialists" in one sport for a triathlon relay where the youngest athletes (5-year-olds) will complete the third leg across Braden Field and run back to the start. Swim-leg participants can qualify before the race at any one of three Greenbelt swim team practices from 7 to 9 a.m. on three Sundays (May 1, May 8 and May 15). Bike-leg participants can learn bike safety from the Greenbelt Police Department on May 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Hugh's parking lot behind the rectory. All participants are encouraged to finish the race and swim or bike a leg of the relay.

Course details can be found online at http:// www.active.com/ event_detail.cfm?event_id=1214961

For more information contact Larry Hilliard by phone at 301-474-7504 or by email at LnLHilliard@yahoo.com.

Band Concert Sunday

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. on the gymnasium stage of the Community Center. This presentation is part of the Artful Afternoon series of cultural programs sponsored by the city. Admission is free.

The program will include such favorites as the theme for "Lawrence of Arabia" (the movie), "Die Fledermaus," "Overture," the overture from "I Do, I Do," selections from "The Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and other works. The band invites all to come enjoy this traditional community band concert. For additional information contact Conductor Tom Cherrix at 301-552-1444 or tcherrix@starpower.net.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule					
Date	Time	Games			
Mon., May 2	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Athletics			
Tues., May 3	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles			
Wed., May 4	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Tigers			
Thurs., May 5	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians			
Fri., May 6	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles			
Fri., May 6	7:00 p.m.*	Lions vs. Cubs			
Sat., May 7	10:00 a.m.	Indians vs. Cardinals			
Sat., May 7	1:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers			
Major League Standings as of Monday 4/25/05					
American League W-L		National League W-L			
Orioles	3 - 1	Cardinals 5 - 1			
Giants	3 - 2	Cardinals 3 - 1			
Tigers	2 - 2	Indians 2 - 2			
Athletics	0 - 5	Cubs 0 - 4			
2005 Machine Pitch Schedule					
Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home			
Mon., May 2	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies vs. Marlins			
Wed., May 4	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Phillies			
Fri., May 6	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Mets			

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.

FCS to Hold Groundbreaking

On Saturday, April 30 at 4 p.m. Friends Community School will hold a formal groundbreaking for its new building. The public is invited to attend. The location is just off Westchester Park Drive; parking is available. The school expects to open in the fall of 2006.

Come Discover A Sense of Place

A discussion group on "Discovering a Sense of Place" will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Old Greenbelt beginning on May 4. The location is yet to be determined.

Sponsored by Simplicity Matters Earth Institute (http:// www.simplicity-matters.org), the discussion will revolve around a series of readings designed to help participants become more aware of the distinctive geography, climate, plants, animals and culture of their region - in this instance Greenbelt. For more information visit http:// www.nwei.org/pages/ bioregion.html.

The nine-week program runs on consecutive Wednesday evenings through June 29 in Old Greenbelt. There is no cost to join the Discussion Circle but a Discussion Guide, plus Chesapeake Regional Supplement may be purchased.

For more information and for materials contact Frank De Bernardo at 301-474-5294 or FdeBernardo@aol.com.

Friends School Starts New Seventh Grade

Friends Community School (FCS) in College Park will hold an open house for seventh-grade applicants on Tuesday, May 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The school is now accepting applications for its new seventh grade, to begin in fall 2005. FCS teaches young people to be lifelong learners and to reach their fullest potential as individuals and contributing members of society.

The new seventh grade will include small class size, individualized instruction, individual research with primary source documents, overnight camping and canoe trips to West Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay, hands-on science inquiry including Project Jason, real-life problem solving, service to the school and the community and community building within the class and the school community.

Units of study will include 20th century issues, Greenbelt's history and philosophy, world religions and cross cultural comparisons with Japan.

FCS is currently located at 4601 Calvert Road, College Park. The school will move into its new building, surrounded by Greenbelt Park, in September 2006. For further information call 301-699-6086.



safely four times in five at-bats.

All 14 Greenbelt players, including near-in residents Eli Flam, Jim Harbaugh, Bert and David Kerr, Don "Lefty" Smith and Sterling Tropp got on base. The team played virtually errorless ball, with two double-plays, in rolling up their highest score in memory.

Pitching was shared by John Strekel and Ray Reed. With one win and two losses in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League, the team opens at Watkins Regional Park May 2 and May 4 at 10 a.m.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held on Friday, April 29 from noon to 6 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Call 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be able to participate as time allows between appointments.

Remove Invasive Plants at Park

Make a difference and help Greenbelt Park remove invasive plants. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 7. This is a hands-on nature activity for all ages. Bring gloves and water. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at http:// /www.nps.gov/gree.

Astronomy Class Greenbriar Learn about telescoping the night sky and the Community universe by local and professional astronomers Yard Sale at the H.B. Owens SATURDAY, MAY 7 Science Center 9AM-2PM 9601 Greenbelt Road May 18, 25, June 1, 8 7600 HANOVER PKWY 7:30 - 9 p.m. 301-441-1096 Bring paper & pencil **RAIN OR SHINE** Register by May 8: gacastroclass@excite.com 20+ VENDORS!!!! or call 301-513-7293

"Peace and Purpose" at New Deal May 5

Spook Handy and Eric Maring will perform "songs of peace and purpose" at the New Deal Café on Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m. Handy is currently on tour and has played in most of the 50

states. The themes of Handy's songs range from spiritual to political, sometimes blatant, sometimes covert and are full of fictitious and real characters who have walked through his life.

Handy has performed in dozens of prestigious festivals

throughout America, including the Kerrville Folk Festival and Susquehanna Music and Arts Festival and was named best folk artist by the "East Coast Rocker."

Maring was recently hailed by The Washington Post as an "unwavering optimist . . . who believes in the power of positive music with all his heart and soul." He has shared the stage with such folk greats as Dar Williams and Ellis Paul and has been all over the world, including India, where he traveled to perform for the Dalai Lama. In recent years he also studied flamenco guitar in Spain and the virtuoso techniques of guitarist Pierre Bensusan at his home in France.



Eric Maring

More information is available on the web at www.spookhandy.com and www.ericmaring.com.

Greenbelt Receives Tree City Award

Greenbelt has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the fifth year Greenbelt has received this national recognition.

Greenbelt is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in the following areas: planning and management, tree maintenance budget, tree planting and maintenance and street tree planting.

The Growth Award recognizes environmental improvement and higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Greenbelt has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"The trees we plant and care for today will cool and beautify our communities, increase property values, help clean the air and water and conserve energy for years to come," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Cur Neighbors Our condolences to Sue and Judy Powell, 16 Court Ridge Road, on the death of Milton "Sonny" Powell their son and brother.

Congratulations to David E. Wolf, a 2000 graduate of Queen Anne High School, who received a \$1,200 Joseph W. Mills Scholarship for his work as a graduate student at Washington State University. Wolf is a first-year graduate student studying geology. He is an introductory geology teaching assistant and plays intramural baseball and soccer. He received a bachelor's degree from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. Wolf is the son of Elizabeth Eng and Glenn Wolf of Greenbelt.

Congratulations also to Danielle Miller, a student at Hood College in Frederick, who was inducted into the Ionic Society on April 22. The Ionic Society was founded in 1976 with the purpose of honoring sophomores who successfully combined rigors of scholarship with outstanding leadership and service. Up to 21 sophomores are picked each spring to become members and during their tenure continue serving in projects involving both Hood College and Frederick.





	9:00 am 10:00 am	Christian education for all ages Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass
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O ye who	sub streng fertile; double i t moisture su believe, give	nd the likeness of those, who spend their stance, seeking to please God and to ythen their souls, is as a garden, high and heavy rain falls on it, but makes it yield a ncrease in harvest, and if it receives not fficeth it. God seeth well whatever ye do of the good things which ye have earned, which we have produced for you"



small electronic equipment (NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS) Also... Trade in your old mercury fever thermometer and receive a new FREE digital thermometer! For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other

Meetings for May 2-May 6

Monday, May 2, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center. Rm 112. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For information, call the Department of Public Works, 301-474-8004

Monday, May 2, 8:00pm, **Budget Work Session, FOP** Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Tuesday, May 3, 7:00pm, **Arts Advisory Board**, Greenbelt Community Center. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, at 240-542-2057.

Wednesday, May 4, 8:00pm, **Budget Work Session, Recreation,** Community Center.

10-13	12:00pm – 12:45pm
14 - 17	1:00pm – 1:45pm
18 - +	2:00pm – 2:45pm

6 -9

 When: Saturdays – Saturday, May 7 through Saturday, June 11 (six classes)
 Where: Braden Field Tennis Courts

11:00am - 11:45am

Fee:Resident \$30Non-Resident \$36Info:Greenbelt Recreation 301-397-2200

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MUNICIPALACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 2nd at 8:00pm: City Council Budget Work Session with the FOP "live" Tuesday & Thursday, May 3 & 5: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Food Stamp & Health Benefits," 6:30pm "It's Municipal Government 2005," 7:30pm Replay of Budget Work Session PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:Wednesday & Friday, May 4 & 6: 7pm "Future View," 7:30pm "Preserving the Future," 9pm GAC presents "Dr. Cooks Garden." hand & power equipment. Ability to read labels/warnings/directions on various cleaning supplies. One year of related work experience. Valid drivers license. Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, job line 301-474-1872 for application or download application from the web at http:// www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. EOE.

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ter Lawn this May Day. All ages are welcome. The Maypole Dance will start with a demonstration. Dance instructor and arts education specialist Monica Mische has coordinated the event with help from the Greenbelt Public Works staff.

For musical inspiration, at 3 p.m., hear a free performance by the full Greenbelt Concert Band under the direction of G. Thomas Cherrix. A variety of arrangements will be performed including Overture to "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss, Theme from "Lawrence of Arabia" by Maurice Jarre, "The Liszt Showcase" arranged by Donald Moore and "The Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Visitors at each month's Artful Afternoon can see artists-in-residence at work during the Studio Open House and Demonstrations, from 1 to 5 p.m. See the "School of Flying Fish," "Polar Bears," the "Woven Snake Sculpture" displays created by community members at previous Artful Afternoons, which are on display throughout the Community Center.

For historic perspectives on Greenbelt there will be guided tours of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road operated by the Greenbelt Museum from 1 to 5 p.m. This period house was recently used as a location in the History Channel's "FDR: A Presi-



The Green Man festival serves to remind us about our natural habitat and our relationship with the environment.

dency Revealed." Also visit the museum exhibit at the Community Center "Living the Healthy Life," which explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal Era with something for all ages. This exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, at 15 Crescent Road. Artful Afternoons are an excellent outing for families and people of all ages and a great introduction to the many programs and classes available through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For additional information contact Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

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Oetken also reported that 200 people turned out for the sneak preview of the Franklin Roosevelt film at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

In addition, Katie Scott-Childress will step down as part-time curator since she is moving to New Paltz, N.Y. Marge Rich, Rita Cacas and Mary Sies will step down from the FOGM board as new members Matt Berres, Jen Ruffner and Chris Stark take their places. Berres, who works for GHI, has served on the museum's fundraising committee. Ruffner has a background in museum studies and social history. Stark, who has been a program manager, has done grant writing.

Visitors to the museum in FY05 were estimated at 4,000 and volunteers completed approximately 5,000 hours in support of the museum's work.

The museum's FY06 proposed budget totals \$64,800, of which \$60,700 is targeted for personnel expenses. Management objectives include continuing to lead fundraising efforts to obtain matching funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities grant, completing a revised strategic plan for the museum and documenting the history of the area, including the plan to rebuild Springhill Lake apartments.

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sponsor of the festival, is an independent public television station based in Northern Virginia which "promotes intercultural understanding through intelligent programming and outreach." The MHz festival will also include "The Big Cheese," an animated short by Pallas Bane, a student in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program, a joint production of the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), holds classes in animation for young people year-round in GATE's studios at the Greenbelt Community Center.

GIVE BLOOD Friday, April 29 from 12 to 6 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center Call 301-397-2212 for appt.



NOTICE OF WORKSESSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS Wednesday, May 11, 2005 GHI Board Room 7:00 PM

Key Agenda Items • Yardline Pilot Project 34 Court Ridge 19 Court Hillside

Regular board meetings are open to members.



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Aviation Museum Open House on May 7

On Saturday, May 7 the College Park Aviation Museum will host a Restoration Facility Open House. The public is invited to take a short walk from the museum to the nearby facility where a crew of volunteers restore and repair the museum's fleet of vintage aircraft. This unique program provides a rare opportunity to see the building of a reproduction Curtiss Pusher and the restoration of a 1940 Aeronca Chief. Restoration Facility Manager John Liebl will be available to answer questions and explain the process of creating a museum-quality reproduction.

There is an admission charge for the museum. The Restoration Facility Open House is included at no additional cost. Reservations and registration are not required. An adult must accompany all children. The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park.



For more information, call the



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.

Sexual Assaults

April 20, 12:58 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a woman reported that she was asleep when a man forced his way into her bedroom, punched her several times, sexually assaulted her and then fled the scene. The man is described as a black male, 5'11" with a medium build. The woman was transported to the hospital for treatment. Investigation is continuing.

April 20, 8:20 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault and fourth degree sex offense. A woman reported that the man approached her inside the mall and asked for her phone number. After she refused to give out her number he began to follow her, caught up to her and allegedly hugged and fondled her. The man was located and detained by Beltway Plaza security officers, who contacted police. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robbery

April 21, 6:07 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a man reported that he was walking on the sidewalk when he was approached by two other men, who were both wearing ski masks and were armed with knives. They announced a robbery and one of the men cut the victim on his hand as he was pulling out money to give to them. Both men then fled the scene on foot. The victim was treated on the scene for a cut finger. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'10", wearing a white Tshirt, blue jeans and white shoes and a black male 6' to 6'2".

Weapons

April 16, 3:52 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man, the driver, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana as a result of a traffic stop. The passenger, a nonresident man, was arrested and charged with concealed deadly weapon, possession of marijuana and obstructing and hindering. Upon approaching the vehicle police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. The driver was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The passenger was found to be in possession of a loaded antique .44-



Police cars are now frequently stationed at Roosevelt Center.

knives. The adult was released on citation pending trial. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Unattended Children

April 19, 11:41 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a resident woman was arrested and charged with unattended child under the age of eight. Police responded to a report of two small children walking in the parking lot of the apartment complex. The children were located; investigation revealed that the children's mother allegedly left the children, ages seven and nine, in the house alone. She was located and released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

April 11, 8:04 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Police observed him shouting profanities in the Center, which caused a group of onlookers to gather and observe his actions. He was arrested when he refused to stop his behavior. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 16, 11:14 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police observed him shouting profanities in the mall. He was arrested when he refused to stop his behavior and was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

April 21, 12:20 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass and a second nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on posted property. Police responded to a report of two persons loitering in front of an apartment building. The men were located and investigation revealed that the first man had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. Both were released from the station on citation pending trial.

Police Seek Grant To Fund Cameras

A grant application for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant has been filed by the Greenbelt Police Department with the Bureau of Justice Administration.

The Police Department recommended the purchase of in-car mobile video cameras to be placed in patrol division supervisors' vehicles. The amount of funds available (\$18,840) would equip and support patrol squad supervisors with the technology.

The grant is the federal replacement for the Local Law Enforcement Block grant. No city match is required.

Sex Offender Registry Website

The link to the Sex Offenders Registry is on the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Service website: www.dpscs.state.md.us.

April 21, 1:06 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with fourth-degree burglary and trespass. The man, who had been evicted earlier in the week from the apartment in question, was arrested after he was found back inside the apartment without permission. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a red 1994 Ford Bronco, Maryland tags LFD692 from Beltway Plaza Mall; a maroon 1994 Nissan





caliber handgun and a quantity of suspected marijuana. Both were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

April 16, 5:43 p.m., Youth Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia, a resident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon and a second resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. While on bike patrol a policeman observed what he believed to be a drug transaction in Roosevelt Center. He followed the three to the rear of the Youth Center. The adult was found to be holding paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. One of the youths was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest marijuana and the other youth was found to be in possession of several

Burglaries

April 18, 1:51 p.m., Parkway Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence after the victim left the front door ajar. Money and cigarettes were taken.

April 19, 2:21 p.m., 100 block Lakeside Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by trying to pry open the front door lock. Entry was not gained.

April 20, 9:53 a.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, a commercial burglary was reported. Altima 4-door, Maryland tags 3AER99, a red 1999 Jeep Cherokee, Vermont tags DCF248 and a 2004 Mazda 4-door from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Five vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and

three by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Mandan Road, 7700 block Ora Court, Ora Glen Court and Burkhart Court, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Court and Beltway Plaza Mall.



ERHS' Kristy Picked for History Day

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) student Dylan Kristy was selected by the Prince George's County History Day Committee to present his project on Communication at the Maryland National History Day Finals, Senior Division, on April 30 at Montgomery College, Rockville campus. Kristy's entry was the only ERHS entry chosen to represent the county in the state competition.

The theme of History Day this year is "Communication -A Key to Understanding." Kristy's exhibit focuses on how two presidents had different results in trying to communicate the purpose of a world peacekeeping organization to the American people. His premise is that the United States did not join the League of Nations during the term of Woodrow Wilson because of Wilson's inability to successfully communicate the League's ideas and ideals to the American people. On the other hand, Franklin D. Roosevelt was able to communicate the idea of a global peacekeeping organization to the American people in a manner they could understand. The United States then joined the United Nations in 1945.

"I chose this topic because I wanted to learn more about Franklin Roosevelt's presidency, which led me to comparing his politics to Wilson's." Kristy used resources of the Greenbelt Library for this project and said, "I'd like to thank the li-



Dylan Kristy (right), a 9th grader at ERHS, explains his exhibit to a student teacher judge from Benjamin Tasker Middle School and a second judge John Lloyd in the Media Center at Tasker.

brarians who helped me with research and finding primary sources."

Kristy is a 9th grade student of Lakewood.

at ERHS in the Social Studies Scholar Program. His proud parents are Martha and Bob Kristy of Lakewood.

YARD SALE!

Windsor Green residents will be participating in a YARD SALE on: SATURDAY – May 7

9a.m. – 2p.m.

Look for: household items and furnishings, clothing and accessories, children's toys, games, books, crafts, etc. Directions: Greenbelt Rd. right on Frankfort Dr. (across from E.R.H.S.) Sale located in the Windsor Green Community Center parking lot. RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 8.

Parkinson's Support Group Meets at LRH

Persons with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers are welcome to meet at the Laurel Regional Hospital on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for conversation and a half-hour session of sit-down exercises led by a physical therapist.

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Earth Day in Greenbelt





At left, Celsianna Cornett is this year's winner of the Knights of Columbus fishing contest for children.



Participants young and younger planted trees along the lake.

At right, Mayor **Judith Davis shows** off this year's winning Earth Day Tshirt design and its designer Kerrie Smith while Councilmembers Ed **Putens and Rodney Roberts watch.**



Public Works Welcomes Visitors

by Jim Lara

While Greenbelters could participate in planting trees at Buddy Attick Park, they could also take a walk to the Public Works building which opened its facilities to the public in conjunction with the city's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 16. It was a bright, sunny day as people could look at the vehicles used to help clean the city and its neighborhoods.

The main exhibit of the open house was the greenhouse where over 6,000 plants are grown and kept in bloom. The whole structure is oval shaped and covered in layers of plastic that act as an insulation system, keeping the temperature always between 75 and 82 degrees. Horticultural Supervisor Brian Townsend said if it gets too warm, automatic fans will run to keep the temperature steady. During colder months a propane heater will kick on.



The Public Works Open House provided educational materials on recycling and environmental safety.

Family Activities

Families were invited to take hay rides around the complex. Kids enjoyed these as well as going inside police cars to operate the sirens and lights. All the while visitors were treated to hot dogs and lemonade that were served by the public works staff. Local resident Jennifer Wilson brought her 4year-old son Jaime after spending some time in the park. "My son loved riding on the hay truck and I thought all the plants displayed looked beautiful," said Wilson. Superintendent of Operations Carolyn Clemens was pleased to

see everyone having a good time as this was the sixth year the building has been opened to the public. "It gives us an opportunity to meet the citizens and let them see what we do," she said. Besides taking up recycling and trash, public works is involved in snow removal, paving walkways and horticulture. Clemens is hopeful that the open house will get even better the next couple of years as the department is in the process of getting permits to break ground on a new building and to expand the size of the administrative building.



Footloose Northway Revisited

By late Saturday morning the rain relents and spring pulls a hiker to the blue-blazed trail near the end of Northway. The way leads north into the inviting opening trod by many but unvisited by oneself since last fall.

Trees are beginning to leaf out; in the distance a few stray dogwoods ghost their white plumage. In boggy patches congregations of skunk cabbage shine glossily. A familiar foot bridge crosses the creek and its muddy water, here sluggish, there gurgling. Around a bend spreads a tumult of wild daisies. A faint whirr of traffic on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway inhabits the air.

From a twin oak, hefty trunks rise straight – 70, 80 feet high though the joint base is hollowed out. Trees that couldn't weather the winter are strewn about, some notched at an angle in live brethren. Others from earlier times are tilted against the rusty fence that's reached soon enough, the fence with faded signs that read, U.S. Property - No Trespassing.

Now the trail, trending westward, parallels the border for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Breaks in the high cyclone fence not caused by fallen trees clearly track to creatures other than deer that roam the woods on both sides. A hiker is tempted to follow a well-worn path that winds to the fields beyond, where corn or soybeans or other crops will rise in a couple of months.

With or without such a diversion, the backs of GHI multi-units on Ridge Road soon show up in the middle distance; Greenbelt Elementary School appears in about a half-hour at a good pace from the start. On the way back a young couple exchanges greetings and the thought fills the air: How fortunate we are to still have this retreat and the matching woods beyond the fence. In too many places bulldozers bust in and new houses follow. We need stretches of untrammeled land where we can breathe free and be reminded of what so much of the area, the region, the world was before humans exerted their sway. And to be ready to hike in when the mood strikes. Further, if another mood strikes on leaving Northway, you can satisfy it a mile away at any of four eateries at Roosevelt Center - Beijing, Chef Lou, Generous Joe's and the New Deal Café, not to mention the Co-op grocery. And from there you might even walk home.

The plants are watered twice daily and get their supply from a tank that collects water from rainfall. "They start out as seeds, then it takes two months for them to grow full size and we'll plant them into the landscape," said Townsend. Some of the plants are distinguished by their colors. The Begonia Dragon will have red flowers adorning it while the Star Gold has yellow flowers. The Lantana plant stood out for its lemon smell.

Townsend added that the department plants a high number of trees every year along with the flowers at areas like the Greenbelt Community Center and on Hanover Parkway. "We also try to maintain the trees by removing any dead branches so they can be standing for years to come," Townsend said. They also provided about 70 trees for the planting ceremony by the park lake.

– Eli Flam



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