

Council Reviews City's Largest Budget Request – Public Safety

by James Giese

On April 27 the Greenbelt City Council went over the budgets for Public Safety. At \$8,205,900 Public Safety comprises the largest segment of the city budget. No citizens other than representatives of the fire and police departments and the press were present at the meeting. Of the four budgets in the Public Safety category, almost all of the funds are allocated to the police department – \$8,006,700. The budget review began with an elaborate presentation.

Police Chief James Craze started off with good news/bad news. Class I crimes, the more serious class of offenses, have decreased by 7.2 percent, the second year in a row. Since 2002, crime is down 12.8 percent. However, crimes against persons have risen for the second year in a row – up 21.4 percent.

These crimes – assaults, robberies, rapes and murders – are still below the high point reached in 2002. Most reported crimes relate to property, such as burglary, theft, auto theft and vandalism, with these comprising 88.8

percent of all offenses. In 2004, 76 percent of all crimes were committed in Springhill Lake.

The more than 36,000 calls for police service represented an increase over the previous year, but still below the figures for 2001 and 2002. Traffic citations were up for the year by 40 percent and parking citations by 37 percent. (Code enforcement citations are accounted for separately.) Red light camera citations, however, were down by 28 percent, due in part to fewer violations at lights where there is enforcement, but also due to two cameras being out of service as a result of state highway work.

Of the persons arrested, 35 percent are city residents, 44 percent are Prince George's County residents and the remainder are from elsewhere. Traffic accidents declined slightly, but serious accidents involving injury were down a significant 27 percent. The hours of bike patrolling increased by 7 percent and the hours of foot patrolling increased slightly.

As reported in the annual state Uniform Crime Reports, the

crime rate for Maryland was 4.5 victims for every 1,000 population, 7.2 victims per 1,000 for Prince George's County and 6.2 for Greenbelt.

Greenbelt's rate of clearance of crimes investigated is 18 percent compared with 22 percent statewide and 7 percent for Prince George's County.

A crime is cleared when police have identified the offender and have evidence to charge and actually take the offender into custody. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in relation to one crime.

Accreditation

The department is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This lengthy multi-year process is about 60 percent complete, Craze told council. The benefit to the city, he said, is that it assures citizens, the department and council that we are doing business the right way.

Fewer than 20 percent of po-

See **PUBLIC SAFETY**, page 6

Three Citizens Suggest Cuts To Budget at Public Hearing

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt's proposed Fiscal Year 2006 budget is scheduled for adoption at the regular city council meeting on June 6. Per city code, a public hearing must be held on the budget prior to its adoption. However, the Greenbelt City Council now schedules two hearings. The first public hearing on the FY06 budget occurred during the regular city council meeting on April 25. The meeting was recessed so the hearing could take place. A second hearing will be held on May 23.

Citizen Comment

Three citizens addressed council about the proposed budget. Charles Hagelgans offered a number of suggestions to cut the new budget including cutting some positions, changing landscaping to reduce maintenance and selling the police department's rescue vehicle for cash, which would also save on maintenance. He questioned the amount budgeted for councilmembers to belong to various associations and attend conferences. He also suggested in the future preparing a plain text budget booklet without the color pictures and glitz in this year's edition.

Suzanne Krofchik and Frank Gervasi both protested the increase in property taxes. Krofchik advocated making people aware of the cost of things and suggested

including an item on the election questionnaire asking citizens how much they want property taxes to increase to cover the costs of the services they want. She also suggested the city levy a special assessment to cover some programs instead of increasing taxes, which never seem to go down once raised. She suggested city departments be directed to plan for no increases in their annual budgets.

Gervasi addressed the fact that the full impact of increasing property taxes due to the last assessment has not yet been felt due to the three-year phase in of the increased assessment. He spoke against the increase in the tax rate when assessments have increased and no doubt will again in the next assessment. He said people on fixed incomes cannot afford higher taxes.

City Response

Mayor Judith Davis and other councilmembers explained to Hagelgans that the city benefits from sending more than one councilmember to conferences because there are numerous breakout sessions on different topics and just one person could not attend them all.

Suggested changes in landscaping have been brought up before but the city grows its own annual plants instead of buying them and residents have a certain level of

expectations regarding the landscaping.

Davis said the police rescue vehicle was donated to the city, not purchased. It has been used already in a hostage situation. She asked that staff seek information from the police department on its maintenance costs.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he could ask department heads to submit their proposed budgets based on no increases in funding.

Davis asked McLaughlin why there has not been a surplus in the budget since property assessments have caused taxes to go up and he explained that revenues from sources other than property taxes have gone down and the property tax is the only source of funding over which the city has control. He added the city will lose some revenue from the amusement and entertainment tax because half the theaters at Beltway Plaza have closed. Davis noted that costs have gone up even as revenues have gone down.

Before re-convening the council meeting, Davis read an email from a group of citizens who wrote in support of the tax increase based on the "excellent services found in Greenbelt."

Metroland Is on Agenda

by Elaine Skolnik

The News Review has learned that Greenbelt City Solicitor Robert Manzi has received and reviewed the Joint Development Agreement executed on December 21, 2000, between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration (WMATA) and Metroland Developers, LLC. Council met with Manzi in executive session earlier this week to be briefed and further discuss the current Greenbelt Station Development agreement between the city and Metroland, contract purchaser of the North Core Metro tract.

At its next meeting on Monday, May 9 council will have the matter on its agenda. Further revisions could be made to the agreement between the city and Metroland based on Manzi's review of the Joint Development Agreement.

Negotiations dealing with the city-developer agreement stalled at the April 11 city council meeting when WMATA, current owner of the 78-acre North Core Metro tract, refused to sign the agreement between the city and Metroland. WMATA objected to the agreement, particularly to the density limits and to the granting of site and other plan approvals to the city. WMATA has resisted granting such approval authority to the city unless statutorily mandated.

To deal with these objections at the April 11 meeting, the agreement between the city and Metroland was modified to cover only the South Core until such time as the North Core is purchased by the developers.

Fire Department Expects New Engine in Summer

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council began its worksession of April 27 on the public safety budgets by meeting with representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS). Attending were Fire Chief Brian Rudy, President Chris Fleschman and Vice President Jay Remenick. The budget provides a lump sum of \$55,000 as an annual contribution to the department to be used toward the replacement of equipment.

Once the budget is adopted, the money is set aside in an agency fund reserved for the fire department's use. With this year's contribution, \$329,500 will be available to the department.

Rudy told council that the department is purchasing a new engine truck from Seagraves Fire Apparatus. The contract price of \$391,370 is slightly less than the amount the department had budgeted. Delivery is expected in July or August, a little sooner than originally expected.

The department will sell Engine #352 to supplement expenses over the \$329,500 avail-

able from the city. Rudy also furnished the council with a current replacement schedule for all of its equipment.

GVFD&RS, which has now completed its 50th year, is an independent organization with close ties to the city. Besides the city's contributions toward equipment purchases, the city built and owns the fire station at 135 Crescent, which it leases at a nominal sum to the department.

The department also receives funds from Prince George's County which has primary responsibility for fire services. The county provides centralized communications services and otherwise coordinates fire responses from the many volunteer and paid companies within its jurisdiction. It also provides full-time paid firefighters to the various stations as needed, three in the case of Greenbelt, to cover the daytime hours when few volunteers are available to respond.

Although the county provides funds for equipment purchases,

See **FIRE BUDGET**, page 6

What Goes On

Saturday, May 7

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Greenbelt Pet Expo, Community Center

Monday, May 9

7 p.m., Recycling and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Reception for ACE Students, Municipal Building

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

Tuesday, May 10

7:30 p.m., Board of Elections, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 11

7 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Worksession, GHI Board Room

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Contribution Groups,

Community Center

Thursday, May 12

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

*Editorial***Let Them Count on You**

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS) has completed 50 years of volunteer service to the community. This group of dedicated men and women, without fanfare and with great dependability, have been there all those years when the community needed them. Every Greenbelter owes them a big thank you.

While our congratulations may be a little late (their anniversary celebration was held March 12) it is not too late to remind our readers of the best way to express their thanks. That is by participating in the annual fund drive for the volunteer department now underway. Please be generous and send your checks by mail to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department at 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt.

There is another way you may show your support to the department – by becoming a volunteer. While mostly the younger members show up at fires, others, such as the ladies auxiliary, provide support to the department in many ways. If you are interested in joining the department's effort to keep Greenbelt safe, write a note, give a call or stop by the station.

We look forward to relying on the GVFD&RS and the other area fire departments who respond in Greenbelt to protect us for many years to come. They can do it only with our continued support, as volunteers and by contributing to their fund drives. We count on them; let them count on you.

Pet Expo Will Be Held on Saturday

The City of Greenbelt will hold its annual Pet Expo this Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Community Center lawn. There will be all kinds of activities for pets and people. Necessities such as county rabies vaccination clinic and licensing and micro chipping will be available.

There will be demonstrations, tables by veterinary groups, animal trainers and pet rescue and adoption organizations. Pet massage, acupuncture, caricatures and photography will offer special services for attending pets. Among other fun activities will be dog dancing, fly ball and agility demonstrations.

Activities for the people accompanying their pets include face painting, a moon bounce, entertainment by Donny Gloves and food by the New Deal Café. Previous Pet Expos have brought out crowds of Greenbelters with dogs, cats and other pets of every description for a colorful, fun day that includes meeting neighbors' animal companions.

A reminder: pets must be under control for their safety, that of other pets and humans privileged to attend the event with or without pets. A beloved cat made its get away at a prior Pet Expo and was missing for a long time before being reunited with its worried family.

Low Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic

The Prince George's County Health Department will hold a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center as part of Greenbelt's Pet Expo. Dogs, cats and ferrets over three months of age will be vaccinated. All animals must be accompanied by an adult and dogs must be on a leash. Cats and ferrets must be in a carrier box.

Vaccinations are good for one year if a dog or cat has not been vaccinated before and three years if previously vaccinated within the past three years. Bring proof of prior vaccination. Ferrets must be re-vaccinated every year. Pet licenses are also available.

If an animal has been neutered the fee is \$5; if not the fee is \$25. Exact change is required. For more information call 301-583-3782.

*On Screen***“Downfall” Shows At Old Greenbelt**

From Friday May 6, the Old Greenbelt Theatre will alternate “Downfall” with the continuing “Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill” at least for the next week. The new German film, with subtitles, dwells on Adolph Hitler's last days in his Berlin bunker in 1945. Primed by a recent documentary of the Nazi leader's personal secretary (Traudl Junge, played by Alexandra Maria Lara), “Downfall” – directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel – also focuses on such intimate figures as Eva Braun and propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels' wife, Magda.

Veteran actor Bruno Ganz commands the screen as an alternately raging and seemingly genteel Hitler who salutes himself for the Holocaust. Little new has been found in these scenes to illuminate the ravaging figure who started World War II; the question of individual culpability is addressed by the voice of Traudl Junge herself. R, 155 minutes. – *Eli Flam*

Canine Cancer Topic at Pet Expo

On Saturday, May 7 Victoria Barquero will speak about treatment options for pets with cancer and describe success stories. Her topic will be, “Diagnosis Cancer: Do Not Despair!” Barquero established the Perseus Foundation in memory of her Chinese Shar Pei named Perseus Magic who died from a rare type of skin cancer. The foundation empowers pet owners to make informed decisions and fund research and clinical trials. Barquero will speak on Saturday morning at the Pet Expo.

Native Plant Tour Offered

On Friday, May 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. there will be an informal tour of the Fern Valley Native Plant Collection at the U.S. National Arboretum with curator Joan Feely. Admission is free, no registration is required. Meet at the Fern Valley parking area. Visit <http://www.usna.usda.gov> or call 202-245-4523 for information.

Rhododendron Event Held

On May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. free a rhododendron show and sale will be held in the auditorium of the U.S. National Arboretum. Members of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will show off the results of their garden labor by exhibiting their best trusses – flowering branches – during this annual event. People can purchase rare and unusual azaleas and rhododendrons. Visit <http://www.usna.usda.gov> or call 202-245-4523 for information.

Beltsville Club's Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will sponsor their second plant sale of the season on Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. until noon at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. For information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit <http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org>.

Letters to the Editor**THANKS**

Thanks to all who donated blood on April 29 at the Greenbelt Community Center. There was a large turnout resulting in a successful blood drive. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its worthy service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage. The blood drive was the most efficient one in recent times. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, June 28 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment if you have not been contacted by the Red Cross. Walk-ins will be accepted to fill spaces for people who did not make their appointments.

*Janet Goldberg
Recreation Coordinator*

A Very Special Little Boy

Thank you for all the cards, support, love and prayers that have been an important part of Bryan's recovery. We feel that is what has kept him so strong and happy. Although he has a long

road in front of him, Bryan truly is a survivor. We are hopeful that 2005 and 2006 will be extremely good years for us. Please remember to keep Bryan in your prayers. He is a very special little boy.

*Bryan's
Family*

THANKS

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) would like to express appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of its annual rummage sale, held on Sunday, May 1 in front of the New Deal Café. A big thank you to all those who donated their items for sale as well as those who came and made purchases. The biggest thank-you of all goes to the following volunteers who gave their time to make the event possible: Diane Fishburne, Joyce Krieger, Gene Krebs, Chris Logan, Richard McMullin, Andy Nitz, Eileen Peterson, Bill Phelan, Barbara and Ray Stevens.

The money raised from the annual rummage sale will be used to support music and art shows at the New Deal Café and in Roosevelt Center.

*Barbara Logan, Chair
Rummage Sale
Barbara Simon,
President
FONDCA*

Corrections

Last week's editorial erred in its headline by referring to the Fiscal Year 2005 budget. The budget now under consideration by the city is for Fiscal Year 2006 beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.

Also the missing author of the story of Dylan Kristy's History Day entry was Suzanne Krofchik.

The News Review regrets the errors.

**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.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of May 6

THE WILD PARROTS OF TELEGRAPH HILL (G) DOWNFALL (R)

Friday
Downfall *4:45, 8:00

Saturday

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“Best of the Cliff Hangers”
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Parrots *2:30
Downfall *4:45, 8:00

Sunday

Parrots *1:00, *3:00
Downfall *4:45, 7:45

Monday-Thursday

Parrots *5:30
Downfall 7:30

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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

Community Events

Mamas & Papas Hold Potluck

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas playgroup will hold a potluck on May 11 at 11 a.m. at the Buddy Attick Park playground. If it rains, the location is the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Meet other local parents for fellowship and support while babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers play.

Contact Anne Gardner at annegard@smart.net or 301-220-1721.

Explore Chinese Adoptions

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Ellen Dan, chief executive mom, on Friday, May 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Dan will discuss the Chinese adoption process she and her husband went through to adopt Chinese twins. She will also discuss aspects of Chinese culture, beliefs and traditions. A slide show of her trip to China in March 2005 will be shown.

Dan, a resident of Columbia, Md., was an information technology manager prior to adopting her twins. She married into a Chinese family 15 years ago, so she is very familiar with the Chinese traditions. She has traveled to China on four different occasions.

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 information.

Hunting Ridge Elects Board

The results of the April 27 election held at Hunting Ridge are as follows: Kay Moomey, president; Ronald C. Brooks, vice president; Carol Kossuth, secretary; George Miller, treasurer; and Mary Matovich, director.

Board meetings are held monthly at the Clubhouse, 6914 Hanover Parkway. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. The board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Invasive Plant Removal May 7

Make a difference and help Greenbelt Park remove invasive plants on Saturday, May 7. Bring gloves and water and meet at the Sweetgum picnic area at 11 a.m. This is a hands-on nature activity for all ages.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Cleanup Day Basket Bingo 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/>.

To Support Festival

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will hold a basket bingo with filled baskets, door prizes, raffles and more on Friday, May 13 at the Greenbelt American Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available. All attendees will get a free synthetic rabbit's foot keychain. The fee is less if paid in advance. For more information call 301-982-2312 or 301-910-0050.

Astronomy Classes On Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold a class for anyone interested in learning about astronomy. There will be four sessions on Wednesday evenings between 7:30 and 9 p.m. beginning on May 18. The sessions will be held at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. There will no cost for the class and no text required.

For more information or to register call Ray Stevens at 301-513-7293 or email gacastroclass@excite.com by May 8. Anyone interested in the Greenbelt Astronomy Club can visit the website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org>.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
"Humor and Laughter" was the theme of the April 27 meeting. Activities Chair Micki Weidenfeld read some comments on the use of laughter therapy to relieve stress and make people feel younger. After Lori Moran and Mary Gardner entertained with a program of jokes, everyone had a good laugh and felt younger and less stressed.

The Golden Age Club is sending happy thoughts to Leney Holohan who is recovering from surgery.

There are still openings on the trip to the National Zoo on May 17. Come along and share some laughs with the animals at the zoo.

"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 12 by Jim Lochner, Universities Space Association, Goddard Space Flight Center. He will speak on "Exploring Beyond Einstein: NASA's Search for Answers."

GIAC Board Meets

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt police station. New and old members are invited to attend and all ideas are welcome. Directions to the police station and other information about the cooperative can be found at www.greenbelt.com/giac.

Star Party to Be Held on Saturday

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club (GAC) will host a star party this Saturday, May 7. The event will take place at the Wolfe Fields on Northway, Extended. It begins at 8:30 p.m. The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects.

Future GAC events can be found at the website at: <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, a star party will be cancelled without further notice.

Pedestrian Signal Request Approved

The Maryland State Highway Administration has approved a request by the City of Greenbelt for a countdown pedestrian signal for Greenbelt Road (MD 193) at Hanover Parkway.

The signal design and implementation process normally takes approximately one year.

GHI Notes

May 7 - Pet Expo, Community Center, 9 a.m.

May 7 - "No Ivy" Day, 9 a.m. to noon, 2 Court Ridge Road

May 10 - Finance Committee, 7 p.m., GHI Board Room

May 11 - Woodlands Committee, 7 p.m., GHI Lunch Room; Board Worksession on Yard Line Pilot Project, 7 p.m., Board Room

May 12 - Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

May 14 - Native Plants for GHI Yards Workshop, 1 to 3 p.m., Board Room

GHS Plans Annual Reunion Luncheon

The Greenbelt High School annual reunion luncheon will be held on May 7 for all GHS students, spouses, friends, guests and faculty. The luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 located at 6900 Greenbelt Road. Call Pauline Bordas for information at 301-474-8657.

Basket Bingo to benefit Labor Day Festival at the American Legion Greenbelt Road

Tickets - \$20/\$17 in advance
20 games, 2 specials
Filled baskets, raffles door prizes. Refreshments.
Doors open 6 p.m.; Games @ 7 p.m.
301-982-2312 or 301-910-0050

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 9	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cardinals
Tues., May 10	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cubs
Wed., May 11	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Giants
Thurs., May 12	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Lions
Fri., May 13	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Fri., May 13	7:00 p.m.*	Giants vs. Orioles
Sat., May 14	10:00 a.m.	Lions vs. Indians
Sat., May 14	1:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics

Major League Standings as of Monday 5/03/05

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

2005 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., May 9	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Marlins
Wed., May 11	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Phillies
Fri., May 13	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies 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.

Triathlon Practice Is Getting Underway

Young triathletes - children ages 10 and under - are practicing for the first-ever "kinGTUT" - the Greenbelt 10 and under Triathlon sponsored by St. Hugh's Catholic Youth Organization track team.

In addition to the individual swim, run and bike competition, youngsters may compete in a triathlon relay race. Swim-leg participants will need to qualify before the race at any one of three Greenbelt swim team practices from 7 to 9 a.m. on Sundays, May 8 or 15.

Course details can be found online at http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1214961 or call Larry Hilliard for more information at 301-474-7504.

Widowed Persons Support Group

The next Patuxent Widowed Persons Service 6-week support group session will begin on May 19 in the Community Center. The meetings take place every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

At the Library

Wednesday, May 11, 4 p.m. - Bookkids, ages 8 to 12, Book Discussions, Hope Anita Smith's "The Way the Door Closes."

7 p.m. - Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. to noon - Poetry Plus. The subject is nature.



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9AM-2PM

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H.B. Owens Science Center
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May 18, 25, June 1, 8
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Bring paper & pencil
Register by May 8:
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 **PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, May 12, 2005
GHI Board Room
7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items

- Approval of Patriot Mortgage as a Lender
- Request for Rule Change - Interim Permit Procedure
- Discussion of Hedges and Green Privacy Screens - Bamboo & Evergreens
- Contract for Underground Storage Tank Removal - 1st Reading

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Obituaries

Milton H. Powell, Jr.

Milton H. "Sonny" Powell, Jr., of 16 Court Ridge Road, died April 26, 2005, at Doctor's Community Hospital of complications of diabetes. He was 53.



A lifelong resident of Prince Georges County, he was born January 6, 1952, at Prince George's Hospital Center. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his mother Annette "Sue" Powell and a sister Judy Powell, both of 16 Court Ridge Road, and a brother Billy Powell of Mt Airy.

Richard A. Newkirk

Former Greenbelter Richard A. Newkirk, 79, died on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at Sylvia's House of the Hospice of Marion County, Ocala, Fla. He had lived on Lakecrest Drive until he moved to Chambrell, Fla., in 2003.

Mr. Newkirk was born in Quincy, Ill. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. A graduate of the University of Miami, he was employed as an entomologist with the Environmental Protection Agency for over 40 years.

Survivors include a son James and daughter-in-law Joy, Ocala; a daughter Meghan, Maryland; two brothers, George, Ocala, and Charles, Illinois; and two grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be made to the United Way of Marion County, P.O. Box 1086, Ocala, FL 34478.

Arrangements were made by the Veterans Cremation and Burial Society.

Linda Murphy

Linda Carol West Murphy, 57, of Mandan Road, died at Georgetown University Hospital on Thursday, April 28, 2005, after approximately a year of declining health.

Ms. Murphy was born in High Point, N. Car., on July 9, 1948. In 1952 she moved to Washington, D.C., with her parents Marvin and Sallie West and younger sister Jennifer. She graduated from McKinley Technical Senior High School in Washington, D.C., in 1966 and went to Katie B. Reynolds School of

Nursing in Winston-Salem, N. Car. After graduating from nursing school in 1969 she worked as a registered nurse at Washington Hospital Center for 30 years. After retiring from nursing, she worked in Greenbelt, where she was best known here as GHI's friendly receptionist.

Ms. Murphy was affiliated with Franklin P. Nash United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Chancel Choir, Gospel Choir and Nash Choraleers and held various offices on the Usher Board, United Methodist Women and the Board of Trustees. She loved working on her computer and while serving on the Communications Committee at the church she prepared many fliers, letters, posters and other promotional materials. She organized the Adult Liturgical Dancers and enjoyed performing in this form of worship. She was known as a kind, devoted, diligent, loyal and tireless person with a unique sense of humor who loved people and was always ready to help anyone who needed her.

Survivors include her parents Marvin and Sallie West of Ramseur, N. Car.; her sister Jennifer Kinney of Greenbelt; two goddaughters, Claudette Simpson of Laurel and Yvonne Washington of Washington, D.C.; two godsons, Brent Simpson of Cheverly

In Memoriam - Linda Murphy

It is with deep sorrow that we inform all Greenbelt Homes, Inc., members and friends of the passing of Linda Murphy on Thursday morning, April 28, 2005.


Linda served ably as GHI's full-time receptionist from October 16, 2000, until her death. She was extremely courageous in facing her illness, refusing to give in to pain or discomfort by complaining. Even waiting for a liver transplant did not cause her to waiver in her hopes for the future.

We will sincerely miss her calm and friendly demeanor as she greeted and assisted co-workers, GHI members and friends.

- Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

and LaFred Tinnin of Asheboro, N. Car.; a goddaughter, Stephanie Simpson of Largo; uncles, cousins and numerous other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on May 2, 2005, at Franklin P. Nash United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C.; interment was in Ramseur, N. Car., on May 4, 2005.

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Our condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of GHI Receptionist Linda Murphy, of Mandan Road, who died Thursday, April 28, 2005.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Richard A. Newkirk of Ocala, Fla.

Congratulations to Nyssa Jean Cummings, daughter of Cynthia and Jay Cummings of Northway, who was named to the Goucher College Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester.

A warm welcome to Jane Victoria Focht who was born on May 3, 2005, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, to parents Rose and Michael. Jane is the first great-grandchild for Leonie Penney of Northway. Rose's mom is Olga, Leonie's daughter. The young family resides in Buford, Ga.


Former Greenbelter Todd Kliman, son of Greenbelters Ted and Itsy Kliman, has received the annual James Beard Foundation Bronze Award medallion for best food column writer in the United States. The award, the highest of honors for food and beverage writers, was announced on April 29 in New York City. Todd, who received the News Review's Skolnik Award when he was a


student at ERHS, was the only Beard award winner from the metropolitan Washington area. His column "Young and Hungry" is available online and appears weekly in the Washington City Paper. Kliman and his wife Ellen now live in Hyattsville.

Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morissette's sculpture "Ladbird at Haystack" will be included in a new exhibit at the Apex Gallery at 406 Seventh Street N.W., Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to Matt Johnson, UM freshman, who interned this semester at the News Review as a reporter. Matt was accepted as a sports intern for the summer at television station WBAL in Baltimore.


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 Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

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 - The Holy Qur'an, 2:164
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May P&J Film Will Be "Smith Islanders"

On Sunday, May 15 at 4 p.m. the Peace and Justice Coalition will show the next in its series of progressive films at the Community Center. The film, a half-hour documentary, "We Are All Smith Islanders," will be shown on the Community Center lawn if the weather is sunny, inside if it is rainy. Mike Tidwell, director of Chesapeake Climate Action Network, journalist and one of the film's writers and directors, will introduce the film, present the latest energy policy initiatives and lead a discussion following the film.

One of many activities of the Greenbelt 2005 Green Man Festival, the upcoming Peace and Justice progressive film deals with global warming. Global warming is a real and present danger, no longer seen as just a threat to the next generation. Produced by the Chesapeake Island Action Network, the film portrays Smith Island, Maryland's last inhabited Chesapeake Bay island, whose fishing community is already nearing extinction, as a

harbinger of the effects of global warming on the region's health, economy and environment. Against this grim scenario, the film also presents some heartening, viable clean-energy solutions. "We Are All Smith Islanders" was written, filmed and directed by Mike Tidwell and Mike Cohen.

People can visit the website www.chesapeakeclimate.org for more information about the film and Chesapeake Climate Action Network. Greenbelt Access Television will videotape the progressive film series event for later showing on Channel 71.

NAMI Holds Support Groups

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) of Prince George's County holds monthly family support groups. On Monday, May 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., a group will meet at the Senior Center Music Room, 14900 Health Care Dr., Bowie. For information call 301-265-8454.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building
 Reception for ACE Students – 7:30 p.m.
 Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
 May 9, 2005

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Student Awards
 Legislative Wrap-Up – 22nd District Delegation
 Public Works Week - Proclamation
 Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day – Proclamation
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Arts Advisory Board, Report #05-001 (Contribution/Recognition Group Applications)

Forest Preserve Task Force, Communication, 5/3/2005 (Update)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Program
- Greenbelt Station - Draft Development Agreement Metroland Developers, LLC
- * Application for Transfer of Liquor License – Greenbelt Shell
- * Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) – Board of Trustees Ballot
- * Resignation from Advisory Group
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

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

Meetings for May 9-May 13

- **Monday, May 9,** 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center
- **Monday, May 9,** 7:30pm, Reception for ACE Students, Municipal Building
- **Monday, May 9,** 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting/ACE Student Awards/Legislative Update, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)
- **Tuesday, May 10,** 7:30pm, Board of Elections, Municipal Building
- **Wednesday, May 11,** 7:30pm, **Budget Work Session, Contribution Groups,** Community Center

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.

NOTICE

The Greenbelt Community Center handicap ramp closure (east entrance) has been extended until approximately May 13, 2005.

The rear entrance, next to playground, is handicap accessible. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

The Prince George's County Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in the Commercial Kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least a day in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Meals are \$2.25. Please call 301-397-2208 x2236 to make reservations.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 9th at 8:00pm: City Council Meeting/ACE Student Awards/Legislative Update "live," **Tuesday & Thursday, May 10 & 12: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Applying for Food Stamp & Health Benefits," **6:30pm** "ACE Literary Showcase 2005," **7:30pm** "A Touch of Sinatra," **8:45pm** "Replay of Council Meeting of 5/9/05."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 11 & 13: 7pm Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition "Stuck with the Truth," **8:15pm GAC presents** "I Remember Mama."

"Yard Waste" stickers for yard waste bins are available free at Public Works. Call 301-474-8004 for information.



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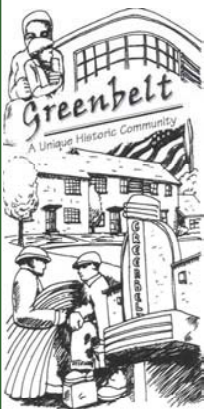
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lice agencies are now accredited, he said. Other benefits are lower insurance rates and easier ability to defend departmental actions in court.

The chief reviewed a number of initiatives and accomplishments of the department over the past year. Of particular interest was the placing online of the lap-top computers. Not having done so was a subject of criticism last year by the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police. While satisfied with technical help the department has been receiving from city technicians, Craze said the city could use more technicians.

When asked if the officers were using the computers, Craze responded, "Some use it a lot, some use it some and some use it not as much as I would like them to."

The need for homeland security has significantly affected the department, Craze said. It has been necessary for the department to assign officers to become specialists in homeland security issues. A part-time homeland security coordination unit has been formed to deal with the training and equipment needs of the department and to better prepare employees should the need arise.

The city procured equipment totaling \$20,000 with homeland security funds extended by the county. Included were automated external defibrillators, personal protective equipment and training.

Loitering

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who noted an increased police presence at Roosevelt Center, asked how long it will last. Lieutenant Thomas Kemp responded that he expected it to drop off a little but that there would be a higher presence than in the past. Councilmember Konrad Herling noted that the problem of persons gathering at the underpass by the Mobil Station had been taken care of.

Kemp described police presence as like squeezing a balloon. You squeeze it in one place and it bulges out in another. That problem, he said, has moved to Hillside. However, he felt that each squeeze reduces the problem a little.

Recruitment has become a greater problem for the department although, when two recruits complete their training, there will be a full complement. Recently only 12 people showed up for an entrance examination. "We used to have a 100 or more," Craze said. The department advertises as far away as Baltimore and Pennsylvania, once considered ripe recruiting grounds for new employees. The two now in training are both reserve officers in the military. One is from Greenbelt, the other from southern Maryland.

With a full complement, the department will provide a community-oriented police officer for Springhill Lake. The apartment project's owner, AIMCO, is "on line" to pay half the cost, Craze said. The city had hoped to get a grant for the other half of the expenses, but failed. Council then approved the city's adding that cost to city expenses.

Red Light Cameras

Although red light cameras have been a divisive subject for council in the past and it may yet split over the issue, council limited itself at the meeting to asking questions. Herling asked Craze to comment on their effectiveness.

Craze noted that there are dif-

ferences in philosophy on this issue. While there has been a 26 percent reduction in serious accidents, he is not able to explain why. He likes to think, however, that it is due to the red light camera and other enforcement measures taken by the department.

The budget calls for six cameras. The council is considering adding another camera for westbound Greenbelt Road at Cherrywood Lane. If done, both revenues and expenses would increase, there would be no adverse impact to the budget, City Manager Michael McLaughlin told the council.

Staff recommends again that the camera at southbound Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane be removed, something that council has not approved even though the camera costs more to operate by \$20,000 than the fines it brings in.

Vendor

Also at issue is which vendor to use for the traffic cameras. The current vendor is Trafficpax, which uses loops placed under the roads to cause the cameras to go into action when vehicles cross them at the wrong time. Two cameras are now out of service because state highway work has knocked out the loops in the road.

Although the city had initially used this company in association with Howard County Police and police of other jurisdictions, that group has switched to another company, Lasercraft. Last year, however, council agreed to stay with Trafficpax after it reduced its price.

Councilmembers are also concerned with the methodology used by Lasercraft that requires taking motion pictures and unavoidably takes photos of the vehicle drivers, an invasion of privacy that worries council. Staff still favors staying with the Howard County group and going with Lasercraft.

MPO Maria Parker, who is responsible for supervising the camera operations, told council that she needed the partnership with Howard County to back her up. Roberts, however, favors staying with Trafficpax because it has a back office component that Lasercraft does not have.

Davis noted that keeping the camera at Kenilworth and Cherrywood would add \$20,000 to the budget. Roberts noted that it really is not an added cost because revenues from fines more than pay all the costs of cameras. However, the new budget has already used these projected excess revenues to pay for other city costs.

Staff did not help council find ways to cut the budget when they advised that the cost this year for the police officer's retirement plan actually would be 32.7 percent of payroll instead of the 32.1 percent budgeted. Gasoline costs this year also will be \$32,000 over budget. Staff also recommends buying one more police vehicle than in past years - eight instead of seven. With as many as 56 vehicles, McLaughlin felt that a seven-year average age at retirement was better than an eight-year average. Craze noted that the city is now back to buying Chevrolet Impalas with smaller engines. For a time these were not available in specifications needed for police vehicles and the city moved to Ford Crown Victorias.

Craze felt that eight Impalas would cost no more than seven Fords and that they would get bet-

ter gas mileage.

Tank

A suggestion was made at the public hearing on the budget that the city could save money by getting rid of its armored vehicle that can be used in hostage-type situations to rescue persons. Craze noted that the city had gotten the surplus military vehicle for free and that there was little cost except for basic maintenance. Police cost figures provided to council indicated that the vehicle cost taxpayer \$812.94 in FY2003, \$569.43 in FY 2004 and \$115.25 in FY2005.

Greek Folk Dance

"Celebrating Greek Easter" with the Greek Folk Dancers of Greenbelt will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Berwyn Heights Elementary School, 6200 Pontiac Street.

Chris Tennant and her dance group will perform traditional Greek dances and then teach all willing to step in. There will be generous donations of Greek food to sample.

This is a free event. Registration is not necessary but would be appreciated. Call 301-927-3013 for more information.

Meals on Wheels Offers Service

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday, hot meal included. Deliveries are between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any questions call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Due to the generosity of a civic association and commercial establishment, three meals a day can be delivered, Monday through Friday for a special low price of \$15, which is good until further notice.

NARFE Meeting

NARFE Chapter 1122 will meet on Wednesday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. County Register of Wills Lynn Loughlin Skerpon will be the guest speaker. For information call 301-937-7987.

FIRE BUDGET continued from page

The Greenbelt department eschews them because the county reserves the right to reassign equipment to another firehouse should it determine a need. Most Prince George's fire companies rely solely on the county and their own fund-raising for financial support. However, a few other municipalities help support their departments.

Greenbelt is not the only fire company providing first response service to the city. Branchville, Berwyn Heights, Glenn Dale and West Lanham also respond to various sections of the city and in some cases are able to reach city locations before the Greenbelt department. College Park, Beltsville, Riverdale, New Carrollton and others may also respond to more serious fires.

Other Matters

With a single lump-sum budget item the only budget matter, council chatted with the firemen about other departmental matters. Councilmember Edward Putens asked how the department was getting along with the county. Rudy responded that they are satisfied with the county's providing three paid employees and that there were no significant issues over the county's assistance in maintaining the firehouse.

One concern brought up was why council had not considered the department's request to enlarge parking in front of the building. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that it was a matter that could be handled by staff. City Planner Terri Hruby is

reviewing the plans submitted by the department to determine if the work can be done without a county building permit.

The one issue appeared to be the proximity of the work to a stream channel. Remenick told council the extension would be surfaced with crusher run stone and bordered with landscape ties.

Mayor Judith Davis said she noted in the press that Berwyn Heights had received an Assistance for Firefighters grant. Had the Greenbelt department sought one, she asked? Rudy responded that the department had been notified a year ago that it was to receive \$27,000 to purchase a thermal camera and other devices but the department hasn't seen the money yet.

Davis felt the department should contact Congressman Steny Hoyer's office to see if the funds could be expedited, noting that this was an election year for the Congressman.

Fund Raising

The department's annual fund drive through the mail is now underway. The department also conducts Bingo two days a week at the fire station and on two other days at the nearby Elks Club. A Thursday night Bingo was discontinued but the department is considering holding "Super Bingos" once a month on that night.



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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

April 24, 12:30 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking to his vehicle when he was approached from behind by two other men. One of the men held the victim while the other demanded money. When the victim stated that he had no money, the second man began punching him while the first continued to hold him. After taking the victim's money and wallet, both suspects fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 5'10", one with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. The victim was driven to the hospital for treatment of his injuries and did not report the incident until the next day.

Assault

April 22, 12:15 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a resident youth was arrested for assault and disruption of school activities. Police responded to a report of a disorderly person refusing school administrators' orders to leave the cafeteria at the school, where he was disturbing other students. He was released to the school pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

April 22, 2:45 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School, two resident youths were arrested for assault after they allegedly punched and kicked another student during an argument at the school. The injured student was transported to the hospital for treatment. The youths were released to the school pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Theft

April 24, 11:48 a.m., 45 court Ridge Road, a resident youth was arrested for theft after he allegedly took money from a roommate's purse. The youth was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

April 28, 5600 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen and further investigation revealed that the driver had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was released on citation to the department of corrections for service of the warrant.

April 28, Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1991 Chevrolet van, had been reported stolen. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

April 27, 8:07 p.m., Lakecrest and Vanity Fair Drives, a resident man was arrested and charged

with disorderly conduct after he was observed by a code enforcement officer skateboarding in the roadway. He began to shout profanities when told to get out of the roadway and continued shouting profanities upon the arrival of police. The man was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

April 19, 9:46 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident and a nonresident youth were arrested for trespass after they were observed by a school resource officer inside the school. The officer recognized both youths as no longer being students at the school. One youth was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system. A parent of the other was notified and the youth was released on citation.

April 22, 8:36 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He had been detained by Beltway Plaza security officers as a shoplifting suspect when investigation revealed that he had been banned from the mall by agents of the property. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Fictitious IDs

April 22, 1:06 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, two resident men were arrested and charged with possession of a fictitious government ID card after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. Both occupants were found to be in possession of fake resident alien cards. Both were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglaries

April 22, 4:36 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the sliding glass door. A CD player, laptop computer, video game player and video games were taken.

April 27, 3:15 p.m., 100 block Westway, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of an unlocked sliding glass door. A camera, camera equipment and money were taken.

April 27, 3:15 p.m., 100 block Westway, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Nothing appeared to have been taken but items were moved.

April 28, 9:13 p.m., 100 block Westway, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Nothing appeared to have been taken but items were moved.

April 28, 5:49 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. A laptop computer, two video game players, video games, stereo equipment and money were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were stolen: a yellow 2003 Suzuki LTZ400 all terrain vehicle from the 9300

Police Employees Honored at Luncheon

Communications Supervisor Alicia Colville, Master Police Officer Mike Mesol and Master Patrol Officer George Mathews were recognized as Civilian of the Year, Officer of the Year and Community Services Officer of the Year, respectively by the Greenbelt Police Department. They were recognized at the tenth annual Chiefs of Police Association of Prince George's County Awards Banquet held April 13 at the Prince George's Ballroom in Landover.

Colville was nominated for her efforts in revamping the communications unit of the department by updating the procedural manual, developing a new training program and creating a new unit schedule.

Mesol was recognized for his accomplishments as a member of the Maryland State Police Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force. Through his individual efforts and the combined efforts of his team members, the task force made 70 arrests, seized approximately 12,200 grams of marijuana, 2,200 grams of cocaine, large quantities of heroin and other controlled substances. Also seized was over \$12,000 in assets, including vehicles and money.

Mathews was nominated for his efforts as the department's Crime Prevention /Community Relations Officer, Media Relations Officer and D.A.R.E. Officer. Nominated for his exemplary efforts in every facet of his many responsibilities, Mathews has developed an excellent reputation with the media and is respected by the students he teaches and by those in the community he has helped. Mathews also was awarded the association's overall Community Services Officer of the Year Award for Prince George's County.

block Edmonston Road; a 1997 Jeep Cherokee from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; and a green 1996 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 9AFD03 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Two vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and one by an outside police department with no arrests made in either recovery.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Greenbrook Drive, 7200 block Mandan Road, 7600 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Mandan Road, 8100 block Mandan Terrace (four incidents), 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, Roosevelt Center, 6400 block Capitol Drive, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 6000 block Springhill Court, 6200 block Springhill Court, 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents) and Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court.

Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a bi-weekly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) The report includes recent incidents, news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

Incident Report

From April 16 to April 29 the GVFD&RS responded to a total of 56 engine and 59 ambulance calls. Of those calls 22 were reports of smoke or fire, three were gas leaks, two were hazardous material incidents, 21 were motor vehicle accidents and 50 were medical calls.

BBQ Safety

As the weather becomes warmer, many people cook outdoors on barbeque grills. While grills can be fun, they can often be dangerous. Each year faulty or improperly used grills cause almost 1,000 fires and kill close to 100 people. Following a few simple safety tips will help keep people and property safe.

Before each use, visually inspect the grill for any damage, especially the tubing, propane tank and electrical components. In addition, the grill should be cleaned regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Never use a grill inside or on a balcony or deck. Grills should be set up at least 10 feet away from a home or structure and not set on anything that can catch on fire. It is best to put grills on concrete or asphalt. Never start charcoal grills with any flammable liquid other than BBQ starter fluid. It is also a good idea to keep a fire extinguisher, garden hose or at least four gallons of water close by in case of a fire.

Be sure to keep children and animals away from the grill. Anyone near the grill should not wear loose clothing that might catch on fire. Keep alcoholic beverages away from the grill because they are flammable. Grill utensils should be long enough to allow the cook to stand away from the grill. Never leave a lit grill unattended. If someone is burned by a grill, call 911, especially if the burns are

severe.

If a fire does occur, take steps to stop it only if it is safe. Close the cover on a charcoal grill. Disconnect the power to an electric grill if it is safe to do so. The burners and tank valve can be turned off on a propane grill if the fire is not near the tank. If the fire involves the tank or is close to it, do not touch the tank, evacuate the area and call 911. If any fire endangers safety or property, call 911 immediately.

After using a grill, follow the manufacturer's instructions on cleaning and storage. Be sure to soak coals from a charcoal grill in water, because retained heat can cause coals to re-ignite days after being used.

The GVFD&RS hopes everyone has a safe summer.

Volunteers Sought

The GVFD&RS is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. For information, call the station at 301-345-7000, visit www.engine35.com or stop by the station to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments regarding this report or any fire department issues can be directed to public-info@engine35.com or to 301-345-7000.

Greenbelt Unaffected By Gas Leak News

Based on information provided to Mayor Judith Davis by Roberta Willis Sims, vice president at Washington Gas, no residences in Greenbelt are affected by the gas leaks recently reported in the media. A map enclosed with the report indicates that the impacted area does touch on Greenbelt's southern boundary, however.

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A Review

"Creation": Solid Performance

by Altoria Bell Ross

The actors of the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) played to a near-capacity audience on Saturday, April 30 as they presented the Arthur Miller play, "The Creation of the World and Other Business," based on Genesis, the first book of the Bible.

The play revolves around the power struggle between God and Lucifer, the fallen angel, and how that scrimmage affects Adam and Eve and subsequently their sons Cain and Abel. Miller uses comedy, although sometimes dark, as well as drama to convince, persuade and pose questions and possible answers regarding the relationship between good and evil, God and man and decisions and consequences.

"I hope it [the play] inspires you to think, to question, to argue," writes Norma Ozur, the producer. As the play progresses Adam (Ben Church) and Eve (Dana Colvin) do plenty of all that. Of the two, Eve's struggle with the conflicting forces is most evident. Both Church and Colvin demonstrate a great deal of range as they go from innocent creations to experienced beings after eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The play's plot pretty much follows Genesis except for interjections of humor and speculations of how Adam, Eve, Cain (Patrick Mullen) and Abel (Jason Meer) must have handled their challenges. Bible students will

note several departures from the Scriptures. To mention a few, the playwright points to the eating of the fruit as Adam and Eve's permission to have sex because when God created them He blessed them to be able to "be fruitful and multiply." Another departure is God's character played by Sandy Irving. God uses a curse word and is portrayed as One who experimented and made mistakes instead of being a perfect God. Despite this characterization, Irving handles the role of God with aplomb and authority.

Lucifer, too, is authoritative and very influential. He also uses profanity but if obscenity is ever appropriate, Satan's use of it would about do it. One expects him to be foul and Norm Gleichman does a wonderful job of being cunning and disgusting. During the course of most of the play, God and his angels, Chemuel (Sharon Calloway), Raphael (Bonnie Dodd) and Azrael (Jon Marget) sit stage left and look on as the action unfolds on earth (the stage). Marget plays the exaggerated Angel of Death. Marget, as well as Irving and Gleichman, were standouts in GAC's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" last season.

Besides the acting, other standouts were the lighting, particularly in two beautiful scenes – when God puts Adam to sleep and removes his rib to make Eve

Candidates Sought for GHI Elections on May 19 and 20

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Five of the nine director positions are up for election this year along with all three positions on the Audit Committee. A candidates forum will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers of the Municipal Building.

Agenda

Topics to be discussed at the annual meeting include a report by the ad hoc Yard Line Committee. The Companion Animal Committee will also make a presentation. They have just approved stringent modifications on the care of pets to the GHI member handbook. The Architecture and Environment Committee will report on a member opinion survey that was undertaken since the last annual meeting.

The Woodlands Committee will again be providing a plant giveaway. It was very popular last year. Door prizes will be awarded. This year, to encourage

and during God's soliloquy after a confrontation with Lucifer. Adam's and Eve's form-fitting "skin" and the serene set also were nice touches to a solid performance. "The Creation of the World and Other Business" will continue weekends through May 21.

people to be ready to begin the meeting right at 7:30, there will be a special door prize given to one of the members who is registered and seated by 7:25.

Voting

Voting for the board of directors and the audit committee will take place after the meeting on Thursday night. Members can also vote on Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. at the GHI offices. Note that the polls will only be open during two periods and the location is GHI, not the Community Center.

Candidates

Members wishing to be placed in nomination for either the board of directors or the audit committee must contact a member of the Nominations & Elections Committee. Deadline for completing the forms for running for office is May 9. Contact Alan Turnbull, chair, at 301-982-6460 or Elizabeth Wellborn at 301-345-0415.

Absentee Ballots

If unable to attend the annual meeting, a member may apply for a proxy to give to another member to vote for him or her on issues that require voting during the meeting. Contact GHI offices by May 13.

To cast an absentee vote for the board of directors, members may obtain a ballot at GHI from late Monday, May 16 through noon on Wednesday, May 18. An absentee ballot cannot be used for voting at the annual meeting.

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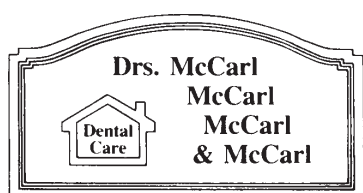
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Bon Appetit in G-Major Fun!

The students and staff at Greenbelt Elementary School feasted on tasty tunes by Grammy Award-winning performers Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer on Wednesday, March 23.

Two performances (one for younger and the other for older grades) featured nearly an hour of music, lots of good advice about eating well and encouragement to be physically active. The performers heeded their own advice too, as they got the audience moving to the beat and even challenged students (and some sporting teachers) to a hula-hoop contest. Anne Hodgson's first-graders saw their teacher hula heroically.

"I burned about 200 calories just tapping my toes," said PTA president Dameon Levi. In addition to highly palatable material about the importance of good eating, the performers gave a good music lesson too. Kids saw and heard guitar, banjo, bazouki, steel drum and even bongos and a banjo made from oatmeal boxes.

The PTA sponsored the visit as one of the artistic, cultural and community-building events it has helped the school host this year.

Still to come is a spring fair open to all on Saturday, May 14. A multi-cultural potluck dinner was held on April 21 for all school families.

GES Receives PLANT Award

Greenbelt Elementary School has received a bronze award from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service. The People Loving And Nurturing Trees (PLANT) community award recognizes communities for their tree planting and tree-care efforts. Last October over 30 teachers, students and parent volunteers met together to plant over 40 trees and native shrubs around the school. The event, organized by the PTA, was one of nearly 100 simultaneous tree-plantings that took place under the banner of Gorgeous Prince George's Day. The county provided the plant materials, work gloves and T-shirts and the PTA organized the volunteers and pledged to care for the new trees until they become established.

School neighbors, gardeners or anyone else interested in helping these new trees or with future landscaping improvements can leave a message for the PTA at the school office, 301-513-5911.

Lecture Describes Green Roofs

An evening lecture at the U.S. Botanic Garden will look at "green" roofs. Ed Snodgrass, owner and president of Emory Knoll Farms, Inc., and Green Roof Plants will discuss what is a green roof and why should people be interested? Through illustrated slide presentation learn the basic terminology, designs, local resources and plant selection for a green roof project.

This free lecture will take place on Thursday, May 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration is required; call 202-226-4082.



The chorus line demonstrates good nutrition: from left: singer Marcy Marxer and sixth graders Tiffany Carrion and Robert Martinez and sixth grade teacher Beth Novick grooves to the tunes of bread, cereal, rice and pasta.



First grade teacher Anne Hodgson is the hula hoop queen for the night.



Superstar Brian Weeks, sixth grade teacher, drops his hula hoop while fourth grade girls Aisha Ameir and Teri Williams carry on.

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Legion Post Collecting for Soldiers' Kids

Greenbelt's American Legion Post 136 is asking residents to help the environment while providing a tangible "thank you" to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in serving the country. The Legion's "Soldiers for Soldiers" initiative is collecting empty inkjet cartridges and used cell phones to raise money for "American Legacy Scholarship" for the children of military personnel killed since September 11, 2001.

Each cartridge collected provides \$1 and each cellular phone \$3 for American Legion charities which also include the National Emergency Fund and Child Welfare Foundation. On average, cellular phones are replaced every 12 to 18 months. Over 150 million cellular phones are disposed of annually. The Legion emphasizes that no purchase is required, only collection of items that might otherwise be disposed of.

Commander Ed Rupert reminds people that "As an unfortunate consequence of Operation Iraqi Freedom and America's war on terror, many children of our active-duty military personnel are

now members of single-parent families. In most cases, this also means their chances to attend college have greatly diminished. Through this fundraising initiative, we're asking Greenbelt residents to join us in helping the children of military personnel who died on active duty to receive the necessary funding for a college education. If everyone in our community collected one inkjet cartridge and one cell phone, there is potential to raise a significant sum of money to ensure that these kids will have a chance at the schooling their parents would have provided if they were here to do it," Rupert said. "Every dollar contributed goes directly into the fund."

Post 136 will serve as the central collection location and will work with businesses and civic organizations to serve as additional collection points in the community. For more information visit the American Legion website at www.legion.org and click on "Soldiers for Soldiers" or call Post 136 at 301-345-0136.



Anthony Graziano, kindergarten, and Tamara Carrion, third grade, giggle over fruits and vegetables and all the proteins.

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