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Three Alarm Fire in Greenbelt East



Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 351 arrived first at the fire at Lake Park Drive. The fire engulfed the top floor and was visible from a mile away.

Fire Causes Wide Damage To Greenbelt East Condos

by Randy Crenwelge

On Saturday, May 14 the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department was summoned at 11:39 p.m. to a fire at 6710 Lake Park Drive in Greenbelt East. Two condominium units suffered extensive fire damage, mostly confined to the roof and top floor. There was also moderate smoke damage to nearby units and extensive water damage. The cause of the fire has been determined to be a lightning strike.

Soon after the first alarm was sounded, a second, then a third alarm was sounded to bring addi-

tional units to the scene. This means that 12 engine companies, six truck companies and three rescue squads, totaling over a hundred firefighters, were on the scene fighting the fire. The crew from Greenbelt initiated an interior attack on the third floor along with crews from West Lanham Hills and Branchville. Greenbelt Fire Chief Brian Rudy also arrived on scene with the first alarm and was given command of operations.

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Lightning Engulfs Condos in Flames

by Judy Bell

When Pat McCoy headed home early Sunday morning, May 15 she found roads blocked around the development where she lives, Greenbelt Lake Village Condominiums, across from Schrom Hills Park. As she approached the development she saw emergency responders everywhere.

But she couldn't tell which building was on fire. It turned out the fire, which began around 11:30 p.m., was at 6710 Lake

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Parker Batey Outlines Services To Be Available for Seniors

by Barbara Hopkins

The array of services for senior or disabled citizens living in the City of Greenbelt will soon be augmented, thanks to the hard work and creativity of the Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey. The city has entered into an agreement with AARP Foundation through two volunteer programs to provide seniors on limited incomes with assistance in money management.

The Bill Payer Program provides volunteers, recruited, trained, supported and insured by AARP Foundation, to help senior residents still in charge of their own finances but who need help in paying bills and keeping checking accounts organized.

The Representative Payee Program designates a volunteer to serve residents who have been

declared by a federal agency to be incapable of handling their own financial lives. The volunteer payee controls a limited amount of funds and spends it to meet the client's current needs, such as paying bills and obtaining Medicare prescription drug coverage benefits for the client.

Batey reviewed the programs at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on April 25. Mayor Judith Davis expressed concerns about the amount of work entailed for Batey in overseeing the program, which is outlined and controlled by the AARP Foundation. Batey responded that she "likes a challenge" and considers the programs important for helping local seniors to age in place. She said she hopes to have the programs

going by this coming July.

Batey told council that the AARP Foundation will use mail and public service announcements to recruit volunteers from among AARP members in the area where programs are established. The City of Rockville has a Representative Payee Program, she said, the only other ongoing program with AARP Foundation in Maryland. Greenbelt will thus be on the forefront of innovation in serving its senior population.

Volunteer Coordinator

Council approved a grant application filed with Volunteer Maryland for a half-time volunteer coordinator who, Batey explained, would recruit and supervise volunteers and oversee cer-

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Greenbelt Museum Kicks Off Fundraising Campaign

by Katie Scott-Childress

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum held a delightful fundraising celebration party on Saturday, May 7 at the Greenbelt Fire House. The party officially kicked off the public fundraising campaign and thanked donors who have already given generously.

In 2003 the museum received a Special Initiative for Local History challenge grant for \$100,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The grant requires the museum to raise \$100,000 which will be matched dollar for dollar by the NEH. The NEH requires that the museum meet fundraising milestones.

The first hurdle came in July 2004 when the museum had to raise \$40,000. This first goal was met on time. The next goal of \$30,000 for July 2005 has already been met! The museum has raised \$70,000 to date.

To raise the final \$30,000 by

July 2006 the museum will be reaching out to FOGM's membership and the Greenbelt community. This is an unique opportunity for the museum since this type of grant is no longer offered by the NEH.

Funds from the challenge are being used to create an endowment for the museum that will pay for a new museum staff person dedicated to education. The museum educator will do outreach in the local schools, bringing Greenbelt's history and important lessons about community and cooperation to children. The educator will also create programs for large school groups to visit Greenbelt.

The party celebrated major donations given to the campaign by Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters, the City of Greenbelt and the MARPAT foundation. Each

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New Art of Teaching Dogs Featured at City Pet Expo

by Sabine Hentrich

"Positive training is not permissive," says Ruth Chase at this year's Greenbelt Pet Expo. "A lot of people think if I do positive, my dog will run amok - think not." Chase, an advocate of modern, purely positive or motivational based dog training, is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) and owner of "The Coventry School," a dog school and doggy daycare in Columbia.

In her 20 years experience, Chase has trained both dogs and many other species of animals. A regular presenter at the Greenbelt Pet Expo, Chase spoke on positive reinforcement training methods and gave a clicker training and agility demonstration.

Modern dog training originated with B.F. Skinner's experiments on operant conditioning but did not catch on until fairly recently in the dog training world. Animal trainers working with birds and marine mammals, for example, have long employed

this technique, as their trainees cannot be trained by force and punishment.

Unlike killer whales, many dogs tolerate coercive training methods. This is why choke chains, prong and shock collars, as well as the infamous "alpha roll," are still commonly prescribed by many trainers. However, a purely positive trainer would never advocate any such methods or training aids, regardless of the dog's tempera-

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The rabies vaccination tent was a popular place at the Pet Expo held at the Greenbelt Community Center on May 7.

PHOTO BY LINDA STADYS

What Goes On

Monday, May 23

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Public Hearing on FY 2006 Budget and Proposed Real Property Tax Increase, Municipal Building

Thursday, May 26

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

Komen Race Coming Up

Registration is now open for the 16th annual Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 4. This year there are more ways to get involved. The Komen National Race for the Cure has something for the whole family including the 5K run/walk, a one-mile fun walk and a new entertainment and activity area for kids. All "Links to the Cure" will be linked together and displayed on Race Day to symbolize unity in the fight against breast cancer.

Runners and walkers can register online, by mail, at one-stop registration sites or through late registration. Entry forms are available at several retail locations throughout the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. To register contact 703-848-8884 or visit www.nationalraceforthecure.org.

Depression Era Photos at CUA

Catholic University will display the first-ever photography exhibit of U.S. government pictures that depict religion in Depression-era America through May 28.

Entitled "Picturing Faith: Religious America in Government Photography, 1935-1943," the exhibit will be on the second floor of the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center. It includes 45 black-and-white photographs gathered from the Library of Congress that were taken by the Historical Division of the Farm Security Administration in an effort to generate support for New Deal reforms. Noted photographers whose images are in the exhibit include Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange and Gordon Parks.

Photographs are grouped around four themes: Photographing Religion (focusing on various techniques used to express a religious spirit), Poverty and Religion (illustrating the religious lives of the poor), Celebrating America's Communal Spirit (representing the American sense of religion as the country entered World War II) and Faith without People (images of religious spaces and structures). The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information contact Leslie Tentler, professor of history, at tentler@cua.edu.

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ment.

According to many positive dog trainers and animal behaviorists – Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., for example, as well as veterinarians, such as Dr. Raymond Bouloy – choke chains are a major contributor to spinal, neck and tracheal injuries as well as to several reported deaths. Traditional training methods are also attributed to a number of behavioral problems in dogs.

Many dog owners now refuse to use such training methods and tools in favor of more dog-friendly approaches. For most dogs, positive trainers like Chase simply recommend a flat buckle collar.

Positive dog training focuses on teaching a dog the right behavior, rewarding correct behavior and managing or ignoring undesirable ones. All living beings learn more eagerly with the motivation of a pay check than under the threat of pain.

Doggy paychecks can be anything an individual dog finds motivating, such as tiny food tidbits or a game of fetch.

According to Pat Miller, renowned writer, dog trainer, behaviorist and past president of the APDT, "All living things repeat behaviors that are rewarding to them; by using positive reinforcement we can get our dogs to voluntarily give us the behaviors we want, rather than forcing them."

Chase agrees with trainers like Miller. Chase was strongly influenced by Dr. Ian Dunbar, a veterinarian, animal behaviorist, writer, dog trainer and founder of the APDT. Like many, Chase, Dunbar and Miller grew up training dogs "the old fashioned way," with methods such as the still popular "leash corrections." In positive training, Chase now teaches a dog not to pull by rewarding it each time she gets a loose lead.

To manage an accomplished puller, however, many positive trainers recommend a no-pull harness, such as Premier's "Easy Walk Harness," a good choice for preventing injuries while curbing



a dog's pulling. Occasionally, for dogs with aggression issues for instance, a positive trainer may recommend the use of a head halter. (These should be properly fitted and introduced by a professional trainer.)

During her clicker demonstration, Chase explained how to actually use positive methods to teach a dog. The clicker – similar to the marine mammal trainer's whistle – becomes a reward marker. It marks the exact instant a dog gets a behavior right.

Chase explained how to begin by "charging your clicker." No matter what the dog is doing, one clicks and follows the click by a tasty food treat. The click/treat is repeated until the dog will look at the handler in anticipation. Now that the dog has learned that "click" means "treat," one can begin with the actual training.

Reminding the handlers that dogs do not understand human language, Chase told her volunteers to first lure the behavior with a food treat, then click and treat the desired behavior the instant it occurs. Handlers were encouraged to do this for a few days before adding a cue, such as "sit," to the behavior.

Using string cheese as a lure, Chase instructed the handlers to "raise your dog's nose like a coyote howling at the moon. As soon as their bottoms hit the floor, click and treat."

The "traditional" method for teaching a "sit" was to "command" one's dog to "sit" and then to jerk the dog's leash to force it to comply. This method also takes many repetitions before the behavior becomes solid.

Is positive training fool proof? Well, no. Just like traditional training, positive training relies heavily on a handler's good timing and willingness to train regularly.

Robbie, Chase's young border collie, is one of many examples, however, that positive training works. Robbie impressed many people at the Pet Expo with his skills on the agility course, as well as with some obedience demonstrations, which he performed not only with accuracy but also a wagging tail. Robbie "bows" to positive training – fun for both the handler and the dog.

News Review staffer Sabine Hentrich, in establishing her qualifications for her new pet sitting business has been learning this year about pet first aid and positive means of handling people's pets.



A caricature artist was on hand to draw pets and their people.



The pet psychic tunes into this shepherd.



PHOTOS BY LINDA STADYS

Above, Nino the ferret, gets a "birds-eye-view" while strolling with his companion. At left, Robbie impressed many people at the Pet Expo with his skills on the agility course.

Christina O'Boyle

reads from her book

looking for lightheartedness

Sunday, May 22 — 2 pm

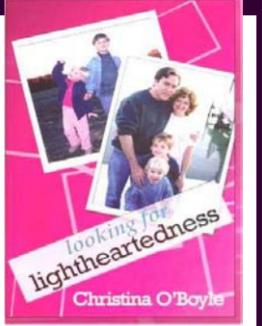
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Corrections

Due to an editing error, the Weichert Realty ad placed last week by Edith Beauchamp omitted the Weichert logo graphic that was ordered for the upper right corner of the ad. Since affiliation identification is an important legal requirement, our new advertiser was understandably concerned. The News Review regrets the error and apologizes for the omission.

A sentence in the letter from residents of 13 Court Hillside Road in the May 12 issue was misprinted. It should have read: "No care was taken to remove the dead plant material and no native plants were ever brought in to replace what had thrived for years." The News Review regrets the error.

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Week of MAY 20

Bride & Prejudice (PG)

Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5:00, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Community Events

Park Has Group Service Work

Greenbelt Park has service projects available for Scouts and other groups. Cleanup projects and painting picnic tables are examples of opportunities for groups or companies to help.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For information call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

Nursery School Asks Screen of Skate Park

Greenbelt Nursery School President Sieglinde Peterson and Director Lisa Meyer stated that while they were "not thrilled" with a skate park being anywhere near the city playground they use, they are happy that it will not abut the playground, according to Joe McNeal, assistant director of recreation operations.

Peterson and Meyer also suggested that they would support the location more if some kind of screening vegetation was planted between the skate park and the playground to obscure the view of the two user groups. "I do not believe this will be a problem," McNeal said.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. - Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m. - 16th Annual Lecture Series on African History and Culture, "When God Was a Woman," presented by Washington historian C.R. Gibbs and Associates.

Simplicity Circle Seeks Members

A "Voluntary Simplicity" Discussion Circle is now forming in the Greenbelt area. Simplicity circles provide a practical guide and support for those who desire a slower pace of life, more time for relationships, rewarding work and attaining one's dreams.

"Voluntary Simplicity" is an eight-session discussion course addressing the distractions of modern society that keep people from caring for themselves, their relationships and their environment.

This new circle will be held on Mondays or Wednesdays every other week. It will be starting in a few weeks. If interested contact Patricia at 202-360-7418 or email to Patrger@yahoo.com and indicate a choice of those two days. Interested parties will be informed of the date for the first session.

For information regarding simplicity circles, visit <http://www.simplicity-matters.org/>.

GHI Notes

May 25 - Architecture & Environment Committee - 7:30 p.m., Board Room

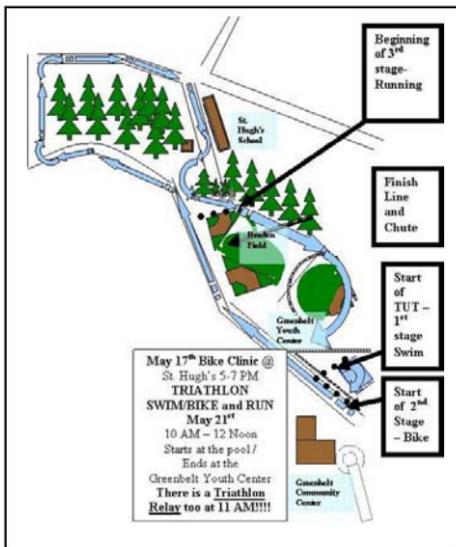
May 26 - Board of Directors Meeting - 7:30 p.m., Board Room

Ages 12 and Under Invited to Triathlon

The Greenbelt 12 and Under Triathlon will begin at 10 a.m. this Saturday, May 21. Kids are encouraged to complete all three parts of the triathlon. First, a 40 meter swim in the outdoor pool. Second, a 1.5K bike race from the pool to Buddy Attick Lake Park out to Greenhill and Crescent Road, back toward St. Hugh's School along the bike lanes on Crescent Road. (Safety Officer Sean Leahy of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and the EMT truck will be there for any children's scrapes and skids.) Finally, a 1-200 meter run will weave across Braden Field.

In addition, there is a relay beginning at 11 a.m. Three participant teams are encouraged to participate, even if already in the full triathlon.

In-person registration was held at the Greenbelt Police



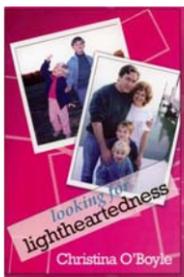
Department's Spring Bike Clinic on May 17 and will also be held at 9 a.m. on race day.

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

The triathlon and relay will be sandwiched between the Greenbelt 50/50 5K Run & Walk at 8 a.m. and the yearly CYO picnic at 1 p.m.

O'Boyle Explores "lightheartedness"

The last speaker for this season at Explorations Unlimited will be Christina O'Boyle, author of "looking for lightheartedness." O'Boyle will read sections from her book on Friday, May 27 at the Community Center. O'Boyle hopes the selections will trigger lighthearted reactions from the audience.



in love with the woods that surrounded her home, to write short vignettes that capture the joy of everyday life. The vignettes became newspaper columns and the columns became a book with personal photographs.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Barix Support Group to Meet

The Greenbelt Barix Clinics Support Group will meet at Greenbelt Community Church on Monday, May 23 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The group provides support for Barix Clinics patients, those considering the Barix program as well as supportive family members and friends. This is not a general weight loss surgery support group.

The group meets the fourth Monday of each month from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church Fellowship Center in meeting room A at 1 Hillside Road. Meetings are structured but informal, providing an opportunity for Barix patients to connect with other Barix patients in varying stages, pre-op and post-op, meeting for support, encouragement and friendship. Meetings are free.

For more information call Jan Derry at 301-474-8389 or contact Barix Clinics at 800-282-0066 or the website at <http://www.barixclinic.com>.

Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting this Friday, May 20 at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. All local writers are invited to participate.

5K Fun Run & Walk Around Lake Sat.

The Prince George's Running Club's Greenbelt 50/50 5K Fun Run & Walk will be held Saturday, May 21 at 8 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The 5K course (3.1 miles) includes two loops around Greenbelt Lake. Race registration begins at 7 a.m. and is limited to the first 150 entries received. For information contact Austin Conaty at 301-982-9246 or visit the club's website, www.pgrc.org.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 23	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Lions
Tues., May 24	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Athletics
Wed., May 25	6:00 p.m.	Rain Make-up
Thurs., May 26	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Athletics
Fri., May 27	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Cardinals
Fri., May 27	6:00 p.m.*	Cubs vs. Indians
Fri., May 27	After	Tigers vs. Orioles
Sat., May 28	10:00 a.m.	Rain Make-up
Sat., May 28	1:00 p.m.	Rain Make-up

Major League Standings as of Monday 5/17/05

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	7 - 3	Cardinals	6 - 4
Giants	6 - 4	Cubs	5 - 4
Tigers	5 - 5	Indians	5 - 5
Athletics	1 - 9	Lions	4 - 5

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted. *This game will be played at Braden #2.

On Screen

Hyping Up Jane Austen

"Bride and Prejudice" shoots from the hype Indian-style at Old Greenbelt Theatre from Friday, May 20 through Thursday, May 26. In a visually sumptuous production, Bollywoodian director Gurinda Chadha remakes Jane Austen's close-hauled social comedy from 1813 (remember "Pride and Prejudice" from high school English class?) into a well-nigh tireless musical. Where in Chadha's recent "Bend it Like Beckham" the East-West dynamic played out over a soccer motif in England, here a rich young American (Martin Henderson) becomes entangled with an Indian beauty (Aishwarya Rai, a former Miss World) whose older sister is supposed to get married first. Full-blown Bollywooding turns the arch tilting between Austen's lead characters upside-down, or is it inside-out? PG-13, 111 minutes. - Eli Flam

P.S. Due May 27 at Old Greenbelt Theatre is "Walk on Water," a terse, tense Israeli film that see-saws sharply between the Middle East and Germany. An On Screen must-see.

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Walk-in registration will be held on May 25 and 26, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Aquatic Center. Fees are \$35 per swimmer until May 31. Registrations received after May 31 will cost \$40 per swimmer. There is a \$50 Volunteer fee per family which will be returned if earned by helping out with the many tasks the team has. Meets are held 8 AM to Noon each Saturday from June 25 to July 23, with the Divisional meet on July 30 and All-Stars on August 6. There are other meets with dates to be determined: B meets the New Carrollton Relays and the Knights of Columbus Mini-meet.

Swimmers practice May 31 - June 9 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and June 13 - July 28 in the mornings.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt.

For any questions call Deborah Taylor at 301-345-2485 or Deborahatay@aol.com or Leslie Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

Review

Folk Music Duo Pleases New Deal Audience

by Shamla K. Shakir

In a tiny coffee house in Greenbelt on a recent Thursday evening, a crowd came face-to-face with two musicians who were not afraid to voice their opinions.

Spook Handy and Eric Maring could be considered typical 1960s-style folk musicians, armed with guitars and melodic voices, promoting ideas of love and peace. But when the two of them mixed politically-charged lyrics with visions of goodwill for "Songs of Peace and Purpose" at the New Deal Café on May 5, they left a deep impression on many audience members.

"They had very thoughtful lyrics," said Melanie Taylor, a Greenbelt resident who attended the performance where Maring and Handy each played a set of his original songs. "It was a lot about love and being good to each other."

Handy (who was awarded the title of "New Jersey's Best Folk Artist" in 2004 by the Courier News' Entertainment Editor Bob Makin) said he uses his music as "a venue for opening people's hearts."

But, he added, "I'm not going to hide my viewpoints. I'm not going to be politically correct."

The New Jersey native is not afraid of pushing people, either, if it's for a cause he believes in. Just listen to his light-hearted song urging people to "Vote" – "for worse or for better/let your voice be heard."

One message he sends with his music, Handy said, is that "Freedom is your destiny" – which also happens to be the name of his album that was named a Top Ten Folk Album of the Year in 1995 by Aquarius Weekly.

"Every experience we have is an opportunity for us to learn and to grow and that is the purpose of life," Handy said, explaining why many of his songs include personal anecdotes.

Taylor said she enjoyed the show very much, describing Handy as a unique musician with his own personal style. "He just sounded like himself. A lot of songs were about himself. It seemed very appropriate."

A shaggy-haired bearded musician with a quick smile, Handy doesn't hide his opinions in conversation either.

"The most important thing, in

the end, is to open up your heart. The truth is not contained in any one book. The truth lies in your heart," he said after the show, as audience members lingered to thank him and Maring for their performances.

Handy added, "When you find an activity that opens up your heart, that's when you find peace." For him, that activity is music.

The evening's other performer, Eric Maring, first met Handy at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, where he was impressed with Handy's music because, he said, "his songs grabbed me so much."

Maring, a local musician with long brown hair pulled back into a ponytail and a deliberate, contemplative style of speaking, is not unlike Handy. With songs like "Conversation with the Sniper" (referring to John Allen Mohammad) and "The World Sits in Chaos, the Pope Sits in Peace," both on his critically acclaimed 2004 album "Penguins Rock the World," he proves that he does not hesitate to hit controversial topics head-on.

Maring's music has taken him not only to local venues including Blues Alley and the Takoma Park Folk Festival but to some very interesting places around the world as well. Places such as Latin America, Europe and even India – where he performed for the Dalai Lama with his band, Jawbone, at the Festival of Sacred Chanting and Singing in 2003.

The singer/songwriter, who also works as a local elementary school teacher, said his music has a lot to do with unity. "We can share a message, something that we all feel. I think it helps

people know that we're all feeling something," he said.

His lyrics inspire in other ways, too. In "Get Up and Believe," he sings, "if you believe/you've got the power to achieve your own destiny."

Another Greenbelt resident, who identified himself as Joe, called Thursday's show "Very refreshing, because they were very genuine."

"It's courageous to go up there and share your feelings," he said on his way out of the New Deal Café, after a waitress scrambled to push its lingering patrons outside the door.

Eric Maring will be performing at the Sangha Café in Takoma Park at 8 p.m. on June 11. For more information on the performers, see their websites www.ericmaring.com and www.spookhandy.com.

Passageways Holds Open Studios

The artists of Passageways Studios will hold their annual spring open studios on Sunday afternoon, May 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center in Riverdale. The center is located one block east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Route 410 (East-West Highway).

Passageways is a working artists' cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery Counties. Artwork including printmaking, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media will be exhibited with most work for sale. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios. Light refreshments will be served.



Last Berwyn Spring Concert on May 22

Violinist Swiatoslaw Kuznik and pianist Frederick Minger will present the final spring concert in this year's Berwyn Concert Series on Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. in Berwyn Presbyterian Church. The program will include works by Debussy, Bach and Mendelssohn.

The series features emerging and established artists performing a variety of repertoire and ensembles. All concerts are free, though a free-will offering is taken at intermission to support the series and provide artists' fees.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road, just west of the intersection of Rt. 193 Greenbelt Road and Rt. 201 Kenilworth Avenue in College Park. For information contact Dr. Gabriel Ruiz Bernal, Berwyn Presbyterian music director, at 301-633-9861 or email gruizbernal@mindspring.com.

Greenbelters Philip Brandis and Mafalda Fusco will be featured in the musical variety show at the Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly on Thursday, May 26 at 12:30 p.m. For information call 301-438-8120.

Sharon Jacobson, long-time instructor at the Aquatic Center, is making a remarkable recovery from hip replacement surgery. Sharon and husband Dale are residents of Plateau Place.



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Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410 www.gb-gm-umc.org/mowatt



Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

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



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Weds. Worship: 7:00pm (Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

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Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
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10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)

Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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with Ben Farrow, worship associate
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Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers



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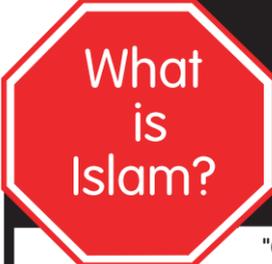
Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
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– The Holy Quran 4:135

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Andrews AFB Holds Open House

Those attending the Joint Services Open House at Andrews Air Force Base May 21 and 22 will have a chance to know what "spatial disorientation" feels like, or the sensation of parachuting from 2,000 feet above ground. The 2004-05 U.S. Air Force "Cross Into The Blue" will showcase these and other simulations, interactive thrill rides, state-of-the-art movie trailer theater plus a brand-new, three-part Air Force video game as part of a third annual, cross-country public awareness and recruiting campaign.

The free event is open to the general public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

CASA Volunteers Sought for Kids

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Prince George's County is looking for volunteers to provide a voice for abused and neglected children in Prince George's County. CASA volunteers are trained to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are in foster care. Become a CASA and speak up for a child! Call 301-209-0491.

Garden Club Meets

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. The speaker for this month is Mitch Baker; his topic will be "Organic Gardening – Tips, Techniques and Products."

Baker is vice president and horticultural specialist for the American Plant Food Company, whose two retail centers in Bethesda focus on natural and organic products. He has adopted the use of horticultural practices he calls "earth wise gardening." This involves creating a healthy soil environment to produce robust plants and avoid gardening situations that encourage insect and disease problems. The result is less reliance on chemical and synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

Baker has studied with organizations from New York to Oregon and is a Maryland-certified professional horticulturist and a board member of the Rachel Carson Council.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free.

Museum Workshop On Saving Old Stuff

On June 1 at 7 p.m., Don Williams and Louisa Jagger of the Smithsonian Institution will be at the College Park Aviation Museum to lead a Saving Stuff workshop. Their soon-to-be-released book, "Saving Stuff: How to Care for and Preserve Your Collectibles, Heirlooms and Other Prize Possessions," is currently featured in the May issue of Real Simple magazine.

College Park Aviation Museum was selected as one of only 10 museums nationally to host a Saving Stuff workshop. The public is invited to attend and to bring a cherished item they are interested in protecting from deterioration. There is a fee. The museum's gift shop will have copies of the book available for sale. Seating is limited; advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

May 23, 2005 - 8:00 p.m.-Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
Public Hearing - FY 2006 Budget
and Proposed Real Property Tax Increase

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Memorial Day Poppy Presentation - Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary
Maryland Recreation & Parks Association Innovative Program Award – Brian Butler
Rachel Carson Day – Proclamation
Public Hearing
Proposed FY 2006 Budget
Proposed Real Property Tax Increase (Constant Yield)

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.)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Program Open Space (POS) FY 2006 Annual Program
- MML 2006 Legislative Initiatives – Action Requests
- * Crosswalk at 5 Court Laurel Hill
- * Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution for Variance #05-001-V
- * Council Attendance at Steering Committee Meetings – Approval of Reimbursements

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.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

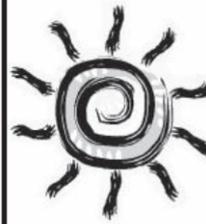
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

PUBLIC WORKS PLANT SALE



Saturday, May 28, 2005
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Public Works Yard

Surplus annuals and perennials commonly used in the City will be for sale, along with some tomato and pepper plants.



CAMP PINE TREE

Summer vacation is right around the corner... do you know where your child is going to be? It's not too late to register for summer camp! The City of Greenbelt has a limited number of spaces available in their Camp Pine Tree summer day camp. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give your kids memories that they'll cherish for years to come! Camp Pine Tree offers an exciting mix of sports, games, field trips, special events and swim time (including lessons!) Call 301-397-2200 to register today or www.ci.greenbelt.md.us and check out the Recreation Brochure for more info. Don't wait, spaces are filling fast!

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 23 at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting/Public Hearing on FY06 Budget/Constant Yield **Tuesday & Thursday, May 24 & 26: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert – Applying for Food Stamp & Health Benefits," **6pm:** "Ask the Expert," **6:30pm** "ERHS Awards Ceremony," **8:30pm** Replay of Council Meeting of 5/23.
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 25 & 26: 7pm "Benefit Concert for Armenia & Nagorno Karabakh," **8:30pm:** GAC presents "Dr. Cook's Garden."

NOTICE

The Greenbelt Community Center handicap ramp closure (east entrance) has been extended until approximately May 27. The rear entrance, next to playground, is handicap accessible. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MOSQUITO CONTROL 2005

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has started the Mosquito Control program with spring larviciding. The regular season will begin May 30 and continue into early September. Work may continue late into September if necessary. The program consists of larviciding (control of immature stages of the mosquito). Known breeding areas will be checked biweekly and will be treated if necessary. There will be no routine adult control work (spraying) using truck mounted sprayers.

Mosquitoes can breed in any water-holding container such as: tires, bird baths, pools, pet watering dishes, buckets, barrels, cans, tires, wheelbarrows, clogged gutters or flower pots. To prevent mosquito breeding in these areas, water should be changed weekly in bird baths and wading pools, gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year and other water holding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down.

To report mosquito problems in Greenbelt please call Public Works at (301) 474-8004. Problem areas will be forwarded weekly to the Mosquito Control Office.

For further information on the Mosquito Control Program please call (301) 927-8357.



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USED VEHICLE SALE BID 2005 – 2

The City of Greenbelt will be accepting sealed bids for sale of the following items.

Interested bidders may view vehicles/equipment the week of May 16, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Greenbelt Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. If you have any questions contact 240-542-2165. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the above address no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2005. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles from the Public Works Yard.

The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

Used Police Vehicles

93 Chevy Caprice, 108K (#14); 93 Chevy Caprice, 110K (#32); 94 Chevy Caprice, 116K (#808); 95 Chevy Caprice, 108K (#811); 95 Chevy Caprice, 111K (#813); 96 Ford Crown Victoria, 119K (#818) 96 Ford Crown Victoria, 131K (#908)

Other Vehicles/Equipment

88 Dodge Pickup, 130K (#400); 94 Pontiac Grand Prix, 103K (#704); 60 Allis Chalmers Bulldozer (#122); 89 Jacobson Tractor, 1,936H (#440)

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of these donors gave \$10,000 to the campaign.

The remaining \$40,000 has been given by individuals, mostly from Greenbelt. Their gifts reflect a spirit of community involvement and commitment that is special to Greenbelt. The campaign committee co-chairs, Julia Eichhorst and Mary Linstrom have been hard at work asking individuals to give to the campaign. The campaign will now shift into a more public mode of asking.

The Greenbelt Museum has received many grants over the past 10 years but this grant is the largest and most prestigious by far. The museum competed with other museums and historical sites nationwide.

The Greenbelt Museum has become known in museum circles in Maryland and the Washington, D.C.,



NEH Campaign Co-chairs Julia Eichhorst and Mary Linstrom pose with fundraising thermometer.

area as one of the best small museums in the state. The grant is a testimony to the professional conduct and innovative programming that set this museum apart from many other small museums.

To learn more call the museum office at 301-507-6582 or email museum@greenbeltmd.gov. Donations to the challenge grant are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to: FOGM, P.O. Box 1025, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

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tain programs, such as the Brown Bag Food Program, the Community Nursing Program and the AARP Money Management Program, among others. The city would be required to furnish matching funds of \$4,250. This amount has already been requested as part of the city's Livable Communities Grant application to Prince George's County.

Davis suggested a back-up source of funding might be arranged by contacting County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters to see if he could find the necessary amount. If the required matching funds cannot be found, council will have to decide whether to cancel the position or find the funds within the city

budget.

Batey said she hoped to have this volunteer coordinator on board by October 1. Such a position would help ease her workload. Once such coordination is established, Batey said, the plan is to transition the coordinator to a volunteer position.

Green Ridge House

LaVerne Stewart-Logan joined the city's assistance-in-living program on February 28 in the role of service coordinator for Green Ridge House. At the city council meeting April 25 Batey introduced Stewart-Logan, who said she had met "a lot of interesting people" in Greenbelt and that she "looks forward to being a senior one day." She will serve as

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Park Drive.

"One of the police officers and an emergency responder said that lightning had hit the building," said McCoy, a member of the News Review staff. "It looked like the top floor was hit by a bomb," she added. "People on the top floor lost everything. They only had the clothes on their backs." When firefighters arrived, the top floors of the complex were already engulfed in flames.

County officials confirmed that the fire was attributed to a lightning strike. According to Captain Chauncey Bowers, of the Prince George's County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, four firefighters sustained injury, minor burns and heat exhaustion. Residents of 11 condominium units were displaced but there were no reports of residents being hurt.

The American Red Cross is helping 15 people from nine families who were displaced by the fire with food, clothing, shelter, mental health issues and any ongoing concerns, according to spokesman Jimmy King. The Red Cross will continue to follow up with these residents, connecting them with other resources if needed. "The building was badly damaged," King commented.

the link between Green Ridge House residents and the programs, services and benefits available to them. She will also arrange for health-related speakers to give presentations and will work with clients on the waiting list for Green Ridge House.

Stewart-Logan has 12 years of experience working with seniors. Her new position was made possible by a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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A mayday was sounded after a ceiling collapsed. Soon thereafter the order was given for firefighters to evacuate the building. The attack then moved to an exterior defensive operation. It took approximately one hour to get the fire under control. The fire was extinguished and most units released by 3:30 a.m. The crew from Greenbelt got back to quarters around 5 a.m. after working to ensure there were no remaining pockets of fire.

There were no injuries to civil-

ians; however, one Greenbelt firefighter with burns to his hand and three other firefighters with heat exhaustion were transported to the hospital and all are recovering.

Fire loss estimates have been tentatively set at \$3 million.

On Sunday afternoon, workers boarded windows and secured plastic on the roof.

This story was prepared in part with details obtained from Greenbelt's Fire and Rescue Log submission.



ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the largest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

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| Monday, June 6 | 7:15 p.m. |
| Saturday, June 18 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, July 5 | 7:15 p.m. |
| Saturday, July 23 | 11:00 a.m. |

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

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Robbery

May 8, 8:39 p.m., Greenway Center, a clerk at Advanced Auto Parts reported that two men entered the store and asked about an auto part, then one of them displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money, the two fled the scene in a vehicle described as a silver Mercury Grand Prix. The suspects are described as two black males, with black hair and brown eyes, one was approximately 6'3" with a heavy build, wearing a blue and white jersey, blue jeans and a skull cap. The other was approximately 6' with a thin build, wearing a white long-sleeved T-shirt and blue jeans.

Weapons

May 7, 1:02 a.m., 6300 block Greenbelt Road, four nonresident men were arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, removing a firearm serial number and possession of a handgun by a person under the age of 21. A fifth nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle and removing a firearm serial number. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation; investigation revealed that the vehicle was a rental vehicle and that the driver was not listed on the agreement as designated to operate the vehicle. All of the occupants were removed from the vehicle and a loaded .45-caliber handgun with the serial number removed was located in the vehicle. The men were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 11, 6:28 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle and giving a false name to an uniformed police officer after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The driver could not provide any valid identification and located inside the vehicle was a loaded .357-caliber handgun. Further investigation revealed that the man gave police a false name and a computer check revealed that he had two open warrants with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Assaults

May 10, in reference to an assault reported April 7 at Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane, a 12-year-old Greenbelt youth, an 11-year-old Greenbelt youth and an 11-year-old Lanham youth were petitioned for second degree assault.

May 12, 6:22 p.m., Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he and another man became involved in a traffic dispute. Both exited their vehicles, the suspect punched the victim in the face and then got back into his vehicle and fled the scene. The victim refused treatment for a cut lip. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 6', 200 pounds with black hair, wearing a black hat, a blue shirt and blue jeans. The suspect's vehicle is described as a red 1995 Jaguar, Maryland tag HMP247. Investigation is continuing.

Arson

May 6, in reference to an arson reported May 1 at the Greenbelt Community Center, two 13-year-old Greenbelt youths have been petitioned for second degree malicious burning.

DWI

May 12, 1:20 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Hanover Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and failure to stop at a stop sign after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 12, 4:02 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and negligent driving after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 12, 4:23 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, negligent driving, reckless driving and consuming alcoholic beverages in a vehicle after he was observed backing into a parking space while drinking a beer. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 13, 12:15 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, failure to obey a traffic control device and driving without a license after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 13, 1:56 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and negligent driving after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

May 9, 11:43 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

May 6, 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with auto theft, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of a fictitious government ID. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle; a computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2004 Lexus ES330 4-door, had been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police. The man was also found to be in possession of a fake Social Security card. As police were conducting the traffic stop, another resident man approached and began yelling at them, interfering with the officers' attempts to place the driver under arrest. He was arrested when he refused to stop interfering and was charged with drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest and interfering with an arrest. He also resisted attempts to place him into custody. Both men were released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 11, Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, theft over \$500, theft under \$500 and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglaries

May 8, 12:24 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road, an attempted commercial burglary was reported.

May 9, 9:07 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. A laptop computer, a copier/scanner/fax machine, a printer and DVDs were taken.

May 11, 4:48 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Money and DVDs were taken.

May 12, 12:07 p.m., Woodland Way, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Guitars and clothing were taken.



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Incident Report

From April 30 to May 13 the GVFD&RS responded to a total of 59 engine and 61 ambulance calls. Among those calls 24 were reports of smoke or fire, five were gas leaks, 19 were motor vehicle accidents and 57 were medical calls.

Three Fires, Three Days

Greenbelt proved the saying this past week that "fires come in threes." Between Thursday, May 12 and Saturday, May 14, the Greenbelt Fire Department responded to three fires, one in Greenbelt, one in nearby Lanham and one in Beltsville.

The department was alerted to the first fire just after 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. The call was a report of smoke in a building at Brittany Place Apartments at 8533 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. Engine 351 responded along with other area units. The arriving units found a terrace-level apartment with fire showing and advancing to the upper floors along the exterior. Immediately a second alarm was sounded.

The crew from Greenbelt assisted the crew from West Lanham Hills in fighting the Brittany Place fire, which was quickly brought under control. There were no reports of injury. The engine from Greenbelt cleared the scene after two hours.

Eleven occupants have been displaced as a result of the fire and are being assisted by the County's Office of Emergency Management. Fire loss is estimated at \$150,000 and fire investigators determined the cause to be unattended incense that ignited nearby combustibles. No injuries were reported.

Second Fire

The second fire came shortly after 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 in Beltsville. The call reported smoke coming from a house on

Powder Mill Road. Upon arrival, units discovered fire in the basement with reports of an elderly male still inside the house. The man was rescued and transported to a local hospital with burns.

The crew from 351 worked with the crew from Branchville during the attack. The fire, which was contained primarily to the basement, was quickly brought under control. Engine 351 returned to quarters within an hour.

Major Fire

That evening at 11:39 p.m., Greenbelt was alerted to a building fire in the area of Hanover Parkway and Hanover Drive. As Engine 351 approached the scene, the crew could see flames in the distance and reported to communications that there was a working fire. Later Engine 351 updated the location to 6710 Lake Park Drive.

Engine 351 arrived first on scene and reported heavy fire from the roof of a three-story condominium. The second alarm was sounded to bring additional units to the scene and a third alarm eventually sounded to ensure adequate resources.

Four firefighters were injured, including one from Greenbelt who sustained burns to his hand. All four injured firefighters were transported to area hospitals and are now recovering. There were no reports of injuries to the residents.

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The driver of the striking vehicle, a 30-year-old Columbia, Md. man, was arrested and transported to the District Court Commissioner's Office in Hyattsville to face possible charges of driving while impaired and driving under the influence.

The two occupants of the vehicle originally stopped by the officer refused treatment and apparently received no injuries after their vehicle also was struck by the suspect's vehicle.

McClure Sentenced In Osborne Slaying

Cornell W. McClure of Glenn Dale, who was convicted of killing Tessa Mae Osborne, 18, of Greenbelt was sentenced May 16 to life in prison. U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced McClure in the May 1, 2001 slaying at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Osborne had been shot 11 times, federal prosecutors said.

McClure's co-defendant, Rufus J. Millegan, pleaded guilty to murder and was previously sentenced to life in prison.

Local Resurfacing Begins on Beltway

A \$9.3 million resurfacing project on the inner loop of the Beltway (I-495) has begun between Route 193 in Greenbelt and the Montgomery County Line. The three-mile project is scheduled for completion in spring 2006, weather permitting. In addition to resurfacing, the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) will patch deteriorated sections, replace existing curb and gutters, improve storm water management inlets and re-stripe lane markings.

Motorists should expect daytime single-lane closures along I-495 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Nighttime single- and double-lane closures are permitted between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

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Alien Plants Threaten Wildlife Center

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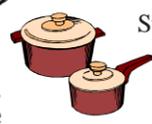

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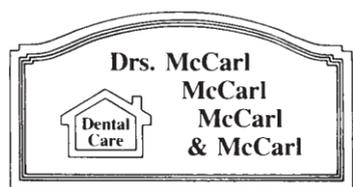
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Green Man Festivities Began At May's Artful Afternoon

by Shamla K. Shakir

Greenbelt celebrated the first event of its first Green Man Festival with fun and environmentally friendly activities at the Community Center on Sunday, May 1. Artful Afternoon, on May Day, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, touched off a celebration of nature that demonstrated the community's commitment to preserving its environment.



PHOTO BY FAZILA SHAKIR

Children construct Green Man figures on the lawn in front of the Community Center.

The festivities began outside the Community Center at 1 p.m., as Artist-in-residence Marla McLean helped children and parents make Green Men and Women with sticks, twine and plastic bottles.

"It's creative and personal," said local resident Amy Grier, describing her Green Woman as a nursing mother she named "Mother Earth." A few minutes later Grier's 2-year-old daughter climbed into her lap and gleefully broke off one of Mother Earth's limbs. "Now she's a nursing mother with a broken leg," Grier said with a laugh.

Parents, seated on picnic benches or the lawn, appeared to be enjoying the good weather and the activities just as much as their children.

"What a great way to celebrate the spring," said Clara Kuehn, who came with her husband Keith, their 4-year-old twins Edward and Dorothy and some friends. Kuehn, who has lived in Greenbelt since 1987, said that nature preserves are a vital part of Greenbelt.

"It's great that the city has taken a proactive position," she said, commending the Greenbelt City Council's 2003 ordinance that created a forest preserve from undeveloped land and established guidelines for its protection and maintenance.

Maypole

Following the sculpture workshop, dance instructor and arts education specialist Monica Mische led her Brownie Troop in a Maypole Dance on the front lawn, which delighted onlookers.

Mische, who used to dance in her college's yearly Mayday Festival in Indiana, said she thought it would be a lot of fun for the kids.

"Maypole dancing was a very popular activity for children for many years," she said, adding that some old photographs depicted early Greenbelters dancing around Maypoles as well.

The weekend before, in recognition of Mayday, her troop made May baskets to hand out to some of the community's older members. They also did a clean-up of the Community Center, she said.

Mische directed the troop, made up mostly of smiling first- and second-graders who wore dandelion chains, as they skipped, bowed and waved to each other. During the routine, they held onto long strips of brightly patterned cloth that were attached at one end to the top of the metal Maypole.

She then invited onlookers to join in; immediately, children and parents grabbed onto available pieces of cloth.

"That's okay, you can go as slow as you want," Mische called out as a group of giggling kids nearly tripped and fell when she told everyone to move left.

Following her instructions to either skip, wave, curtsy, move left or right, an interesting pattern emerged as the cloth wrapped around the pole.

A reception was held from 3 to 5 p.m. inside the Community Center's Gallery, where "The Nature of the Green Man" exhibit displayed local artists whose work reflected influences by nature and the Green Man. The show, coordinated by Artist-in-residence Jean Newcomb, will run through June 5; the Gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., whenever the room is not reserved.

The Green Man, an ancient symbol commonly found in European churches, is often described as the image of man merging with nature. Several of the artists mixed natural themes and human imagery, so creating their own unique Green Men and Women.

Green Concrete

"Green Concrete," a short animated film that aims to educate viewers about invasive plants, played inside the Gallery as well during the afternoon.

The five-minute film, made by GAVA/GATE's summer 2003 animation class under the instruction of George Kochell, was screened at the 13th Annual Environmental Film Festival in March and has been accepted to play at the Fourth Annual MHz Shortz Film Festival in Silver Spring on May 21.

Also in the afternoon, Conductor G. Thomas Cherrix and the Greenbelt Concert Band performed inside the Community Center, while down the hall Artist-in-residence Sandra Dwiggins entertained both kids and adults with stories about the coming of spring.

Greenbelt's Mayor Judith F. Davis, who attended the festival, praised all the people who put effort into arranging the day's activities, including Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator for the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

"Nicole has brought in so many unique artists and activities that, I think, have expanded the cultural awareness of the community," Davis said.

Greenbelt's Green Man Festival



Roosevelt Center was alive with music and dance at last weekend's first annual Green Man Festival. The event was a celebration of Greenbelt's commitment to preserve its acres of forests and to choose wisely to honor this green earth by acting locally. Activities were designed to reconnect people to the folklore of ancient civilizations through science, art, music and myth.



Monica Mische leads the flower dance above.



Anja Holland, 6, joins in with the drummer's circle.



Above left, Dorian Winterfeld carries the Green Man into Roosevelt Center. At right, Amethyst Dwyer plays the tambourine.



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At left, Anthony G. Stevens, 4, Caroline Casey, 3, Jamie Rogers-Sites, 4, and Elizabeth Gardner, 4, dance the "Itsy Bitsy Spider."

The concept of the Green Man Festival was created and organized by local artist and activist Jean Newcombe.

She also complimented Jean Newcomb, whose concerns for the environment increased the community's understanding of important issues, she said.

Newcomb, who came up with the concept of the Green Man Festival a year ago, said that when she initially brought it up to colleagues, everyone agreed it was a good idea.

"If you ask the right question, you get a good answer," she said. "I asked the right question."

The Green Man Festival continued through May 14 and 15 at the Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt (see photos above).

Artful Afternoons are held at the Community Center on the first Sunday of every month.

Think globally, act locally



PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 26, 2005, 7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Room

GDC Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

GHI Meeting, Immediately Following

Key Agenda Items

- Certification of Election
 - Board Reorganization and Election of Officers
 - Designation of GDC Stockholders
 - Set Summer Meeting Schedule & New Board Training
 - Underground Utility Contract – 1st Reading
 - Contract for Underground Storage Tank Removal – 2nd Reading
 - Business Insurance Policy Renewal
 - Agenda Setting for Stakeholders' Meeting with City Council
- Regular board meetings are open to members.

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