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BARC Considered Possible Site For Bio/Agro Defense Facility

by Elaine Skolnik

An area of the Henry Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) is among several sites being considered for the proposed \$450 million National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF). Originally 29 institutions submitted proposals to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) working in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture (USDA). After an initial cut, 14 locations, including BARC, are still under study. Three to five finalists are expected to be announced by June 30.

More information will be requested from applicants and reviewed before the list is narrowed down. An Environmental Impact Statement must be completed for each of the finalists. The process will also include public hearings. Public acceptance of a high-containment facility is one of the criteria set forth by DHS.

Background

In an August 16, 2006, work-session, Dr. Phyllis Johnson, USDA area director, told the Greenbelt City Council that the proposal had been submitted to DHS by BARC as part of a

multi-state mid-Atlantic Consortium. She noted that the site within BARC is contiguous with highly-secured sites belonging to other government agencies. Such a facility, Johnson observed, would be a natural complement to the work BARC is already doing in animal diseases, which can be introduced into an environment intentionally or via normal commerce.

She noted that one site under discussion was at the far north end of the Beltsville property near woods and high-security federal agency neighbors rather than near residences and schools. Other locations with similar characteristics will also be evaluated.

NBAF Mission

The DHS website says the NBAF mission will be designed to "enhance and protect the country's agriculture and public health" through study of "high-consequence biological threats" involving, for example, animal diseases transmissible to humans.

Another aspect of the NBAF mission will be to develop advanced testing and evaluation

procedures and vaccines to defend the country against biological threats such as livestock and food production diseases potentially affecting humans.

At the 2006 work-session, Johnson said it is not known what level of bio-safety equipment the facility will require but she briefly described Bio Safety Levels-3 and -4. She said BARC already has Level-3 areas and that Level-4 labs, those requiring such special design features as negative air flow and special protective clothing for workers, are built within the Level-3 areas to achieve even higher control.

Economic Impact

The proposed facility would create an estimated 500 jobs, employing over 200 scientists and 300 to 400 highly-trained support staff. The project could spin off products for the vaccine and biotechnology industries.

County Executive Jack Johnson has sent a letter of support for locating the project at BARC, said Dr. Johnson.

(News Review Reporter Barbara Hopkins also contributed to this article).

Surprising Turnout Brings Big Dollars for Foundation



The event drew a larger than expected crowd interested in learning about the Greenbelt Foundation.

More than 175 people, nearly double the expected number, filled Martin's Crosswinds for an early morning breakfast on May 2 to learn more about the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

The Foundation is a new institution whose mission is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt. It promotes cooperative endeavors and projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the legacy and ideals of Greenbelt.

"We were overwhelmed by the positive response," said Sylvia Lewis, Foundation chair.

At the breakfast the Foundation received more than \$100,000 in contributions and pledges over the next several years.

Earlier this year organizations, associations and cooperatives throughout the city were invited to apply for the Foundation's first round of grants. The grants, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, will

fund projects that enhance the experience of living in Greenbelt. Funds will be made available July 1, 2007. Organizations will have another opportunity to apply for a grant in the fall.

The Foundation, which has been under discussion for over two years, became an advised fund within the Prince George's Community Foundation in June 2006. The Prince George's Community Foundation is a subsidiary of the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region, Inc., which manages assets worth over \$329,000,000.

Other Greenbelt Community Foundation board members include Bill Duncan; Dan Hamlin; Kap Kapastin; Leta Mach; Carol Shaw; Barbara Simon; Alan Turnbull; and Tom White, treasurer. The board members have held a number of small

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New Organization Supports BARC Research Mission

by Elaine Skolnik

"The newly-formed nonprofit consortium, the National Agricultural Research Alliance-Beltsville, Inc. will work with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) to help win the \$450 million National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF)," said John Peter Thompson, president of the Alliance. However, he emphasized, the Alliance's first priority is to "support and advance the agricultural, human nutrition and scientific research mission of BARC."

Established by agricultural and technology leaders, the Alliance will "advocate for BARC before legislative, executive, administrative and judicial bodies and the public regarding [BARC's] contributions to agricultural science, safe and healthful foods, environmental quality, national security

and in many other areas," according to Thompson.

"BARC is at a crossroads," Thompson said. He was referring to the current financial crisis at the Center, particularly the decline of research funding. In describing the problem, he noted, "from 1996 to 2006 appropriated funding for BARC increased only 2.7 percent but in inflation-adjusted dollars actually decreased 24 percent.

"In Fiscal Year 2006 BARC received approximately two million fewer dollars than in Fiscal Year 2005 In the past 10 years, the Consumer Price Index has increased 26 percent . . . and utility rates increased more than 40 percent despite a 20 percent reduction in total energy usage." Many vacant positions have been abolished and the total number of

Ph.D. scientists has dropped 18 percent in the past 10 years, from 340 to 280," he said.

According to Thompson, in Fiscal Year 2007 BARC cannot meet one-third of its Research Laboratories' salary budget and is seeking to downsize by 160 full-time employees, about 14 percent of its total workforce. Salaries and the cost of utilities have grown faster than any other increases in BARC's appropriation.

Without further action by Congress on the proposed 2008 fiscal year budget, Thompson sees more hemorrhaging of BARC funds. While not part of the Center, the National Agricultural Library, home of the National Agricultural Archives, has also sustained deep budget cuts.

The consortium will also work for federal approval to lease some Center buildings to agriculture-related companies. Thompson noted, "The commercial interests will help drive money currently used to maintain buildings on the BARC site into research and development."

Alliance Officers

Thompson, chairman of Behnke Nurseries Co., is president of the new Alliance; Secretary

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Greenbelt Day Weekend Will Be June 1 through 3

by Judy Bell

Greenbelters will celebrate the 70th anniversary of Greenbelt's birth (1937-2007) on Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3 with many activities including sports, exhibits, talks, readings, a concert and the dedication of the skate park.

Exhibition

"Greenbelt 3007: Designs for a Sustainable Community" showcases the work of emerging architects participating in the "Greening of Greenbelt" design competition from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Friday, June 1

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., with the outdoor pool open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be baseball in the evening beginning at 6 p.m. at both Braden and McDonald Fields.

Saturday, June 2

The GAFC will reopen from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. At 9 a.m. a Youth Spring Biathlon takes place.

From 1 to 3 p.m. "Not for Seniors Only: The Importance of Saving and Keeping Money," a presentation on how to keep track of retirement dollars will take place at the Community Center.

The skate park dedication is scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. And topping off the day a Daddy Daughter Dance takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Community Center.

Sunday, June 3

The GAFC will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Greenbelt Baseball All-Star Game kicks off at 2 p.m. at McDonald Field.

Artful Afternoon opens at 1 p.m. with a letterboxing workshop until 3 p.m. A studio open house follows from 1 to 5 p.m. and the Greenbelt Museum historic house tours are from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Greenbelt 3007 - Emerging Builders' talk begins at 2 p.m. in the Community Center. Ending the weekend are readings by the Greenbelt Writers Group and a concert by the Greenbelt Concert Band at 3 p.m.

What Goes On

Saturday, May 19

8 a.m. to noon, Free Paper Shredding, Municipal Parking Lot Behind Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

Monday, May 21

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Greenway Management (Stakeholder) (Live on Chanel 71)

Thursday, May 24

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

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, May 24, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

GHI Notes

Saturday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Member & Community Relations Yard Sale on Hamilton Place (See ad on page on page 12.)

Monday, May 21, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

6:30 p.m., Communications Committee meeting

Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m., GGI Communication/Stakeholders and Outreach Working Group

7 p.m., Marketing Committee meeting

Thursday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

Monday, May 28, GHI Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open to members.

Shred-it Truck Returns to Center

A Shred-it Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. The Shred-it truck will be located in the parking lot between the New Deal Café and the medical offices. The service is provided with assistance of the city by Greenbelt Federal Credit Union for its members and the community. The time was extended to provide an extra hour.

The Credit Union has sponsored twice-a-year visits by the Shred-it truck since fall 2005 and the city began its participation last fall. Continuing service twice a year, in the spring and the fall, is planned.

Bring papers to shred in paper bags or boxes, five bags or boxes maximum; no binders or business papers will be shredded.

Credit Union Has New Website

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is now providing online service for members at www.greenbeltfcu.com.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Parties

On Saturday, May 19 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field and on Sunday, May 20 members will hold a sidewalk astronomy party at Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the events will be cancelled without further notice.

Bring along your telescope and society members will help aspiring sky watchers become amateur astronomers.

Details are available at www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

Applications Sought For Cassels Award

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative is looking for the next winner of the Jim Cassels Community Service Award. This award takes the form of a \$1,000 grant that will be given to a local group, cooperative or organization for projects or activities that contribute to the community at large or a Greenbelt-based organization in particular. The grant is awarded on the basis of an application and subsequent consideration by a panel comprised of members of the Co-op. Last year this award was given to the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group.

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative announced the creation of this award in recognition of Jim Cassels' many years of service to the Greenbelt community. Whether helping local groups, mentoring new cooperatives, guiding the formation and realization of senior housing or getting up at the crack of dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House, he has been tireless in making Greenbelt a better place to live.

Applications are available in the Greenbelt Co-op office for a group interested in applying for this award for 2007 or anyone wishing to nominate a group for this recognition. Applications must be returned to the Co-op office by June 15, 2007. Supporting statements or recommendations should be included and will be considered.

For more information call Tom Moran, 301-345-1429.

Art to Be Auctioned To Benefit New Deal

by Erin Whiting

The artwork for the New Deal Café's next show is up for sale to the highest bidder. The exhibit, which will hang in the Café from Wednesday, May 30 through June 24, will consist of works donated by local artists to be auctioned off during a reception on June 3. Kristin Stenson, the newly-elected director of the Café's art committee, organized the event as a means to raise money for the Café.

In addition to buying kitchen equipment, the proceeds will also go toward new patio furniture. On Monday, city council approved expanding the Café's alcohol services to its patio and one of the conditions for that support includes upgrading the furniture.

Stenson, who is also a staff member of the Café, says this is an opportunity for artists to support the "community living room" which for the past seven years has provided a free space for artists to show their work.

Anyone in Greenbelt is free to submit artwork and can choose to donate either 50 or 100 percent of their profits to the Café. Bring work to the Café on Tuesday, May 29 between 7 and 9 p.m.

The reception on June 3 will be held in the Café from 7 to 9 p.m. and the auction will begin at 8 p.m. The kitchen will remain open before the auction. Desserts will be provided by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts.

Art exhibits at the New Deal Café are co-sponsored by FONDCA and are made possible in part by support from the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

Greenbelt Park Seeks Trailwalkers

Enjoy the outdoors? Want to enjoy a trail walk with a chance to help the local federal park? Help is needed in the newly formed Greenbelt Park Trail volunteer program.

For more information call Ranger Martin at 301-344-3944. The park's website is www.nps.gov/gree.

Lobby Congress On Climate Change

People are invited to attend a "Call for the Climate" meeting at the New Deal Café on Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. Bring a cell phone - MoveOn.org will provide phone numbers of members of Congress. The goal is to make sure critical representatives are flooded with calls from people in their home districts urging them to pass climate change legislation. Organizers say it's easy, it's fun and it's effective.

For more information call Cam McQueen at 301-345-6293.

City Notes

Planning staff collected census tract data for the city to facilitate a housing market study.

Parks crew continued building a retaining wall and preparing for the installation of a drainage system, spread stone to improve drainage and poured concrete bases for spring animals and the teeter-totter at the playground near 1 Court of Southway.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff rescued 12 ducklings from the outdoor pool gutter and returned them to their mother. During the duck march from the facility, one duckling fell into the sewer grate (a two-foot fall at the exterior exit of the pool). Thanks to some quick thinking by the staff, the duckling was extricated and returned to mama duck.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF May 18

Avenue Montaigne (PG-13)

No coupons or passes accepted Fri. and Sat.

Friday

*5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*2:45, *5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*2:45, *5:10, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:10, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745

129 Centerway

www.pgtheatres.com

GIGANTIC YARD SALE!

The residents of Windsor Green will be participating in a HUGE YARD SALE on:

SATURDAY, May 19, 2007

9a.m. - 2p.m.

Look for: Clothing & accessories, household items & furnishings, children's toys, games, books, crafts, etc. Directions: Greenbelt Rd, right on Frankfort Dr. (across from E.R.H.S.) Sale located in the Community Center parking lot. **RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 20, 2007**

Annual Community Yard Sale

Lakeside North Apartments,
430 Ridge Rd.,
behind Greenbelt
Police Station.
May 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy Swimming?!

The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

Come join us . . . Make new friends . . .

Improve your strokes and endurance . . . Learn to fly, butterfly that is!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's 2007 Summer season runs from May 29 to July 28.

Walk-in registration will be held on May 22 and 23, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Aquatic Center. Fees are \$35 per swimmer until May 29. Registrations received after May 29 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 16 to July 14, with the Divisional meet on July 21 and All-Stars on July 28. 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 29 - June 14 in the afternoons and June 18 - July 20 in the mornings. MANDATORY PARENT MEETING and Swim Suit Fitting May 30 at 5:00 pm at the Youth Center.

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 Joan Dunham, 301-474-4722.

First Annual Art Auction

New Deal Café



Please email for more information...

June 3, 2007

7-9 p.m.

New Deal Café

113 Center Way

Greenbelt, Md

newdealcafeart@yahoo.com



Congratulations to:

– Sergeant Major David W. Lentz, son of longtime residents Dr. Paul L. Lentz and Mary Ellen Lentz, who retired from his position as non-commissioned officer in charge of the U.S. Army Ceremonial Band in a ceremony at Brucker Hall, Ft. Myer, Va., on April 23. During the farewell ceremony Lentz was awarded the Legion of Merit for his contributions during a 32-year career as a musician in the U.S. Army. Other honors were presented by Jack Metzler, superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery, and by officers and enlisted leaders from the Army Band. A Presidential Proclamation was read. Lentz graduated from High Point High School, Peabody Institute of Music, the University of Maryland and holds a master's degree in music from Catholic University.

– Susan Stern, daughter of Jane Stern, who graduated from Rudolf Steiner College in Sacramento and has accepted a position as first-grade teacher in the Waldorf Fair Oaks School outside Sacramento.

CARES

Teresa Smithson interviewed Heather Baum, MSW student from University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work, for an internship at CARES during the 2007-2008 academic year. Baum is a second-year student who will be providing counseling service to families, individuals and school groups.

Crisis Intervention Counselor (CIC) Brian Livelsberger resigned from CARES effective May 5 after three years of service. Livelsberger has been a great asset to the CIC team contributing, among other things, a new automated reporting system that has streamlined record-keeping and vastly improved the accuracy of the CIC report system. He will be missed by all in CARES.

Hospice Hosts Annual Remembrance Event

Hospice of the Chesapeake will host its annual Celebration of Remembrance to honor those who have lost a loved one during the last year. This annual non-denominational memorial service is open to the public.

The service will be held Sunday, May 20 at 5 p.m. at the Oxon Hill Lutheran Church, 3415 Brinkley Road in Temple Hills. For information call Hospice of the Chesapeake at 301-499-4500.

Baha'i Faith
 "Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity."
 – Bahá'u'lláh

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

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

NAMI Support Group Meets

The Prince George's County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold its monthly local support group meeting on Monday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hanco Building, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. This is a supportive work group that accomplishes mailings and other tasks while sharing mental health experiences. For information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

Male Chorus Concert At Baptist Church

The Johnson Male Chorus will present a concert at the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday, May 20 at 5 p.m. The chorus is from Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church of Severna Park.

Following the concert there will be an ice cream social. All are welcome to attend.



Mishkan Torah Congregation
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM
except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM
 Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
 Sunday minyon - 9:30 AM
 Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.
 For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
 Conservative and Reconstructionist

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8 am Worship Service
 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

Greenbelt Community Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
 Sunday Worship
 10:15 a.m.
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: "The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" – *The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10*

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.

Hope Fellowship
 ... living life together

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Greenbelt Youth Center
 99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

May 20 Sermon: Rising Above the Circumstances

Pastor Lou Redd
 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

...living life together

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
 Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
 Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
 Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

May 20, 10 a.m.
 "Solidarity"
 by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister
 with Bruce Baker, worship associate

– Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

Greenbelt Baptist Church
 101 Greenhill Road
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Service
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
 Sunday 11:00 am Contemporary Service
 Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-474-4322

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: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
 Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church
 7010 Glenn Dale Road
 (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
 9:00 am Christian education for all ages
 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

An inclusive congregation!



Please come to **Greenbelt Baptist Church** on Sunday evening May 20, 2007 at 5:00 pm for a concert by the "Johnson Male Chorus" from Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church of Severna Park, MD. All are welcome to attend, and there will be an Ice Cream Social immediately following the concert.

Garden Club Hears Talk on Pot Herbs

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The guest speaker will be Rose Ann Davis, who will demonstrate a "How To" project on strawberry pot herb gardens. Davis was formerly a teacher, working with young children and the mentally challenged. She owned a flower/gift shop in Pennsylvania and has combined both interests by teaching floral design to groups like the Garden Club. She is now with the National Arboretum and has been there for four years.

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

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the club website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.



City Information

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a **PUBLIC HEARING**

for Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. **CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.**

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2007-2008

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| REVENUES | |
| Taxes..... | \$18,700,700 |
| Licenses & Permits | 982,100 |
| Revenue from Other Agencies | 878,700 |
| Service Charges for Current Services..... | 1,920,300 |
| Fines & Forfeitures..... | 537,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 497,700 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$23,516,500 |

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| Appropriation of Fund Balance..... | 0 |
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| EXPENDITURES | |
| General Government..... | \$2,102,700 |
| Planning and Community Development..... | 1,043,000 |
| Public Safety | 9,864,700 |
| Public Works | 2,854,900 |
| Social Services | 582,600 |
| Recreation and Parks | 4,669,100 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 177,800 |
| Non-Departmental | 695,000 |
| Fund Transfers | 1,526,700 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES..... | \$23,516,500 |

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Building Capital Reserve Fund | \$159,000 |
| Cemetery Fund..... | 0 |
| Debt Service Fund..... | 921,400 |
| Replacement Fund | 361,000 |
| Special Projects Fund | 183,000 |
| TOTAL OTHER FUNDS | \$1,624,400 |

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

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| Capital Projects Fund..... | \$1,537,100 |
| 2001 Bond Fund | 2,975,920 |
| Community Development Block Grant Fund | 100,000 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS | \$4,613,020 |

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Green Ridge House | \$1,204,800 |
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the second of two Public Hearings on the budget. The first was held on Monday, April 23, 2007. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk
The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Channel 71.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE
Saturday, June 2nd from 6-9pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Tickets are now on sale! Enjoy this special evening with your daughter. Includes: Dinner, Dancing, Contests, Door Prizes, 5x7 photo. Dress formal. Grades K-6th. Call 301-397-2200 for more info or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department

SHRED-IT
SATURDAY, MAY 19TH
8:00 a.m. – noon

Bring your personal papers to the Shred-It truck located in the Municipal Parking lot behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway, to have them shredded FREE. No business or commercial material will be accepted! Shredding your personal papers is one of the best ways to protect yourself against identity theft. Sponsored by Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the City of Greenbelt

ANNUAL PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 26, 9:00 AM to 12 noon
in the back yard of the
Public Works Department near the
greenhouse.
555 Crescent Road
Info: 301-474-8004

Meetings for May 21-25

Monday, May 21, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session w/ Greenway Center Management (stakeholder), at Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

PUBLIC HEARING
FOREST PRESERVE ORDINANCE
Tuesday, May 29, 2007 - 8 p.m.
Municipal Building – City Council Room

The Forest Preserve Article of the City Code requires that a public hearing be held prior to the passage of any ordinance that would revise the article. At the May 14 meeting of the City Council, an ordinance was introduced to revise the code to establish a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board and to make updates to the article. The ordinance will return on the agenda of the May 29 City Council meeting for second reading and adoption. In addition, the Maintenance and Management ("M&M") Guidelines drafted by the Forest Preserve Task Force will be on the agenda for approval. The two documents are posted on the City Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov, and copies are available from the City Clerk.

Public attendance and participation are encouraged. For special accommodations, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

YOUTH SPRINT BIATHLON

Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am
Race day registration begins at 8am
Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
Ages 8-15 years old
Race will begin with a 50 meter swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center outdoor pool. After the swim, participants will run one time around Greenbelt Lake (3K). All participants will receive a medal. Awards will be given to top finishers in each age group
\$10 pre-registration; \$20 day of event
Info: 301-397-2200

Greenbelt Recreation Department's Greenbelt Dance Studio presents it's first Annual Spring Dance Recital

SPRING FLING

Saturday, May 19th at 7:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center Auditorium
Culminating the Greenbelt Dance Studio's inaugural year under the direction of Samantha Fitschen
Come see the enchanting story of a young girl who makes a springtime wish, performed by more than thirty young dancers enrolled in the Greenbelt Dance Studio's 2006-07 program.
Tickets: \$5 general admission; children 5 and under admitted free. Tickets on sale now at the Community Center business office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, or call to charge tickets at 301.397.2208. For more information about the Greenbelt Dance Studio, go to www.greenbeltmd.gov/dance.

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Week of May 18

FRI. – SAT.

Weeks Later, R (!)

12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 10

Spiderman 3, PG-13 (!)

11:45, 12:10, 12:40, 3, 3:25, 3:45, 5, 5:30, 6:45, 8, 8:30, 10

Shrek 3, PG-13 (!)

12, 12:30, 2:20, 2:40, 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10

Disturbia, PG-13

12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20

The Salon, PG-13

5:15, 7:40, 10:20

Are We Done Yet? PG-13

12:40, 3

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Weeks Later, R (!)

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Spiderman 3, PG-13 (!)

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Disturbia, PG-13

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The Salon, PG-13

5:15, 7:40

Are We Done Yet? PG-13

12:40, 3

MON. – WED.

Weeks Later, R (!)

1, 4, 7

Spiderman 3, PG-13 (!)

1, 1:20, 1:40, 4, 4:20, 4:40, 7, 7:30, 7:45

Shrek 3, PG-13 (!)

1, 2:45, 3:10, 5, 5:30, 7:15, 7:45

Disturbia, PG-13

1:50, 4:20, 7

The Salon, PG-13

5:40, 8

Are We Done Yet? PG-13

1:20, 3:30

THUR.

Weeks Later, R (!)

1, 4, 7

Spiderman 3, PG-13 (!)

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Shrek 3, PG-13 (!)

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Disturbia, PG-13

1:50, 4:20

Pirates of the Caribbean, PG-13 (!)

8, 8:15, 8:30

The Salon, PG-13

5:40

Are We Done Yet? PG-13

1:20, 3:30

Goddard to Get Green Science Building

by Mary Moien

Management from Goddard Space Flight Center made a brief presentation at a May 2 worksession of the Greenbelt City Council. The principal managers present were Alan Binstock, Goddard master planner, and Dave Larson, Goddard project manager. They described a new major building that is taking shape on the eastern edge of the main campus. The building – Exploration Science Building – will be the new focal point of a “walking campus.” In addition, Soil Conservation Road is now closed north of Greenbelt Road. The road still allows access to the Goddard Visitors’ Center and the field where model rockets are launched. However, right beyond that area is a new South Gate to Goddard.

LEED Building

The new building will be a LEED building; that is, a high performance green building. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System. According to reports LEED is the nationally-accepted benchmark for the design and operation of high performance green buildings. The Exploration Science Building will be the largest such building in NASA.

Although building ratings go as high as gold and platinum, this building will be a silver LEED building. The managers described how low-flow water fixtures will be used but not waterless (as a platinum building would have). Although much

energy will be needed in the building, they are trying to make it as energy efficient as possible. Much recycled material will be used in the building which is slated for completion in summer 2009. Bike storage and showers for bikers are planned to encourage biking both to the campus and around the campus.

Campus Plans

Goddard is planning to group most employees around a central mall area with some additional new buildings planned for the east edge of this central area. The current roadway plus the newly cut-off Soil Conservation Road will form a loop around many buildings. More walking will be encouraged and older buildings on the western fringes will be emptied and demolished. Those scientists will move to the new buildings. Shipping and loading docks would be moved out of the central area to ease traffic and to enhance security.

Councilmembers had a number of comments on the campus layout. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Rodney Roberts had concerns about the amount of paved parking, the impervious parking surface and issues surrounding a capped landfill. When viewing the artist’s conception everyone wanted to see many more trees. Councilmember Ed Putens volunteered the city horticulturist “who would be happy to help out and review plans.”

The Goddard managers indicated that trees are expensive and that money is tight and that this is just a drawing. There are large

old “specimen” trees that will be saved during construction. The conservation club at Goddard is looking into tree issues. Councilmember Leta Mach described the “adopt-a-tree” program which is at work in Greenbelt.

The Goddard representatives were asked if there would be an increase of employees if the Mission to Mars program gears up. They indicated “no,” that Goddard is a science campus and not specifically geared to a space program.

ALLIANCE continued from page 1

Rene Winsky is executive director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; and Treasurer Wendi Williams is vice president of Old Line Bank. Board members are Wanda Plummer, director of business development, retention and expansion for the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation, and Essex Finney, former director of BARC.

Thompson also serves on a myriad of organizations. They in-

clude his role as secretary of the National Invasive Species Council Advisory Committee; chair-elect, Prince George’s County Chamber of Commerce; vice-chair, Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission; trustee, Prince George’s County Memorial Library System; immediate past president of both the Mid-Atlantic Exotic Pest Plant Council and the Maryland Nursery & Landscape Association.

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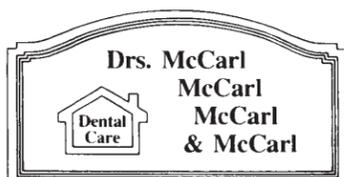
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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

9100 block Edmonston Terrace, May 1, 6:07 p.m., an officer was waved down by a citizen who reported that he was approached by a youth who pushed him off his bicycle and took it. The bicycle is a red Mongoose BMX. The robber is described as a black male, 13 to 15 years old, 5'5" to 5'10", 100 to 150 pounds, black hair, wearing blue jeans and a black shirt.

Assault

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, May 7, 8:25 a.m., a citizen advised that she struck a pedestrian with her car in a minor accident in the parking lot. The other person was uninjured but became irate and struck the driver's vehicle with a book. When the driver exited her car, the pedestrian pushed the driver against her car. The pedestrian, a 16-year-old Greenbelt youth, was arrested for second degree assault and released pending action by the Board of Education and the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

6700 block Lake Park Drive, May 7, 6:49 a.m., it was reported that someone entered a construction site and removed two heat pump coils and an air compressor.

9100 block Edmonston Terrace, May 9, 6:57 p.m., a blue 5-speed bicycle was reported taken from a balcony. A black male, 15 to 18 years old with black hair and brown eyes and wearing a white T-shirt was observed riding the bicycle the same evening.

Disorderly Conduct

Roosevelt Center, May 5, 3:02 p.m., a Greenbelt woman was observed shouting obscenities at patrons in the Center and was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct when she refused a police order to cease her actions. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, May 9, 2:24 p.m., a Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication after officers responded to a report of an unconscious person lying

on a public sidewalk. The man was intoxicated and could not get up without assistance. He was released on citation pending trial after being escorted to his residence.

Vandalism

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, May 7, 5:44 p.m., a witness advised that she observed two youths break a window of a vacant apartment with a brick and flee the scene. One is described as a black male with brown hair and brown eyes wearing jeans and a black hooded sweatshirt. The other is a black male with black hair and brown eyes wearing green and white basketball shorts.

Vehicle Crimes

Citgo Service Station, Southway, May 4, a woman advised that she left her purse unattended inside her vehicle at the station. Upon returning she observed two men leaving her vehicle with her purse and leaving the area in a silver Jaguar. The thieves are described as two black males, 25 to 30 years old with black hair in long dreadlocks and dark complexions. One was 6' to 6'2" tall.

Vehicles stolen were a champagne 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 6BTS92 from the 6200 block Springhill Court on May 4; a 1998 Chrysler Cirrus from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive on May 9, recovered the next day at Beltway Plaza; a 1995 Honda Accord from the 9100 block Springhill Lane on May 9, recovered the same day in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 1998 Dodge Caravan from the 9100 block Edmonston Court on May 10 recovered the same day in Prince George's County.

One other vehicle reported stolen was recovered by county police.

There were thefts from autos reported in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive and an attempted theft from an auto at Beltway Plaza.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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Marine Band Offers Solo Competition

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Based on the application materials, finalists will be selected and invited to Washington, D.C. to compete in a final round in February in the John Philip Sousa Band Hall at the Marine Barracks Annex. Finalists will perform the same selection submitted with their application materials. The winner(s) will receive a cash prize of \$2,500 and will be invited to perform their solo selection in concert with the Marine Band at the Music Education National Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., on Saturday, April 12.

To review the complete list of guidelines or to download the application packet, visit http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/whats_new/concerto.htm or call 202-433-5809.

Botanic Garden Offers Courtyard Tour

On Wednesday, May 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden offers a spring tour. Walk through the Conservatory's courtyard garden, Southern Exposure, with Horticulturist Bill McLaughlin. McLaughlin, designer of the Southern Exposure garden, will share stories and tidbits of information about the North American native plants featured in the garden. This event is free; pre-registration by calling 202-225-1116.



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On Saturday, May 12 the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department was called to this auto fire at 9 Research Road. They quickly extinguished the fire and left the scene in about 20 minutes.

Organic Lawn Care Lecture Offered

On Friday, May 25 from noon to 1 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden will host a lecture on "Organic Lawn Care" by Jessica Walliser, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden. Managing turf organically doesn't have to be difficult, expensive or time-consuming. It requires the easy regimen outlined in this lecture

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PRESCHOOL DISCIPLINE – workshop for parents/teachers. May 21, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Greenbelt Children's Center. \$15. Deborah Wood, Ph.D. 301-576-3423.

YARD/MOVING SALES

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – Saturday, May 19th, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lots of treasures await! Household items, books, furniture, etc.! Come on out! Village Park Drive, Greenbelt (off Hanover Parkway near Schrom Hills Park and traffic circle).

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Turner Describes Funding Issues of County Hospital

by Carol Griffith

Environmental issues and the status of the Prince George's Hospital system were the topics of greatest concern at the first Greenbelt Town Hall meeting, held on April 19 by Ingrid Turner, Prince George's County Councilmember for District 4, which includes Greenbelt. Approximately 25 citizens attended, including city Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts acting as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Judith Davis. Captain Thomas Kemp, patrol division commander of the Greenbelt Police Department also attended.

In her opening remarks and in a later discussion sparked by a request from resident Angela Miotto for an explanation of the situation, Turner addressed the problems of the Prince George's Hospital system. All parties – county executive, county council, Dimensions Healthcare System – are “working hard for a long-term solution, although there is a long way to go.” Funding has been found but only through Fiscal Year 2008, Turner reported.

Turner identified the underlying problem as insufficient funding to overcome the number of uninsured patients at the five facilities within the Prince George's Hospital system. There is a “funding mismatch,” she said, because paying and insured patients tend to go to other healthcare facilities and the Prince George's facilities bear a disproportionate number of uninsured patients. Turner noted that across the region other healthcare facilities receive more public financial support. She wants the state and federal systems, including senators and members of Congress, to assist with Prince George's County's “peculiar problem.”

Schools Budget

Also in her opening remarks, Turner commented briefly on the county budget noting that increases were budgeted for schools (12.7 percent) and public safety (15 percent). She introduced Greenbelt resident and county Senior Legislative Auditor William Hunt who gave a brief update on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget.

Budget highlights include funding for school resource officers. Hunt said that for those cities, including Greenbelt, that fund their own school resource officers, there will “probably” be financial assistance again this year.

Greenbelt projects in the capital budget include renovation of Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) and land acquisition for a new or expanded fire/EMS station.

At GMS a majority of the existing facility will be renovated, restoring the 1937, 1945 and 1953 sections and adding a media center, science laboratories and classrooms. In 2008, \$10.5 million is allocated for the GMS project and \$100,000 is reserved to acquire land for a new fire station.

Heather Iliff, school board member for District 2, attended with Turner to represent the Prince George's County Board of Education. She explained that while Governor Martin O'Malley had increased capital funding, it was “inadequate” for the \$1 billion needed for Prince George's County schools. Iliff said, “We need to keep fighting for more funding.”

Roberts questioned her as to how the county can afford the renovation at Greenbelt Middle School while building a new high school estimated to cost \$70 million in Fairmont Heights. Iliff replied that funding for each project was designed to be phased in over several years.

As the school at Fairmont Heights “can't continue in the state it is in,” Iliff said, the board decided to relocate rather than renovate the facility. She added that work at GMS is scheduled to be completed before ground is broken for the Fairmont Heights school.

Citizen Concerns

Though speakers were limited to three minutes, citizens brought their concerns to Turner. Jeff Pedelty advocated for smart growth as did Robert Fireovid, noting a “moral dimension to growth.” Joan Falcao expressed concern that, as a result of growth, taxes and assessments were rising. She asked Turner to closely monitor the budget.

Leonie Penney, as chair of Friends of the Resource Advocate, told Turner of the increased caseload of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living (GAIL) program and the greater needs of its clients, stating the need for an assistant case manager. Turner recognized Greenbelt CARES, which includes GAIL, as a “model program.”

Other citizens detailed unique aspects of life in Greenbelt: Doug Love described the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt, stating that “astronomy unites us all.” Sylvia Lewis, representing Greenbelt Homes Inc., explained the Greener Greenbelt Initiative and its attempt to create a new vision for the city; and Herling announced the second International Festival, which has the intention to build a more inclusive community in Greenbelt.

Kids' Kaboose Comes To Bowie Thursday

Children can enjoy a morning of railroad fun at the Bowie Train Station and Children's Heritage Center in Old Bowie on Thursday, May 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Youngsters will enjoy train stories, a visit to the railroad museum and a chance to enjoy hands-on activities at the Children's Heritage Center.

The museum is located at 8606 Chestnut Avenue in Old Bowie. Kids' Kaboose is free and no reservations are required. For further information call 301-575-2488 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

Arboretum Features Herbal Butters

On Saturday, May 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the U.S. National Arboretum, a free presentation of “Herbal Butters” opens the National Herb Garden's 2007 “Under the Arbor” series of educational lectures and demonstrations. Billi Parus of the Tidewater Unit of the American Herb Society will demonstrate how to use fresh and dried herbs and spices to create flavorful spreads. Recipes will also be available. Visit www.usna.usda.gov/education for more information or call 202-245-4521.

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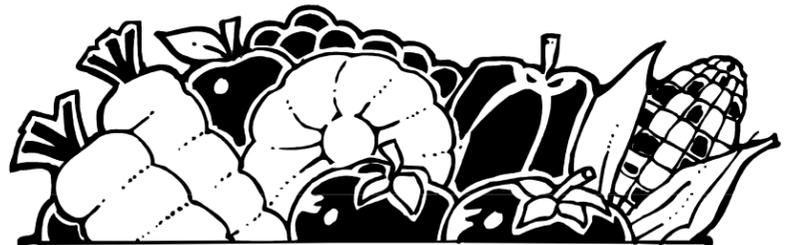
| American League | W-L | National League | W-L |
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| Giants | 7-2 | Indians | 9-1 |
| Orioles | 6-2 | Cardinals | 6-3 |
| Athletics | 1-6 | Yankees | 3-5 |
| Tigers | 1-6 | Cubs | 0-8 |

Major League Schedule

| Date | Time | Games |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Mon., May 21 | 6:00 p.m. | Orioles vs. Cubs |
| Tues., May 22 | 6:00 p.m. | Cards vs. Giants |
| Wed., May 23 | 6:00 p.m. | Athletics vs. Yankees |
| Thurs., May 24 | 6:00 p.m. | Tigers vs. Indians |
| Fri., May 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Cubs vs. Cardinals |
| Fri., May 25 | 6:00 p.m.* | Yankees vs. Giants |
| Fr., May 25 | After | Athletics vs. Orioles |
| Sat., May 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Tigers vs. Athletics |

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.

* This game will be played at Braden #2.



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The draft EA is available for public review. Comments must be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Comments should be submitted in writing to:

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center
Safety and Environmental Division
Greenbelt, Maryland 20771
Code 250/Roadway

Comments may be sent electronically to enviro@pop200.gsfc.nasa.gov

The draft EA may be viewed on-line at

<http://environment.gsfc.nasa.gov/RoadwayEA.pdf>

Copies of the draft EA are available for review at the following locations:

Prince George's County Memorial Library System

Greenbelt Branch

11 Crescent Road

Greenbelt, MD 20770

Laurel Branch

507 7th Street

Laurel, MD 20707

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15210 Annapolis Road

Bowie, MD 20716

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For further information, contact Beth Montgomery at 301-286-0469 or Paul Schimelfenyg at 301-286-5088.



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