

## City Manager Presents 2009 Budget Proposal to Council

by Thomas X. White

Leading off the agenda for the Greenbelt City Council meeting of March 24, City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented his proposed budget for city operations for the coming Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) that begins on July 1, 2008. For Greenbelt the budget process is almost a never-ending and arduous cycle for the city manager and city department heads.

Although the city charter requires the manager to present the budget to council at its last meeting in March of each year, preparation of the budget for a given year actually begins much sooner, often as early as the preceding fall.

The March presentation marks the beginning of a public review period for the manager's budget that will consist of at least 10 council worksessions and two public hearings and culminate with council's adoption of the final FY09 city budget with such amendments as it sees fit, at either the last council meeting in May or the first meeting in June.

In a prepared presentation, McLaughlin began with comments relating to accomplishments

during the current fiscal year 2008. He noted completion of the project to refurbish windows in the historic sections of the Greenbelt Community Center, the ongoing expansion and renovation of the city's Public Works facility, the very successful Maryland Municipal League fall conference hosted by the city and the selection of Greenbelt as one of 31 Charter Playful City communities in the United States.

McLaughlin also reported that the current year budget is expected to end almost \$600,000 in the black, due mainly to higher than anticipated property tax revenue, an unexpected \$250,000 payment for new street permits for the Greenbelt Station development, not having to fill two police officer positions and over \$90,000 savings in insurance costs. With the expected improved financial results for Fiscal Year 2008, the city manager proposes a significant contribution to rebuild the city fund balance, bringing it to approximately 9.1 percent of city expenditures.

### FY09 Proposal

For FY09 he is proposing \$24,999,100 in revenues and

\$24,873,800 in expenditures, which amounts to \$1.36 million over FY08 (5.8 percent) figures. Most of this increase relies on a 9.3 percent expected increase in property tax revenues (\$1.22 million).

McLaughlin proposed that there be no increase for FY09 in the city property tax rate. He also remarked that city property owners should also expect an 8/10th of a cent reduction in their county tax rate due to the property tax differential program for municipalities.

Looking ahead, McLaughlin indicated that in Fiscal Year 2010 there will likely be another 9 percent increase in assessment growth for the city, marking about six years in a row of 9 percent increases in property valuations. However, for Fiscal Year 2011 city property will be subject to a new property tax assessment cycle that could reflect the current turmoil in the real estate and credit markets.

Harking back to the early 2000 experience, the city manager seemed to cling somewhat tenu-

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## Greenbelt Expresses Shock At Plans for Soccer Stadium

by Elaine Skolnik

When the Greenbelt City Council learned from the January 23 edition of the Washington Post that Prince George's County officials were considering locating a soccer stadium in the area of the Greenbelt Metro Station, council lost no time in sending a letter to County Executive Jack Johnson reflecting their shock and reservations over such a possibility.

In the letter Mayor Judith Davis expressed council's dismay over not having been invited to meetings where the potential stadium was discussed. She noted that these discussions were apparently substantive enough that the county requested the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) to undertake a \$75,000 feasibility study.

Had Greenbelt been in on the discussions, the county would

have learned that plans for the development of the Greenbelt Metro area, which is included in Greenbelt's corporate limits, have been actively worked on for more than a decade. She wrote, "The vision has been for a transit-oriented mixed use development reflective of Smart Growth."

The mayor went on, "The city has a development agreement governing how the property can be developed and has had numerous meetings over the years dealing with the property (north core) including an update from Petrie Ross on their plans less than a year ago. Further, the city has successfully filed suit related to the plans review process for this property and worked with [the county executive's] staff toward

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## SHL Residents Discuss Concerns and Solutions

by Ruth Kastner

About 65 Greenbelt residents attended a March 27 informational meeting at the Springhill Lake Elementary School. SHL residents Melissa Hines-Rodriguez and Kimberly Paz, organizers of the event, invited representatives of city government to talk with residents about their concerns and to provide information on the services available to SHL residents.

Linda Sherwood, principal of SHL Elementary School, welcomed the crowd and Hines-Rodriguez noted that the Greenbelt Giant Food store had donated refreshments. City Councilmembers Judith Davis, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts were also present.

### Safety Concerns

In a frank exchange, a number of residents expressed their disappointment over various as-

pects of the SHL facilities and services, while others cited good experiences both with the SHL management and with city staff. Detective Mike Lanier of the Greenbelt Police Department noted that street robberies were down by about 20 percent this year but emphasized that ongoing help was needed from the community in reporting thefts for the city to be able to investigate these crimes properly. He emphasized that reports can be done anonymously and are treated as confidential.

At this point, one resident expressed concern that her initial theft report had been suspended a few weeks later and that she was subsequently robbed again. Lanier replied that a report may be

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## Council Focuses on Green Issues At the Meeting on March 24

by Thomas X. White

The main event at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on March 24 was the annual presentation by the city manager of his proposed Fiscal Year 2009 budget. Highlights of the budget presentation are covered elsewhere in this issue. Following the budget presentation only a few other items were addressed by council, and all in some fashion related to the environment and how city policy in this area does or does not measure up.

### Cool Capital Challenge

The first item of business was council consideration of a city resolution endorsing and participating in the Cool Capital Challenge (CCC), a voluntary grassroots campaign designed to obtain commitments for reducing one billion pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in the Washington metropolitan region by April 2008. CCC was initiated in early 2007 by volunteers from business, institutions, government agencies, congregations and community and environmental organizations. It is coordinated out of the offices of Washington Parks and People in the Josephine Butler Parks Center.

Instead of cash, the currency for contributions to the CCC is

greenhouse gas reductions. Based on that organization's website, <http://www.coolcapitalchallenge.org>, the effort has obtained over 270 million pounds of greenhouse gas reduction pledges during the first six months following its launch.

Greenbelt's involvement stems from its membership in the Washington Council of Governments (COG), which is supporting the CCC through its Climate Change Initiative. In addition to supporting CCC, the COG program attempts to integrate ongoing regional and COG member local government activities contributing to greenhouse gas reduction, sharing of best practices, development of information and measurement tools and development of an outreach and education campaign for governments, businesses and citizens.

In considering the resolution for second reading and approval, staff noted that although a pledge of a specific amount of CO2 reduction is being sought, a specific amount has not yet been calculated. However, staff believes that the city should be able to calculate a sizable contribution by taking into account the "green" aspects of the Public Works fa-

cility reconstruction/renovation; proposed installation of energy efficient heating/cooling equipment at the Aquatic and Fitness Center, the city's recycling programs, purchase of more energy efficient vehicles and other measures that have been or will be undertaken by the city.

Mayor Judith Davis noted the difficulty in making such measurements and in establishing a meaningful baseline upon which any "contributions" could be based. She also suggested that the city staff investigate if the city's trademark green space and other city efforts to preserve green space could be factored into the greenhouse gas reduction calculations.

William Orleans challenged council and the mayor regarding their "delay" in implementing the recommendations made last year by the city's Recycling and Environmental Advisory Committee. Davis indicated that the program recommended by the committee is being considered but that it has required measurements and calculations that would be costly for the city to accomplish.

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, April 5

9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Potomac Watershed Cleaning, Meet at Aquatic and Fitness Center or Behind SHL Recreation Center

#### Sunday, April 6

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

#### Monday, April 7

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pedestrian Safety Workshop, Community Center Multipurpose Room. See registration details on page 5.

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Public Safety, Municipal Building

#### Tuesday, April 8

10:30 a.m., Registration for GED Course, Municipal Building

#### Wednesday, April 9

7 to 9 p.m., First Session of Greenbelt Safety Advisory Committee's Preparedness Session, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Planning and Community Development, Community Center

#### Thursday, April 10

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

# Letters to the Editor

## Turn Out Lights

March 29 to April 4 is National Dark-Sky Week, dedicated to the promotion of better outdoor lighting practices.

To many people, lights mean safety and the more, the better. However, poorly designed, thoughtlessly installed outdoor lighting fixtures not only do not promote safety, they pose a danger to wildlife, are detrimental to human health and waste enormous amounts of energy (and money). We've all seen those pictures from space of the earth at night, with the continents neatly outlined with light, but how many of us realize that almost all of that light is wasted?

Many of us are saving energy by installing efficient light bulbs in our homes; but how many of us are encouraging our city and the businesses we patronize to reduce costs by using efficient, well-designed outdoor lighting which puts the light on the ground where it's needed? As an amateur astronomer I mourn the loss of the night sky; as an older person I squint because of the glare that assaults my eyes; and as a taxpayer and citizen I resent the waste of resources represented by current lighting practices.

Working together, we can have a community which is more pleasant and safer at lower cost to all of us. Now would be a good time to start. More information can be obtained from the International Dark-Sky Association (<http://www.darksky.org/mc/page.do>).

Martha L. Gay

## Welcome Minority Council Candidates

Many Greenbelt residents would welcome the opportunity to vote for a city council that reflects Greenbelt's racial diversity. But I see two obstacles: (1) the difficulty of unseating an incumbent and (2) the lack of diverse candidates.

In 1938 Greenbelt's city council had five members to govern a city of 610 families. Maybe it's about time we added a couple of seats to serve our 9,000+ housing units. Then in 2009 it wouldn't be necessary to beat an incumbent to get elected. And as for minority candidates, perhaps the Prince George's County Branch of the NAACP can energize their Greenbelt membership to recruit strong candidates and raise funds for their campaigns.

Of course, getting accomplished candidates to spend hundreds of hours a year in meetings with nominal compensation is quite a challenge!

All the more reason we should not switch to a 5-district system that would automatically jettison at least two of our current dedicated and experienced councilmembers. I see voting districts as divisive and unnecessary. And it is difficult to draw boundaries fairly. For example, I feel the eastern part of the ACLU-proposed District 2 has an unfair advantage.

I also like cumulative voting, because I could enthusiastically cast all my votes. (Last year, the average number of votes cast per voter was only 4.1 out of 5 votes.) With cumulative voting, impassioned people would feel their candidate stood a better chance.

But even with cumulative voting, I doubt that new candidates

will be elected unless there are open seats on the council.

For those who enjoy lively discussion on this topic, the "Greenbelters" yahoogroups email list has been highly entertaining and informative. And these emails are saved in a searchable archive.<sup>2</sup>

Joan Falcão

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/city\\_government/election/results.htm](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/city_government/election/results.htm)

<sup>2</sup> For instructions on how to join, send a message from the desired email address to [Greenbelters-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:Greenbelters-subscribe@yahoo.com).

## Simpler Solution

We have seen the proposal to divide the city into five equal districts and allow people to vote for council candidates only from their own district, even when they believe other candidates are better qualified. I propose a simpler solution that is cheaper, easier to do and more fair. The method makes just one change to our present system of choosing five at-large candidates where each voter has up to five votes: Allow each voter to cast all five of his or her at-large votes for one candidate (or 3 for one and 2 for another or 1 for each of five different candidates, or whatever the voter chooses).

With this method, if at least 17 percent of voters really want one particular candidate to win, they need only use all five of their votes for that candidate. That mathematically guarantees their candidate will be one of the five elected. [Six candidates cannot each receive 17 percent of the votes cast since 6 times 17 percent is 102 percent.]

The advantage of this method is that it does not force voters to band together only by district. If the voters in one election district really want a particular candidate from their district to win, that candidate is guaranteed to win (districts having around 20 percent of voters). Or if 17 percent of the voters want to elect a person over 65 to represent the interests of the elderly, they can guarantee the election of that person. If a particular minority group has 34 percent of the voters, they can guarantee that two of the five winners are from their minority group. Or if 34 percent of the voters feel that electing a woman is the prime consideration, they can guarantee that two of the five winners are women.

In short, this voting method gives council representation to any group of at least 17 percent of Greenbelt voters if they choose to vote solely on the basis of race, gender, age or education or whatever criterion they feel is most important. Giving voters the freedom to choose on the basis of district is not more important than giving them the freedom not to. This voting method gives voters both freedoms.

Bill Jones

## Urges Cumulative Voting Solution

I respectfully suggest that Greenbelt adopt cumulative voting for our city council elections.

For those who don't know, this simply means that each voter gets some number of votes (say five) which you may cast however you please. In particular, if you want to cast all five votes for the same

candidate, you may do so.

This system has several advantages:

1. It is simple, easy to understand and administer.

2. A candidate with strong minority support has a significant chance of being elected.

3. A candidate with no significant support has little chance of being elected (unlike district plans).

4. Each councilmember is accountable to the entire city (unlike district plans).

5. Legal precedent establishes this system as being non-racist (unlike a fully at-large system or an at-large system with residency requirements).

Ed Kenschaff

## Warden's Day Off

As far as wildlife goes, things have been tame since a coyote appeared in my yard last November. Sunday afternoon changed that and left me wishing our police department would assume animal warden duties when urgent situations arise that affect quality of life when the warden is off-duty.

About 1 p.m. Sunday there were eight vultures alternately circling and sitting in trees in my backyard and the city property adjacent to it – with more flying in from the west. Something somewhere nearby had died. I found an opossum lying in the creek on city property behind my shed.

These were "black" vultures with small gray heads and short tails, not "turkey" vultures with small red heads and longer tails. They had 3 to 4 foot wingspans and rather quietly but awkwardly fluttered as they moved from tree to tree. It was unsettling to see their hunched-over silhouettes, each about two feet tall and a foot wide, with tiny heads sunken into their chests, perched high up on oak tree branches staring down with their beady eyes waiting for me to leave.

Well, I wanted them to leave. Removing the torn open opossum would solve my problem. Not so simple, though, when our animal warden is off duty. The police referred me to our city warden or the county animal shelter. Our city warden's recording referred me (back) to our police or the county. The county shelter had "a backlog" but would take a message and call our city warden the next day, Monday.

I left home at 1:30 p.m. Sun-

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF APR. 4

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13)

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

Saturday  
\*3, \*5, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday  
\*3, \*5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
\*5, 7:30

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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
**BOARD MEETING**  
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, April 10, 2008  
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

### Key Agenda Items:

- Unpermitted Replacement of Privacy Screen, 6Z5 Plateau
- Proposed Gardenside Wood Fence, 13Q Ridge Road
- Yardline Certification: 1, 3 & 7 Courts Plateau Place
- Request for Contributions
- Resolution to Open Account with Vanguard
- Approval of Committee Charters
- Strategic Plan Review

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# Community Events

## At the Library

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, April 8, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 9, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

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

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

### Bookids

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m., a librarian leads a book discussion for children ages 8 to 12. Call Greenbelt Branch at 301-345-5800 for details.



## GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

**Tuesday, April 8, 8:30 a.m.** – Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

**Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.** – Orientation for GHI Candidates vying for elected positions, Board Room

**Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.** – Architectural Review Committee, Board Room

**Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.** – Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

**Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.** – Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Noon – GHI volunteer committees appreciation luncheon, Greenbelt Fire House

**Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m.** – Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

**Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m.** – Finance Committee, Board Room

**Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.** – Sustainable Design and Practices Committee, Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 board meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays through May.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for April 7 through 11 include:

Monday – Split-pea soup with crackers, meatloaf with gravy, parsley whole boiled potatoes, green beans, fresh orange.

Tuesday – Grape juice, chicken filet with gravy, cornbread stuffing, vegetable medley, sliced peaches.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup with crackers, BBQ beef on a bun, coleslaw, warm baked beans, banana pudding.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, meat lasagna, sliced carrots, green peas, fruit cocktail.

Friday – Cranapple juice, beef and broccoli, brown rice, mixed squash, sweet cherries.

## Computer Club Meets April 10

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its April monthly meeting on Thursday, April 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

## BCWWG, CCRIC Clean Sunnyside

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) and Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) are teaming up to clean up on Sunnyside Avenue near Indian Creek between Kenilworth and the railroad tracks. Meet at the site on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

Join the Potomac Watershed Cleanup efforts. Dress for mud. There is parking in the lot just past the railroad tracks. For more information call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

## Greenbriar I Elects Board of Directors

Greenbriar Phase I had its annual meeting March 4, electing the following board for the coming year: Lawrence Noda, president; Dorothy "Didi" Peck, vice president; LaVerne Smith, secretary; Emmett Jordan, treasurer; Rhonda Furmanski, director.

Board meetings are held monthly at the community building. Greenbriar Phases I & II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. and Greenbriar Community Association Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club had a huge turnout to hear Dr. Stephani Trifoglio speak on arthritis. Many thanks to her for taking time from her busy schedule to meet with the club.

On April 9 R. Odom will speak on home security, a topic of interest to all.

There is still time to sign up for the anniversary luncheon on April 16 at the 94th Aero Squadron in College Park.

We have good news from two of our members. Ellie Rimar and Leonie Penney are both back home and we send them "Happy Thoughts."

This has been an early year – daylight savings time came early and Easter was very early and now the flowers and trees are springing into bloom. The display of blooms on Southway is just beautiful. Greenbelt is great and beautiful this spring.

## Sunday CCRIC Spring Cleanup behind Mall

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) is having its annual Potomac Watershed cleanup event on Sunday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. The group will meet in the parking lot at the corner of Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive (behind Giant at Beltway Plaza).

Wear long sleeves and expect to get wet (boots recommended). Work gloves and trash bags will be provided. For information visit the website at [www.ccric.org](http://www.ccric.org).

## Explorations Presents Sinatra on April 4

On Friday, April 4 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Stephen Kramer on the subject of Frank Sinatra in the 1940s that was originally scheduled for the cancelled February 22 meeting. Kramer has spent 35 years working as an electronic engineer and has collected jazz and big band recordings and videos since his childhood. He is the co-author of "Gene Krupa and his Orchestra," published by Jazz Discographies Unlimited in 1973, and has participated in the production of compact discs by Dick Haymes and Buddy Clark, both prominent vocalists of the 1940s.

Most recently, he has conducted classes on American Popular Song through the University of Maryland's Legacy College and at Prince George's Community College SAGE program. He has also supplied music for the stage production of Clare Boothe Luce's "The Women," presented at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Kramer's presentation will cover Sinatra's formative years beginning as a vocalist for the Harry James Orchestra in 1939, continue through his period as the featured male singer with the Tommy Dorsey band between 1940 and 1942 and end with his emergence as a major recording and film star following the conclusion of World War II. Recordings, radio broadcasts and film clips will be used to illustrate his contribution to the development of American Popular Song as an art form.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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**Citizen King**  
*PBS Documentary about the last 5 years of Dr. King's life*  
**Sunday, April 6, 3 pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Church**  
**1 Hillside Rd.**  
*Discussion lead by Rev. Terence Collins*  
**Peace & Justice Coalition & the SCLC**

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.  
1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.  
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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APRIL 12, 2008 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

FOOD – GAMES – SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE – CRAFTS – CAKE WALK – BIKE RODEO – SILENT AUCTION (bring cash!)



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## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Children \$6.00

Adults, Seniors \$6.50

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults \$8.50

Students/Military \$7.50

Children \$6.00

Seniors \$6.50

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## Week of April 4

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Roosevelt Center  
Located underneath the Co-op  
[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

LIVE Theater  
Week of April 4  
**Born  
Yesterday**  
A Screwball Comedy

FINAL WEEKEND  
Friday, 4th – 8pm  
Saturday, 5th – 8pm

Adults \$15  
Senior/Students \$12  
No membership discounts  
Cash or Check only  
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Located underneath the Co-op  
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**Holy Cross  
Thrift Store**

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.  
1st Saturday of the month  
10 – 2 p.m.  
Good, clean clothes for women,  
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Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

**GREENBELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SPRING FAIR!**  
APRIL 12, 2008 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

FOOD – GAMES – SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE –  
CRAFTS – CAKE WALK – BIKE RODEO –  
SILENT AUCTION (bring cash!)

# Obituaries

## R. James Rice

R. James "Jim" Rice, 92, died on Monday, March 24, 2008, at his residence on Lakeview Circle.

Mr. Rice lived most of his life in Portsmouth, Va., before coming to Greenbelt in 1959 to work at Goddard Space Flight Center until he retired.

In Greenbelt he worked as a volunteer for the Greenbelt Credit Union and he served as president and vice president of the board of directors.

Mr. Rice was a member of Greenbelt Community Church. He was a Mason in Birmingham Lodge 188.

He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth Rice; his son Robert J. Rice, Jr., and his wife Rose Marie; grandsons Kevin and his wife Karin and James and his wife Carrie Rice.

Graveside services were held at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery on Friday, March 28.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., 125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.



## Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Mary Elizabeth Rice on the death of her husband R. James Rice and the Rice family on the loss of their father and grandfather.

### Congratulations to:

– Marine Corps Pvt. Antwan M. Browne, a 2002 ERHS graduate, who recently completed 12 weeks basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. Car.

– Leonie Penney, who celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on March 29. A native of The Hague, Holland, Leonie and her late husband Walter moved to Greenbelt over 50 years ago. She has been active in community affairs ever since.

A warm welcome to new aquatics coordinator Jared Welsh, who has joined the staff of the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

An In Memoriam article on Michael Sucher is included in this issue on page 11.

## 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



April 6, 10 a.m.

"If I Were God for a Day"

by Rev. John Gaffney, minister emeritus,  
Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation, Bowie,  
with Pat Tompkins, worship associate

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

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open heart, Open minds, Open doors

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor



Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am

## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church



7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://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!



## Who are the Divine Messengers that Bahá'u'lláh spoke about? (Part 2)

Baha'u'llah proclaimed that God, our loving Creator, sends Divine Messengers with teachings that enable humanity to know and to worship God. These great Messengers have appeared throughout history at intervals of about 500 to 1,000 years and brought human civilization to ever higher levels of spiritual and material advancement. Baha'u'llah is the latest in this long line of Divine Messengers, which has included Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, Krishna, Buddha, Zoroaster and the Báb.

### Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

Come visit our booth at the Labor Day Festival!  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai](http://www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

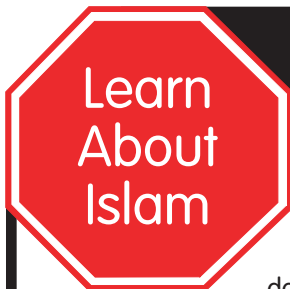
## Does Christian Science Really Heal Sickness and Sin?

By John Q. Adams, C.S.B.  
A free Christian Science Lecture

Saturday, April 5  
2:00 PM

UMD University College. Rm 1312

For information call: 301-422-0105 or  
visit our website: [christiansciencedc.org/index.php](http://christiansciencedc.org/index.php)



## GIVE THANKS

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."  
– The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit [www.searchislam.org](http://www.searchislam.org).

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)



## Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"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

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

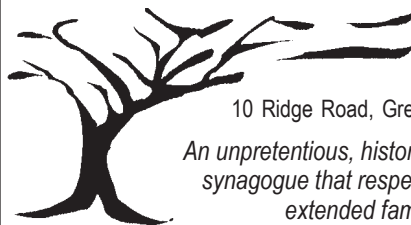
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

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..."



## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



## 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)

April 6 – The World Is Not Enough  
Ezra 3; Proverbs 2

Pastor Lou Redd

301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

...living life together



## Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

### Spring GED Class Registration April 8

Greenbelt CARES will begin a 10-week GED course on Thursday, April 10 and end on Thursday, June 12. The only registration for the course will be held on Tuesday, April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class will be held on Thursday, April 10.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card.)

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Non-Greenbelt residents must pay a \$175 registration fee. All students must buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. Students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

### Greenbelt Student Videos Shown Sat.

Greenbelt students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program will have their animated videos shown at the Heritage Film Festival Saturday, April 5 at the Prince George's Community College. This film festival highlights works by local filmmakers and includes a section for young people. This year's animation entries include "Fluffy the Vampire" by Jessamyn Daniel (12), "Keep Off the Grass" by Brandon Peters (17), "Evil Bunny" by Felicia Ralph (12) and "(Untitled)" by Emily Winner (12).

Also included is "Rainy Day" by Dawnette Samuels. Samuels is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and an animation intern with GAVA/GATE.

Olatokunbo Betiku, the assistant instructor for the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, will have his animation "Black History" shown also.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program teaches children and teens animation year-round with George Kochell as the instructor at the GATE Studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information email Barbara Simon at simongava@yahoo.com.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program is supported by a grant from Prince George's County.

### Md. Chorus Spring Showcase Is Sunday

The Maryland Chorus, with William Culverhouse conducting, will present its Spring Showcase concert on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. at the UMCP Memorial Chapel.

Included in the concert of choral masterworks will be the Alleluja, Lobet den Herrn by German composer Heinrich Schütz, the celebrated Missa Bell "Amfitrit Altera" by Orlandus Lassus and Lux Aeterna by contemporary American composer Morten Lauridsen.

There is no fee for admission though donations will be accepted at the door.

For further information see the website at [http://www.music.umd.edu/events\\_news/events/7025](http://www.music.umd.edu/events_news/events/7025).

### NARFE Holds April Meeting

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. The public is invited and members are urged to attend.

Call 301-937-7987 for information.

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day. Upon my return at 3:30 there were no more vultures and only skeleton and skin from the opossum. Our warden picked up the remains Monday morning.

Despite vultures and coyote, I still love living in Greenbelt but wonder if anyone else thinks we need back-up when our warden has a well-earned day off.

Sue Krofchik

### THANKS!

I want to thank New Deal Café Board President Peter May and Boardmember Bill Wilkerson for making a dream come true for Greenbelt – getting Chef Karim and Maria to take over the New Deal Café's restaurant. They will bring a professional kitchen, staff and new menu to the Café, as well as many new friends.

The interim all-volunteer operation of recent months will be a thing of the past. We will volunteer when asked to help the new restaurant operators succeed. For example, I've agreed to continue ordering the beer, wine, sodas, teas and other drinks. But our main volunteering soon will be maintaining the co-op and its heart – the music and arts aspects of Greenbelt's living room – while

ensuring we offer all the help we can to make sure the New Deal Café's restaurant succeeds beyond our wildest dreams.

After all, we can't ignore our bodies while nourishing our minds and souls. Thanks.

Donald L. Comis

### Beltsville Garden Club

#### Plant Sales

Saturday, April 12 & May 10 8 till 11 a.m. (Rain or shine)  
High Point High School,  
Beltsville, MD

For directions visit website  
[www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org)

## TAKE A BLUES BREAK

"Smokin Joe" Kubek

featuring  
Bnois King



Apr 12, 2008, 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Am. Legion Post 136  
6900 Greenbelt Rd.



Tickets \$20.00 ea  
240-460-4278 Tommy Bryant

Benefits "Legacy Scholarship Fund"

boiled seasoned shrimp  
available for purchase  
Sponsored by Squadron 136



# City Information

### MEETINGS FOR APRIL 7 - 11

Monday, April 7th, 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION -- PUBLIC SAFETY**, at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 9th, 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION -- PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**, at the Community Center.

*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](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).*

### ARE YOU READY?

If disaster struck tomorrow, would you know what to do? Do you have a plan or know what supplies you'll need? The Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee would like to help you get ready. Come attend a free, four week series of preparedness training sessions, designed by FEMA. Choose from two convenient locations:

Greenbelt Community Center Room 114 April 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th 7pm - 9pm	Greenbriar Community Center Multipurpose Room April 3rd, 10th, 24th, and May 1st 7pm - 9pm
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### Pedestrian Safety Workshop

Monday, April 7, 2008

9:30am - 1:00pm (lunch provided)

Greenbelt Community Center, Multipurpose Room

Join community members, health and transportation officials, law enforcement officers, and others to look at ways to improve pedestrian safety and walkability for seniors in Greenbelt. Highlights include common situations in which seniors are injured, ways in which seniors can increase their safety, strategies to encourage more walking in the community, an observational walk, and a discussion about making the community more pedestrian-friendly.

The workshop is free, but size is limited, so register early by contacting Karen Haseley at (240)542-2054 or at [khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov).

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

### Spring GED Course

April 8 - June 12, 2008

#### Registration:

Tuesday, April 8th, 10:30am  
Greenbelt Municipal Building  
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt



**\*\*PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED\*\***

(Driver's license, current lease, phone or electric bill)

For more info call Judy Hering at (301)345-6660, ext. 2016.

### Potomac Watershed Cleanup

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Saturday, April 5th, 9am - 11am

Join members of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Committee and help remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt. Be sure to bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots. Students will receive community service hours.

**Greenbelt Lake Stream** -- meet at the Aquatic and Fitness Center  
**Springhill Lake Stream** -- meet behind Springhill Lake Rec. Center.

For more info, call the Public Works Office at: (301)474-8004.

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 7th at 8pm City Council Work Session (live). Tuesday and Thursday, April 8th and 10th at 6pm -- "Ask the Expert -- IRS Economic Stimulus Package," 6:30pm -- "Controlling Feral Cats," 7:30pm -- "Co-op Cooking Show," 8pm -- City Council Work Session (replay). PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, April 9th and 11th at 7pm -- GAC's "Daughters," 9pm -- GAC's "The Vagina Monologues."

### Artful Afternoon: Luna

Sunday, April 6th, 1 - 5pm

The moon has been stolen! Witness the harrowing Grimm fairytale in a magic lantern show at 3pm created by artists Molly Ross and Nana Projects. Join Molly for a hands-on workshop at the Greenbelt Community Center to create shadow puppet monsters that will appear in the performance! All ages; free.



For more info, contact Nicole DeWald at (240)542-2057 or by email at [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov).

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ously to his oft-noted warning to council that the city could again be faced with a "structural deficit" problem if or when the city experiences expenditure increases that exceed revenue growth. Accentuating this point is the steady increase in the city's reliance on the property tax to fund its programs and operations.

McLaughlin said that in Fiscal Year 2003 property taxes represented 43 percent of city revenue. In the FY09 proposed budget, property tax revenues are 58 percent of total revenues. Recognizing that Greenbelt citizens rate the services, programs and facilities offered by the city as either good or excellent, the city manager reminded council that there is a cost to support this expected quality of life, and he posed the question, "Should the city's level of program service be sustained in the future?"

### Summary

FY09 Budget Highlights – Revenues:

- No new staff positions
- Two police officer positions for Greenbelt West development deferred and funds will be used to upgrade the city Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system
- Corporate property taxes down \$200,000; income taxes up 2 percent
- State highway user/gas tax down from FY07
- Admissions & amusement tax up \$35,000; hotel/motel tax flat
- Increase of \$4.00/quarter proposed for city waste collection
- Five percent increase in pool pass fees; daily fees up 25 cents
- Red light camera expenses exceeding revenues in FY07 and 08
- Windfall savings of \$220,000 from city contributions to the Law Enforcement Officers Pension System (LEOPS)
- Savings of \$100,000+ in health insurance and city self-insured prescription drug program
- Development at Greenbelt

## REI Collecting Used Bikes on April 12

There will be a Bikes for the World used bicycles donation day at the Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) store in College Park on Saturday, April 12 from noon to 4 p.m. Collections will take place rain or shine.

Bikes for the World collects repairable bicycles in the United States and donates them to charities overseas for productive use by those in need of affordable transport. Bikes provide access to work, school and health services for many people around the world.

Bikes for the World is a sponsored project of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray shipping to overseas charity partners (and a receipt is provided for all donations). The organization also accepts bicycle parts and accessories, operating portable sewing machines and cell phones.

REI is located at 9801 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park. For more information call REI at 301-982-9681, Bikes for the World at 703-525-0931 or visit the website at <http://www.bikes-fortheworld.org>.

Station slowed; AIMCO Springhill Lake reconsidering its redevelopment proposal

FY 2009 Budget Highlights – Expenditure Issues:

- Increasing costs for energy and fuel; costs are three times as much as six years ago.
- Need for additional capital financing: Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Greenbelt Lake dredging and water quality improvements, Public Safety communications infrastructure
- Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program case manager to be funded for full year
- Capital Projects Manager to be funded for full year
- Six percent increase for funding Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)
- City employee pay adjustment of 3 percent plus funding for updated classification and compensation study

### Meetings

McLaughlin advised council that the Greenbelt FOP has indicated that with the institution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement last year, there would be no need to schedule the budget worksession traditionally held with it. He indicated he would be proposing to council that worksession be used as a separate session for council review of the Capital Projects budget.

If council agrees, that change would allow approval of the Capital Budget along with the rest of the budget, instead of its being deferred, as in prior years, until after the budget approval.

In closing, McLaughlin heaped praise on city staff members who provided key support for development of the budget. In addition to department heads, he singled out contributions from Assistant City Manager David Moran, City Treasurer Jeff Williams, Executive Associate Anne Marie Belton and Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau.

## Refuge Hosts Youth Conservation Corps

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel will host a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at the Refuge this summer. The YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women from all segments of society who work, earn and learn together doing outdoor conservation projects. The program is open to youth ages 15 through 18 who are citizens or legal residents of the United States. Enrollees work full time for eight weeks and earn minimum wage. The program runs from June 23 through August 15.

Previous work projects on the Refuge have included repairing fencing, clearing vegetation, building and improving trails, cleaning water control structures, removing invasive plants and contributing to wildlife management programs. Enrollees also participate in educational programs and receive training in first aid and CPR.

Learn more about the YCC and download the application by visiting <http://patuxent.fws.gov/> and following the YCC links or call 301-776-3090. Applications are due by April 15. Selection will be by lottery drawing from the pool of applicants.

## FY 2009 Budget Meetings

Date	Time	Place	Meeting
Mon. April 7	8:00	MB	Public Safety
Wed. April 9	8:00	CC	Planning & Community Development
Wed. April 16	8:00	CC	Misc. and Other Funds, Capital Projects
Mon. April 21	8:00	MB	Social Services
Mon. April 28	8:00	MB	1 <sup>st</sup> Budget Public Hearing
Mon. May 5	8:00	MB	Public Works
Wed. May 7	7:30	CC	Recreation
Wed. May 14	7:30	CC	Contribution Groups
Mon. May 19	7:30	GRH	Green Ridge House
Wed. May 21	8:00	CC	Final Budget Review
Tues. May 27	8:00	MB	2 <sup>nd</sup> Budget Public Hearing
Mon. June 2	8:00	MB	Budget Adoption

CC – Community Center MB – Municipal Building GRH – Green Ridge House

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interested in signing a pledge if it was not willing to back it up," she asserted. She also noted that the CCC program has the added feature of outreach to other organizations in and around the city, which could result in much more possible reduction pledges.

Following discussion council adopted the CCC Resolution.

### Bicycle Racks

Next on the somewhat green agenda was council consideration of recommendations by the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB), Park & Recreation Advisory Board and the Public Safety Advisory Committee on the need for additional bike racks at Roosevelt Center, including areas other than the commercial center. Underlying the advisory board's recommendations was the premise that supporting and facilitating the use of bicycle riding benefits the city. Evidently the rub is specific placement of bicycle racks to foster such use.

Terri Hruby reported to council on the issue and, based upon input from the city's boards, she offered a set of staff recommendations on the placement of bike racks in the greater Roosevelt Center area. The recommended sites are at the Co-op store, the centerway underpass, the front of the library, the Community Center entrance off the library parking lot and a second one near the former post office.

Hruby advised council that the APB promoted additional locations, including locating three racks dispersed along the sidewalk/storefronts on Centerway. APB felt that bike racks visible from the various storefronts would allow riders to park bikes within eyesight of their destination. The staff did not recommend such options, however, because of a history associated with such locations actually encouraging bikers to ride within the commercial center.

Hruby also noted that the APB is currently working on a comprehensive bicycle/pedestrian plan for the entire city. She assured council that any new placements

would utilize the "inverted U" style of rack.

In response to a question from council, she noted that most city facilities (maybe with the exception of the Public Works facility) have bicycle racks available. Council unanimously approved the staff recommendations with the proviso that specific locations would be coordinated with other affected property owners and that the topic be revisited following reactions to the specified recommendations.

### New Carpet

Council also unanimously approved the purchase of replacement carpet in the Municipal Building (\$18,106). The purchase is based upon a Fairfax County Public School bid that the city could piggyback on. The contractor, Zinzi Carpet, has already replaced the carpet in the Community Center Multi-purpose room at a cost of \$5,345. Council action was necessary because the cost at the Municipal Building exceeded \$10,000. In keeping with the evening's green agenda, the removed carpet from both locations will be recycled.

Next up was another award of purchase for a replacement vehicle for the city's Code Enforcement office that had been severely damaged in a December storm. The staff-recommended purchase was a Ford Focus sedan that would be part of a State of Maryland bid at a cost of \$11,427. A combination of \$5,600 from the insurance on the damaged vehicle and savings on other replacement fund purchases will cover the cost of the vehicle in the FY08 budget.

The staff report also included information on a Chevy Malibu hybrid vehicle that would be available for \$20,648 on another state bid. The mayor indicated that she was thinking hybrid and Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned the selection of the Ford Focus over the hybrid.

Assistant Manager David Moran told council that the staff conducted an EPA-based evaluation that allowed a comparison of the

environmental impact of the two vehicles. The Ford Focus turned out to be more environmentally friendly (greener) than the hybrid, he said. The Ford Focus won the unanimous approval of council.

### State Bill

That would have been it for the green agenda but Davis added an additional item relating to House Bill 1604, which would establish a Maryland Community Parks and Playgrounds Program and authorize for it up to \$5 million dollars from the state's Program Open Space fund. The mayor asked for council support for a motion to direct the city staff to communicate city support for the bill and its companion legislation in the Maryland Senate.

Roberts objected to the proposal, noting that however worthy community parks and playgrounds may be, he has had a longstanding objection to any legislation that siphons off Program Open Space funding for purposes not associated with the direct purchase of green space. With Roberts voting no, this legislation did get a council majority.

### Recognitions

On the same night when the city manager presented his proposed FY09 budget to council, he announced that the city has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY08 budget document. This award recognizes that Greenbelt publishes a budget document that satisfies national guidelines as a policy document, an operations guide, a financial plan and a communications device.

McLaughlin noted that Greenbelt has won this award for 19 of the 20 years that the city has submitted its budget document for consideration.

And to end the evening on a green note, it was also announced that once again Greenbelt has been named a "Tree City USA" community.

### News Review Available Online

Now you can read your entire community newspaper online at [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com) Let us know what you think!

## GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Greenbelt Baptist Church 101, Greenhill Road, Greenbelt  
Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (448-3543)  
for an appointment

# Community Events

## Invasive Plant Removal April 5

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. On Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants. Meet in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

An invasive plant removal program is held the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine. This project is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Wear appropriate clothing; bring work gloves and lunch or a snack.

The park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call the park at 301-344-3944.

## Elementary School Fair to Be April 12

Saturday, April 12 will be a great day to relax and have fun at the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA's annual Spring Fair.

Kids can do crafts like paper airplanes, playful hats and sand art and play popular games, including the wildly amusing "potty toss," fishing for ducks and digging for treasure in a sand box. Both adults and children can participate in the cakewalk or measure how fast they can throw a baseball with Officer Parker and his radar gun.

A Bike Rodeo will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Bring a bike and helmet or borrow one at the rodeo. The silent auction (cash only) will feature gift certificates from local businesses and other donated items. Kids may also bid on special lunches sponsored by teachers. A one-day Scholastic Book Fair (cash or credit cards) will earn the school hundreds of dollars' worth of books.

To learn more about the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA, visit the webpage at [www.greenbelt.com/gespta](http://www.greenbelt.com/gespta).

## Nuclear Radiation Talk At Mishkan Torah

What is nuclear radiation? Where does it come from? How much are we exposed to? How harmful is it? Should we be worried about nuclear radiation?

These and many more questions will be discussed and answered by Steve Mirsky at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. This free presentation is jointly sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the Men's Club. Mirsky will draw on his 32-plus years of experience in nuclear energy, safety and engineering to present information on nuclear radiation. He will also bring interesting items from his personal collection to demonstrate different principles of nuclear radiation.

For more information call 301-474-4223. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

## Baseball Opening Day Parade Is April 13

Greenbelt Baseball has been issued a permit for an Opening Day Parade by the City of Greenbelt. The parade will take place Sunday, April 13 at noon, beginning in the parking lot of the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

## Renovations Impact Kids' Art Exhibit

The date for the reception for the April Children's Art Exhibit at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center has been changed due to the Café's temporary closing for renovation work. The new date is Sunday, April 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this free event. There will be a singalong with Melissa Sites, Greenbelt singer and music teacher, refreshments and a hands-on art project for children and families - making animal sculptures from fruits and vegetables, led by Greenbelt artist Tom Baker.

Artwork is still being accepted for this show and will be displayed for the last two weeks of April. Any child 12 years old or younger who lives or goes to school in Greenbelt or who has a parent who works in Greenbelt is encouraged to participate. Works must be framed, matted or mounted on cardboard, one entry per child. Those interested in submitting artwork are asked to contact Kristin Stenson at [newdealcafeart@yahoo.com](mailto:newdealcafeart@yahoo.com) or Barbara Simon at [simongava@yahoo.com](mailto:simongava@yahoo.com) or call 301-474-2192 before April 12.

The New Deal Café art show program is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts and is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

## Explore the Library

On Friday, April 11 at Explorations Unlimited the Greenbelt Library staff will provide an orientation on the types of resources available in the library including: databases (i.e., health and wellness/genealogy), large print books and audio and downloadable materials. Other resources include newspapers and magazines, consumer report information and the Homebound Service, a volunteer-operated service, which drops off selected books to residents. Audience members may also use a computer and be guided through the selection of databases. Those who would like to reserve to use the computer should do so no later than Wednesday, April 9 by emailing [thines@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:thines@greenbeltmd.gov) or calling 240-542-2054.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. This presentation will be held at the Greenbelt Library at 1 p.m. on April 11. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## City Notes

Animal Control responded to one injured wildlife call, took one injured cat into custody, impounded one pit bull and investigated two animal cruelty complaints.

Public Works staff reported that natural ground springs were discovered while grading the hillside behind Public Works. Crews worked together to install two French drains to direct the water away from the site of the new Public Works building.

The old Public Works building and office trailer have been razed. All material from the two structures was taken to a recycling plant where it was separated into designated bins.

# Magic Lantern Is Artful Afternoon Theme

The next Artful Afternoon will be held on Sunday, April 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. "The moon has been stolen!" It's not an April Fool's joke but the theme of "Luna" - a spooky magic lantern show that will be presented by artist Molly Ross and Nana Projects at the Greenbelt Community Center. This free performance will take place at 3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room as part of the Recreation Department's monthly Artful Afternoon.

With shadow puppets and three tricked-out overhead projectors, the "lanterneers" present a unique, visual form of storytelling. Three artists simultaneously fly through crates of elaborate hand-cut paper overlays, using dimmers, cranks and hand movement to create a seamless narrative on screen. Participants in Greenbelt's Creative Kids Camp 2007 were mesmerized by Ross's show "When Night Comes," performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Every hand in the house shot up when the artists asked for volunteers to come forward after the performance and help demonstrate how some of their special effects were achieved.

### Puppet Workshop

"Luna" will offer a new way for viewers of all ages to participate in creating the magic. In a pre-show workshop, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Artful Afternoon attendees

can make their own shadow puppet monsters which may be used in the 3 p.m. show. This activity is free and all materials are provided.

Based loosely on a Brothers Grimm fairy tale, this piece was developed with the help of a grant from the Jim Henson Foundation. Parents are advised that this show contains silhouette images of burial and skeletons; rest assured, though, there is a happy ending!

Ross' magic lantern shows have delighted audiences of thousands at the culmination of the annual Halloween Lantern Parade in Baltimore's Patterson Park. This event, orchestrated by Nana Projects with local partners, was named Best Parade of 2007 by Baltimore Magazine and heralded by the Baltimore City Paper as one of the top 10 reasons to live in Baltimore. For information about Nana Projects, including classes and internships, visit [www.nanaprojects.com](http://www.nanaprojects.com).

### Artist Reception

Also at this month's Artful Afternoon there will be a reception with artist Tiffany Jordan from 2 to 4 p.m. in conjunction with her new exhibition "Entanglements" at the Community Center Art Gallery. Jordan creates graceful, abstract drawings and prints from the delicate shadows of tangled wire. Visitors can sign up for a free silkscreen monoprint work-

shop with this artist, which will be held on Friday, April 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop is open to ages 13 to adult and all materials are provided. Jordan's exhibition continues through April 27.

### Ticket Drawing

Be sure to enter for this month's free ticket drawing which will be held at 3 p.m., immediately preceding the performance of "Luna." Community members may enter prior to the Artful Afternoon or by 2:30 p.m. on April 6 at the desk outside of the Community Center Art Gallery. Tickets will be awarded to a performance of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center and to each of these shows at the University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center: Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutte, Hayden's The Creation and the Spanish Harlem Orchestra.

### Other Events

Every month Greenbelt's award-winning Artful Afternoon includes a studio open house with the Center's artists-in-residence, Greenbelt Museum historic home tours and an opportunity to visit the Museum's current historical exhibit at the Community Center. All activities are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour.

For more information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2062.

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suspended pending new evidence if no good leads turn up and that it is often difficult to obtain the needed evidence to track down a perpetrator.

Michele Maidens reported that a brick was thrown through her window.

She wanted to know why there was apparently no attempt to take fingerprints at the scene.

Lanier replied that it isn't always possible to obtain fingerprints but that it is departmental policy to attempt to do so. Davis noted that fingerprint reports are done by the state, with an average backlog of three years. Another resident, Faiz Mohideen, reported a similar brick-throwing incident.

Officer George Mathews reported that the number one crime in Greenbelt (as well as in the nearby metropolitan area) is vehicle theft. He cautioned against letting one's car warm up unattended and recommended using car theft prevention devices, which are available at a discount through the city. He also recommended resuming the Neighborhood Watch program in Springhill Lake.

One resident reported that the Giant will provide someone to escort shoppers to their cars on request and that their security camera is capable of imaging cars in the parking lot for those with concerns about their safety after dark. Mathews noted that residents can also call the Greenbelt police for an escort to or from their car if they feel unsafe.

Hines-Rodriguez reported she had been successful in dispersing a group of people loitering and smoking near her residence by approaching them and politely asking them to move elsewhere. She observed that often such problems can be resolved in this way by residents, and that police are there as a back-up when such approaches don't work or aren't feasible.

Police Chief James Craze thanked the organizers and attendees for the meeting and commented that he was a longtime resident of Springhill Lake, whose children had grown up in the community. He noted that Officer Jonathan Lowndes, recently nominated by the SHL community for the America's Most Wanted First-Responder Program, is currently the SHL Community Policing Officer and that residents should feel free to contact him with any and all concerns.

Chief Craze noted also that Officer Mathews had been recognized as Community Policing Officer of the Year in 2005 and Maryland D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year 2008.

Craze pointed out that SHL is the largest apartment complex east of the Mississippi River and that, while the largest percentage of calls to the police department originate from SHL, it also contains the largest percentage of the city population. He reiterated that residents are the "eyes and ears" of the police and encouraged prompt reporting of any concerns.

### Code Issues

Resident Sarah Stephenson commented that her main concern was visibility, especially at bus stops. She felt that better lighting was needed to provide

safety to residents going to and from bus stops after dark and that wooded areas provided cover for possible attackers. Sheila Wooden responded that she didn't want to see any trees taken down but agreed that better lighting was needed, and that despite her repeated calls to SHL management, malfunctioning lights in her building had not been repaired.

Lanier noted that the city is responsible for street lighting but that the SHL management is responsible for lighting in other areas of the complex. He emphasized that any resident feeling immediately threatened should call the police emergency number, 301-474-5454.

Stephenson reported that she was without heat for a month this winter and upon going in person to the SHL maintenance office was told she had to phone in her complaint in order to have it processed. She said that when her heat was finally repaired, she was given the bill for the repair. City Community Development Inspector Thomas Matthews replied that under county law, landlords are required to provide a habitable residence and that functioning heating and electricity are conditions of habitability. He advised residents to call his office, City Code Enforcement, at 301-345-5417 for support with issues such as these.

He noted that other avenues for resolving these and other landlord/tenant issues are through the local courts. Matthews also mentioned that he speaks Spanish and encouraged residents to call his office with any concerns about code enforcement in their community.

### Fires

Fire Department Capt. Paul Gomez and Battalion Chief Scott Hoglander discussed the recent fire issues in Springhill Lake. They noted that an arrest has been made in the recent fire on Edmonston Road but, due to the ongoing nature of that case, no further details can be released beyond what has already been made public.

Hoglander noted they were able to apprehend the arsonist because an SHL resident came forward with information. He encouraged this kind of continued involvement from the community.

Gomez emphasized the need for prompt reporting, since delays can result in small, containable fires becoming large and out of control. Something as small as a smoldering cigarette butt could result in a large, catastrophic fire if not reported.

### Recreational Opportunities

Joe McNeal, director of recreation, highlighted city-sponsored activities available to residents, such as classes and programs at the Community Center. He encouraged SHL residents to propose others they would like to see.

He announced the upcoming Celebration of Spring to be held on Saturday, April 26 from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. It is free to all city residents and will feature a reggae band, moon bounce, face painting and other attractions.

Food and drink will be available for a nominal fee.

### Differing Experiences

In a general discussion, several residents shared differing experiences with city departments and SHL management. Maidens thanked Community Development Inspector Thomas Matthews for a prompt and effective response from his office when she reported a concern.

David Taylor reported that he has had great service from the SHL maintenance office, while both Sarah Stephenson and Besaida Acha reported great frustration in getting any response to their complaints regarding maintenance issues such as malfunctioning lighting and appliances. Resident Denise Gruszczinski recommended that residents obtain a reference number when they report a maintenance issue in order to follow up effectively if necessary.

Principal Sherwood concluded the meeting with a request for each attendee to bring several others to the next meeting and an appeal to "create community within our community."

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possibly providing tax increment financing for needed infrastructure for this property."

Expressing serious concerns and reservations about such a project, Davis requested on behalf of Greenbelt City Council that the county executive include the city in any future meetings and discussions relating to the possible location of a soccer stadium at the Greenbelt Metro Station. The mayor also asked for a report on discussions already held on the issue.

The city has not yet received a response from the county executive's office. James Kearney

of the county executive's press office told the News Review that he could not locate the letter. He suggested that the MSA be contacted for updated information on the feasibility study.

Gary A. McGuigan, MSA project executive, told this reporter that in December 2007 MSA was asked to perform a study "evaluating the economic and (market) benefits of locating a Major League Soccer stadium in Prince George's County . . . envisioned as a potential new home for the successful DC United franchise."

The study is expected to be completed in August.

### Camellia Society Blooms at Arboretum

On Saturday, April 12, 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, noon to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will hold a camellia show. Expert camellia growers display their finest specimens in this free, judged show sponsored by the Camellia Society. At 1:30 p.m. Sunday Dr. William Ackerman, a camellia breeder for 40 years, will make a presentation.

### See Cherry Blossoms Without the Crowds

Through April 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. take a free self-guided tour of the U.S. National Arboretum's diverse collection of flowering cherries to discover the wide range of sizes, shapes, colors and bloom times of this popular ornamental tree.

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### WHAT IS DIZZINESS?

- Did you know that, according to the National Institutes of Health, dizziness is the second most common complaint heard in a doctor's office?
- 85% of dizziness, or disequilibrium, can be caused by problems with the inner ear. This can cause changes in the regular function of the ear, which causes the brain to receive inappropriate signals that the head or the environment is moving when it is not.
- Common symptoms of dizziness, disequilibrium or vertigo include sensations of spinning or that the world is moving, uneasiness, motion intolerance, nausea and vomiting, tinnitus or ringing in the ear, changes in vision and hearing loss. The symptoms can onset rapidly and last a few seconds to a few days, depending on the cause of the episode of vertigo.
- So what causes this dizziness? There are multiple causes of dizziness that range from inner ear disorders, central causes in the brain and vascular system, infection or illness, head trauma, aging or medication.
- The inner ear is a complex system of fluid-filled canals and other structures. When the head moves, so does the fluid, and the direction of that movement sends a signal to the brain, informing it about the position of the head, and the direction in which the head is moving. If there is a change in the signal, either too high, too low or not at all, the brain perceives this as a hallucination of movement. Often times this happens in only one ear, so the imbalance in signals creates perceived movement, whereas ideally the signals work together in each ear to give clear information on where the head is and what is moving.
- Many times, an episode of dizziness

will be isolated, or last only for a few days. Or, it may be traced back to motion intolerance from childhood. The onset can also be gradual, especially if it is related to aging or ischemia, or lack of blood flow, to the centers of the ear and brain that help with balance. Whether the episode happens once or becomes a lasting problem, there are treatment options. A physical therapist, audiologist, ear, nose and throat doctor or a neurologist are all able to help diagnose the cause of dizziness, and to recommend treatment. Treatments can range from medication to balance therapy or repositioning maneuvers by a physical therapist to help fix the inner ear, or a combination of the above.

- Falls are one of the top two reasons people are placed in assisted living, or break a hip. Many patients, especially the elderly, experience loss of balance, which can be due to vestibular problems, vision loss or changes in the somatosensory system, which gives the brain information on where the body is in space via the muscles and joints. Good balance depends on all three of these mechanisms working well, so if one or more of these systems is weak, balance is compromised. Regular visits to the ophthalmologist and primary care doctor to ensure every system in the body is up to par, along with strength and balance training by a physical therapist, can greatly reduce the risk of falls.
- Laren Rusin, DPT is a physical therapist who specializes in Vestibular Rehabilitation and orthopedics. She works at Physiotherapy Associates in Greenbelt, MD. She can be contacted at 301.474.6505 or at laren.rusin@physiocorp.com.

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### Assault

March 23, 12:07 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a man reported that after a verbal altercation in a parking lot, the suspect deliberately hit him with his vehicle two times. The man was not injured. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, driving a blue Ford van, Maryland tags 954M229.

### Concealed Weapon

March 22, 6:10 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with three counts of concealed deadly weapon, possession of fireworks, driving while impaired, driving under the influence and other traffic offenses. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Disorderly Conduct

March 22, 11:20 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after a dispute at the restaurant. She was released on citation pending trial.

March 27, 9:32 p.m., Aquatic and Fitness Center, a woman of no fixed address was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and public intoxication. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### False Statement

March 21, 9:10 a.m., Cherrywood Court and Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with false statement and several traffic citations after giving a false name. Investigation revealed that he had several outstanding arrest warrants. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and service of the warrants.

### Burglaries

March 26, 7:29 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a burglary was reported. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken.

March 26, 8:02 p.m., 7800 block Emily's Way, a burglary was reported. Jewelry, televisions and stereo equipment were among the items taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1997 Honda Accord 4-door from the 8000 block Craddock Road; a blue and purple 1996 Chrysler Sebring convertible, Maryland tags DPB022 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a green 1997 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 3DKA66 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; and a white 1991 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags EGY057 from the 7200 block South Ora Court.

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

Theft from, attempted theft from, vandalism to and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 9000 block Edmonston Road, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 22 Court Ridge Road, 10 Court Plateau Place, 7200 block Hanover Drive (two incidents) and 8000 block Mandan Road.

### Theft

March 21, 7800 block Walker Drive, a witness saw two males attempting to remove property from a vehicle. The suspects, who fled the scene in a tan convertible (possibly a Chrysler), are described as two white males, one 5'8" to 5'11" with black hair, wearing a white T-shirt and a ball cap.

### Theft Arrests

March 27, 7800 block Emily's Way, a nonresident man was arrested for possessing a stolen tag. He was released on citation pending trial.

March 22, Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with auto theft and theft after police responded to a report of a stolen 2008 Saturn Sky in a parking lot. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### City Police Report DUI Patrol Results

On Friday, March 14 members of the Greenbelt Police Department conducted a DUI Saturation Patrol to coincide with the weekend leading up to Saint Patrick's Day. Seven officers worked a staggered patrol from 9 p.m. March 14 until 3 a.m. March 15. The results of this effort were 68 vehicles stopped, five arrests made for driving while impaired or driving under the influence, three arrests made for driving while suspended and one arrest made for disorderly conduct.

Funding for the patrol was provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Office through a Checkpoint Strikeforce Grant. The department also passed out fliers to local bars and restaurants promoting the use of Sober Ride, a free taxi cab ride for intoxicated patrons over the St. Patrick's Day weekend.

For more information regarding the Saturation Patrol call Traffic Officer MPO Scott Kaiser at 240-542-2114.

*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. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.*

## A Double Workout at SHL Rec. Center



Members of the Sity Stars Double Dutch Team regularly practice in Greenbelt. Pictured at a recent practice at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center are, left to right, back row London Ward, Alia Coggins, Coaches Joseph McCormick and Kim Bradshaw. Front row Robin Williams, Regyh Davis-Young, Bailey Woodruff and unknown watcher.

— photo by Helen Sydavar

## City Employee Celeste May Wins Special Event Award

Celeste May, office associate with Greenbelt's Recreation Department, has created an award-winning brochure. Her Greenbelt New Year 2008 brochure won the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Special Event Publication category in the Agency Showcase awards. Over 300 entries were received from agencies across the state.

The award will be presented on April 17 in Ocean City.

May has been a Greenbelt resident for approximately 10 years and active in recreation activities for all that time.



Front cover winning brochure

## Hospital Campus Now Smoke-Free

The entire 35-acre campus of Doctors Community Hospital is now smoke-free with a complete ban on smoking anywhere on the premises, indoors or out. Following a trend at other Maryland hospitals where campus-wide smoking bans already exist, people will need to leave the property to smoke. This policy exceeds Maryland's prohibition against smoking.

To launch the initiative, the hospital offered free blood-pressure screenings by staff equipped with tools for quitting, information on nicotine replacement therapy and giveaways that promote a smoke-free lifestyle.

## Greenbelter Julie Polanin Promotes Autism Awareness

During April, Autism Awareness Month, Greenbelter Julie Polanin and other concerned residents are planning a revitalization of the Prince George's County Chapter of the Autism Society. The chapter will provide outlets for support and family education.

Also planned is a new center located in central Prince George's County - One World Center for Autism (OWCA). It will be a nonprofit organization that will address a myriad of challenges facing families and individuals living with autism.

The OWCA will provide a multi-disciplinary clinic staffed with primary care and developmental pediatricians. Other disciplines will include speech and language pathology, social skills education, occupational therapy, nutrition, psychiatry, neurology, family counseling and care coordination.

An informational meeting about the OWCA will be held at the Association for Related Children of Prince George's County, 1401 McCormick Drive in Largo on Tuesday, April 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All interested parties

are invited to attend.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder. It affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills.

There is no known cure for autism but early intervention helps with many of the core deficits. Autism is a spectrum disorder, meaning there is a range of expression from very severe to relatively mild with many nuances in between.

Greenbelt residents Joe and Julie Polanin have twins with autism. The Polanin twins were progressing typically until 18 months when Elizabeth lost all language and eye contact. William developed language but in an echolalic fashion, only repeating bits of language he heard.

There are many families here in Greenbelt who have family members on the autism spectrum.

For more information on autism visit [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) or [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org).

## USCG Auxiliary Boating Course

On Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 will teach the two-day Maryland Boating Safety course for future boaters, new boaters and experienced boaters interested in refreshing their skills. Classes will meet both days from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This class meets Maryland state requirements for anyone born after July 1, 1972, who wants to operate a powered vessel, including Personal Water Craft, on Maryland waters. It will be taught at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road in Bladensburg.

Among the subjects covered are boat construction and terminology, boating laws, safety equipment, boat handling, basic knot skills, navigation and trailering. The instructors are all qualified, well-trained volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary devoted to promoting recreational boating safety.

Pre-registration is required. There is a small fee. Call Public Affairs Officer Stephen Klein 410-531-3313, Jean at 301-261-7735 or the Bladensburg Waterfront Park at 301-779-0371.

## In Memoriam – Michael Sucher: Local Talent, International Recognition

The following tribute to Michael Sucher, who grew up in Greenbelt and died on March 8 at his home in Montpelier, Vt., appeared in *The Montpelier Bridge* on March 20, 2008. Written by Michelle Singer, editor, the excerpts below are reprinted with permission.

The son of Dorothy and Joseph Sucher, formerly of Lakeside Drive, Michael was 49. His obituary appeared in the March 20 issue of the *News Review*.

Michael was a founding member of the legendary D.C. progressive jazz group Rush Hour and appeared and recorded with many Washington area musicians including the late great guitarist Danny Gatton, blues guitarist Tom Principato, and later with Grammy-nominated multi-instrumentalist Tim Eyermann's East Coast Offering.

In 1995 he married Carol Hausner. Michael and Carol moved to Fairlee, Vt. in 1996 and later to Montpelier. Their daughter, Rachel, was born in 1999. Rachel says of her father, "He is the best joker, musician and dad that there was, that there is, and that there ever will be." Carol adds that Michael lives on in his music. "You can sense him through his recordings, and that will continue on. People will carry memories of him as a teacher, the way he sent his students out into the world excited about music. He was an amazing dad, and musician, his gifts have rippled out to many people and places."

After moving to Vermont, Michael worked with the Sandra Wright Band, with whom he co-produced the CD "After Hours," featuring saxophonist Big Joe Burrell. "He was a very talented young man, very talented," says Wright. "He had a great gift of knowing what to play and how to play it, how to express it. It

made you feel very comfortable if you're a singer. He loved music. We used to always have fun, always laughing. He's a sweetheart. It's a loss to the world, and to his family and friends."

In 2001, he released a CD of solo piano improvisations, "Fingerpaintings," which received critical praise. Sucher's website, www.michaelsucher.com, includes this review from William Funsch of *Big Heavy World*, "The composing and recording of the album were simultaneous, documenting Sucher's craft as it is born, a stunning achievement of spontaneity and spirit." "Fingerpaintings" and "After Hours" are available in downtown Montpelier at Buch Spieler.

In the summer of 2004, Michael toured Europe with two-time Grammy-nominated soul and blues artist Mighty Sam McClain and was part of his band. McClain says he only knew Michael for a short time, but "He was a sweet, sweet, sweet spirit. The last time he played with the band, I had the hardest time saying goodbye to him. I couldn't stop crying. This was in the middle of the set! I just couldn't stop, it was painful for me to have him leave. He was a wonderful human, it's a great loss to everybody and I give my condolences to his family and friends. It was a privilege to have him pass through my life, he made my

life and my music brighter. God Bless Michael Sucher."

Sucher worked with many musicians, including Mike Bernal, Allison Mann, John McGale, Ellen Powell, and Diana Winn. Bernal says, "I don't think Michael ever played a wrong note and if he did he played it really well. The support that he gave to the band was always fantastic. He was the guy who reminded you that the small things were just that, small things. Musically speaking, he was one of the finest players I've ever had the pleasure of working with. Personally speaking, he was a great great man, he cared a lot about the people he played with."

Diana Winn, of Rebob Records, says, "He was a combination of being one of the most competent, technically talented, musicians around and expressive – he put his soul into it. He was able to work with other people, he was a good teacher but also a good listener – he brought people out. He was versatile, playing all kinds of styles and a composer. Just an amazing person and musician, a gentle soul, easy to be around and work with. We all want to keep a part of him close to us. I still have two or three songs we were working on together. I feel so lucky to have those kernels. When I continue to work with them, he will be there."



PHOTO BY ROSA MUMAGHAN

Michael Sucher

Dave Keller, another musician says of Sucher, "Mike had both a complete mastery of the piano, and an amazing ability to play directly from his heart. Some people have one or the other, but it's so rare to see both. For example, he could play songs perfectly after only hearing them once. I'm talking about obscure soul tunes with weird little riffs and difficult chord voicings. To be able to do that is incredible enough, but when it came time for a solo, he would lean back, head facing the ceiling, close his eyes and just completely rip it up. Right from the heart. You'd be watching him right there in front of you, but you knew he was somewhere else altogether. Everyone I know thought Mike was, first of all, just a wonderful, sweet guy, but also a real genius on the keys. I'm going to really miss him."

## April Kids' Programs At Science Center

Spring into science with April kids programs at the Maryland Science Center's Kids Room. The Kids Room is an interactive learning center with over 50 innovative, age-appropriate activities that encourage children up to 8 years of age to play and discover through hands-on activities.

Tuesday, April 8 is pre-school storytime, which includes stories, music, science activities and lots of hands-on fun. It is also held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 11. (During April pre-school storytime is held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and every Friday at 2 p.m.)

Thursday, April 10 at 11 a.m. there will be an infant and toddler special activity time designed for children through 24 months and an adult. Come enjoy music movement, stories, songs and crafts with infants and toddlers. Limited to 15 children.

There is a fee for admission to the Maryland Science Center; the Kids Room is free with paid admission. All children must be accompanied by a chaperone.

The Maryland Science Center is in Baltimore near the Inner Harbor. Popular exhibits include Dinosaur Mysteries with full-size dinosaurs and interactive paleontology activities, a day in the life of the human body in "Your Body: The Inside Story" and dozens of interactive experiments in Newton's Alley. In addition to the Kids Room other attractions include the five-story St. John Properties IMAX Theater and Davis Planetarium. For more information visit [www.maryland-sciencecenter.org](http://www.maryland-sciencecenter.org) or call 410-685-5225 or 410-685-2370.

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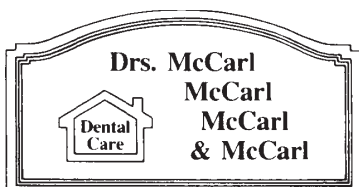


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## Moving Historical Library To Greenbelt – A Big Job

by Virginia Beauchamp

At the time of Fred S. DeMarr's sudden death in 1997, the library of the Prince George's County Historical Society, located in the basement of Marietta Mansion, was being redecorated.

As a result, bookcases had been pushed to the center of the room and boxes of papers and books collected by DeMarr were stacked high to await future sorting. DeMarr's unexpected death coupled with the redecoration resulted in a crisis for the library.

A few Historical Society members had worked closely with DeMarr but the library contents were DeMarr's. He had been an inveterate collector and accumulator – as it were, the soul of the library. His rich knowledge of Prince George's County history and its residents had been indispensable for the researchers who made use of it.

Although no one could duplicate DeMarr's depth of knowledge of county history, the library collection itself was an important resource for research on the people, places and events within that history and, following his death, Society members felt it was crucial to keep the library and its contents available to the public at large.

Within a few weeks after his death, Society members Sharon Sweeting and Sarah Bourne decided they would try to open the library for public use on Saturday afternoons as had been the practice under DeMarr. Sweeting was a librarian with the Internal Revenue Service. Bourne had been the society's secretary for 11 years, beginning in the early 1970s and had often helped DeMarr with the library.

### Third Partner

Society member Susan Pearl also agreed to help. Their idea was that each in turn would open and operate the library on successive Saturdays.

According to Bourne, "That plan lasted about a week!" There was simply too much to do.

Sweeting's husband Lester, who had been serving as editor of the Society's newsletter, located more bookcases to accommodate the growing collection of volumes and the volunteers "sort of" arranged the books onto the shelves, in the words of Bourne.

She began, she said, with the boxes of news clippings DeMarr had been accumulating. Many contained whole newspapers, with notes on top in his handwriting to check certain pages. "I carried a box home every Saturday," she said, "and spent many hours at home trying to divine what he wanted from each one."

She and her husband laughed a lot, she said, "and I swore that Fred was sitting on the eaves right outside our den window, telling me what to save." In addition, Bourne said she read through current county papers, trying to keep up with weekly events.

On Saturdays at the library, Sharon Sweeting worked on organizing and cataloging the books – especially during a three-year period when her husband was serving overseas. Between assignments in 2000 and 2001 he served as Historical Society president. (Sadly, Lester Sweeting died last month in an automobile accident in upstate New York.)

### Research Help

During the same period Pearl, a professional historian with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), helped visitors seeking research assistance. She had worked occasionally with DeMarr, giving him information and materials on historical places she was researching. "We often traded inquiries," she said.

After DeMarr's death, Pearl began coming to the library almost every Saturday. Initially she helped organize the books and papers but gradually she began to concentrate on searching out answers and responding to the many inquiries that came in concerning county history.

Among the boxes they were sorting, Pearl found "quite a few written inquiries" with no indication whether or not DeMarr had responded to them. "Some of them were years old," she said. "I got some pretty amusing thank yous from people who had given up on inquiries that were more than five years old."

In December 1997 Pearl was elected Society Historian, a post she still holds. In 2004 she retired after 26 years with M-NCPPC but continued to work there part-time for three more years. She continues as a volunteer with the Historical Society, responding to phone, letter and email inquiries. She works almost every Saturday and at least one more day every week.

### New Recruit

Around July 1999, another volunteer joined the crew at Marietta. This was Diane Stultz, a native Prince Georgian who serves as publications chair for the Prince George's County Genealogical Society and a regular volunteer with its library in Bowie.

At the Historical Society, following the 2005 departure of the Sweetings for a new home in upstate New York, Stultz took over Sharon Sweeting's job of cataloging the contents of the library. Indeed, Stultz insisted that the process be complete before the move to Greenbelt. She felt that books should be at least spine-labeled and in order on the shelves.

As of early March, over 5,500 books and other materials have been labeled. To speed the process, Stultz works at home, searching Library of Congress (LOC) websites for LOC numbers, typing and running the spine labels during mid-week and then labeling the books at the library on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Other volunteers, such as "Dusty" Rhodes, Pearl and Bourne, have been recording and filing each of the labeled items and entering them into the computer system. Since the library closed in late January to prepare for the move to Greenbelt, these volunteers have been working four to five days a week, cataloging, filing, scanning, packing and now unpacking and shelving the thousands of books and papers of this invaluable collection.

### Opening Soon

When all the cataloging and shelving work is complete, the Fred S. DeMarr Library of the Prince George's County Historical Society will open again for use by the public. And on May 31 its grand opening will be held at the Greenbelt Library.

## Greenbelt Facilities Welcome a Work Out



These youths worked up a sweat on a recent Wednesday evening at an open gym at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

At left, Andy Thoman blocks a shot during the Wednesday night volleyball session.

– photos by Helen Sydavar

## Patuxent Refuge Offers Free Programs

Three programs are on tap at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge in the coming week. At the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197, children ages 3 and 4 are invited to attend "Nature Tots: Bugs!" on Wednesday, April 9 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is a fun hands-on program for pre-schoolers.

Anyone 16 and over is invited to a bird walk on Friday, April 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

At the North Tract on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Wash-

ington Parkway and Route 32, another children's program will be offered. "Water Babies" will be presented on Sunday, April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for kids ages 5 through 7. They will learn about the frogs, salamanders and other critters who live in vernal pools.

All programs are free but advanced registration is required by calling 301-497-5887.

Although the National Wildlife Visitor Center is temporarily closed for repairs, outdoor programs will continue and grounds will remain open till 4:30 daily except federal holidays.

## Program on Child's Play Next Friday

There will be a Month of the Child program with the film "Where Do the Children Play?" on Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House in College Park.

This 55-minute film was produced by Michigan Public Television. Joan Almon, director of the Alliance for Young Children, will lead a discussion after the film (for an adult audience; older children are also welcome).

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Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

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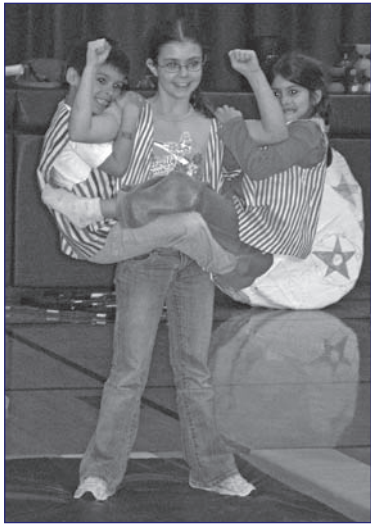
  
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## Circus Camp Produces New Skills, Lots of Laughs

During spring break, a number of Greenbelt children participated in a Spring Circus Camp led by former circus performer Gregory May. The camp culminated in a public performance pictured below.



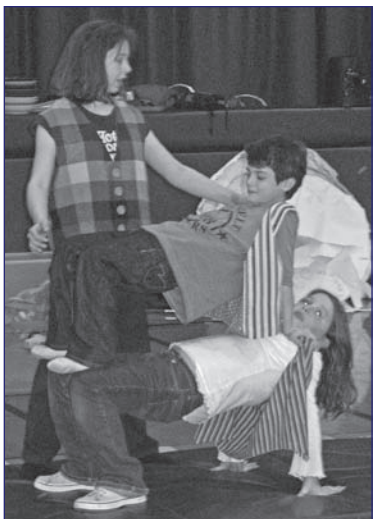
Gregory May spinning plates with Jaelen Bernard.



Tesi Smith is lifting Ana and Sebi Fernandez-Napp as "The World's Strongest Kid."



Left to right Bridget Cornett, Tesi Smith, Ema Smith (upside down), Alex Mendoza Saviet, Jaelen Bernard (who just rolled under Ema) and Nathan Gifford. Gregory May is in the background.



Bridgett Cornett is assisting Alen and Kristen Beauchamp in a pyramid.



Winter Holmes (left) with another member of the audience. – photos by Helen Sydavar

## Congressional Art Contest for Students

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer is encouraging high school students who live in Maryland's 5th Congressional District including Greenbelt to participate in the 27th Annual Congressional Arts Competition for a chance to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

Through the competition Members of Congress showcase the artistic talent of high school students in their districts. The winner for each district earns a display space in the main corridor connecting the House of Representatives office buildings with the U.S. Capitol – a walkway through which millions of visitors pass each year.

To participate, students must first call Hoyer's Waldorf District Office at 301-843-1577 to obtain a privacy release form and a full list of competition guidelines. Letters were sent to all

high schools in the 5th District announcing the competition and outlining the rules for artwork submission.

All artwork must be delivered to Hoyer's office in Waldorf or Greenbelt by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. The Greenbelt address is: U.S. District Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

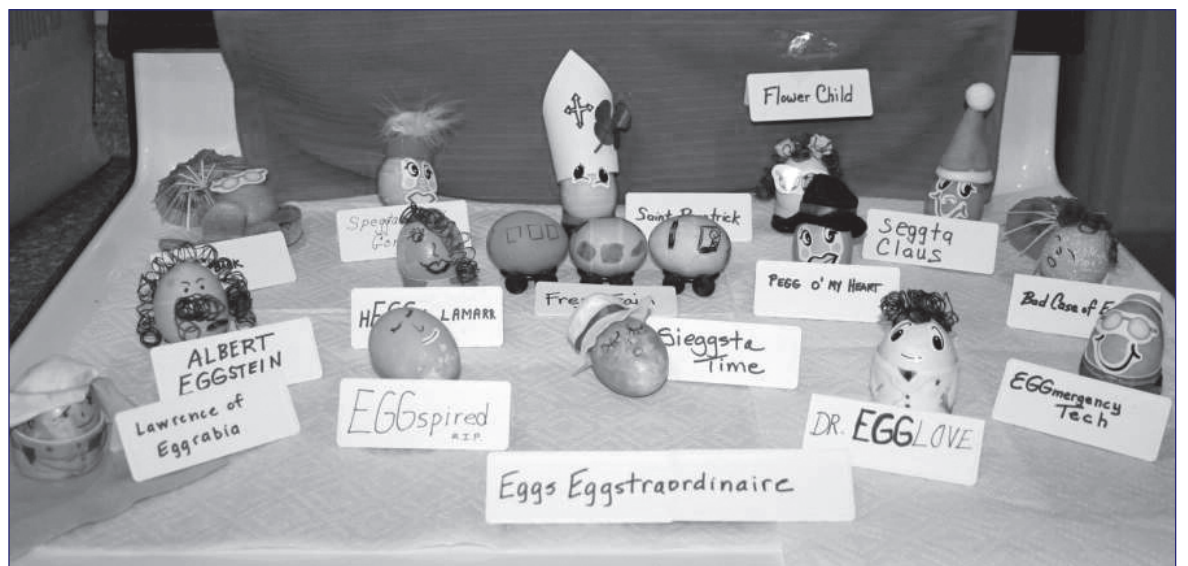
A panel of members of the 5th District arts community including art teachers and professional artists will review the artwork and select one piece to represent the 5th District in the U.S. Capitol, where it will hang for one year. All other entries will be displayed in Hoyer's Waldorf District Office. The judging is scheduled to take place during the week of May 5. The winner will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in Washington, D.C. in June.

## Celebrating 75 Years of the New Deal



Barbara Havekost and Dorothy Lauber gave a tour of the Greenbelt Museum to members of the New Deal Preservation Society on March 12. Tours of Greenbelt coincided with the group's celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Roosevelt Administration's New Deal and the symposium held at the Library of Congress and the National Archives that week. – photo by Sandra Lange

## Some Local Eggcitement over Easter Eggs



Eggcitement over Easter eggs comes in all varieties. These are some of the eggs decorated by friends Julie Magness, Kathy Merritt, Jim Link, Virginia Fancher, Jackie Magness, Liz Roslewicz, Kathie and Ken Jarva in one egg-silering evening of fun. – photo by Julie Magness

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## Board of Education Holds Worksession

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a worksession on Monday, April 10 at 1 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. Public participation is invited; speakers must register by calling 301-952-6308 by 10:30 a.m. on the day of the session. Participants may speak for up to three minutes on the topic of the worksession.

For details call 301-952-6001.

## Irish Music Offered At Smith Center

On Tuesday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center presents a free concert by Kevin Burke and Cal Scott in Gildenhorn Recital Hall. Legendary Irish fiddler Burke and guitarist Scott put their own unique spin on the toe-tapping traditional music of Ireland – with some nifty side-steps into new compositions and even bluegrass.



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

Our May elections are fast approaching. Curious? Thinking about running? Want to find out what it is like to serve on the GHI Board of Directors or Audit Committee? Five Board seats will be filled at the May 15th election, as will be all three members of the Audit Committee.

The GHI Nominations and Elections Committee (N&E) is making it fun and easy this year. We are holding an Orientation for Candidates on Tuesday, April 8 from 7-8 p.m. at the GHI Office. Current Board, Audit and N&E members will be on hand to answer all your questions about serving in an elected office.

Light, healthy refreshments will be served.

So if you plan to RUN for office this year or are just THINKING about it, please join us for the evening.