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Folk, Pop, Rock and Hip Hop All at the Crazy Quilt Festival

by Jon Gardner

A wild mix of musical styles, dancing, arts and crafts will take over Roosevelt Center and the New Deal Café stage at the annual Crazy Quilt Festival on Saturday, April 19. The theme for the festival is a crazy quilt of anything goes, from folk to pop to rock to hip-hop, with several surprises sewn in. There will be two stages running all day with almost 20 different bands, crafts for sale and art projects for both children and adults.

Greenbelt's own Melissa Sites will start the festival at 11 a.m. singing children's songs on the outside stage in Roosevelt Center. I'll start the events inside the Café at 11:30, reading a parody of a beatnik poem, "Howl for the New Deal Café." At 11:45, my wife Anne will join me as "Transatlantic Crossing" plays traditional folk music from both sides of the Atlantic. Throughout the day there will be booths making up the Café Free Trade Zone craft fair, with jewelry, photography, stained glass, homemade dog treats and more for sale.

You won't have to rely on the dog treats for lunch, though! The New Deal's new Chef Karim has promised to have finger food, sandwiches and drinks available for



"Playa el Fuego Fire Conclave" fire dancers will light up the night at the Crazy Quilt Festival on April 19.

purchase, even though the installation of the new kitchen has not yet been completed. Anyone who made it to the Mediterranean banquet last month knows that Karim's cooking is going to make the Café a place worth traveling to get to and a hometown treat for those of us who live in Greenbelt.

After eating your fill of Karim's delicacies, you'll have difficulty deciding between the two stages and will have to carefully plan your schedule. Choose among bands like the hypnotic, atmospheric rock quartet "Bell-flur," a trio "3 Piece Suit" playing surf/rockabilly, "Gina Simone

and the Moaners" playing blues, old-timey Tom Dews, singer-songwriter Sarah Fridrich and alternative country roots music by "The Scrub Pines."

Highlights of the afternoon include festival organizer Joe Harris and former Greenbelt "it" girl and Y Wass taking the New Deal stage as "play with me." "The Male Gaze" is a dreamy-noisy pop band that reminds you of driving alone on a desolate road, leaving everything behind with no plans for the future. Parthenon Huxley has written four Top 20

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Police Chief Notes the Increase In 2007 Calls to the Department

by Judy Bell

Greenbelt Police Department Chief James Craze reported at the April 7 city council budget work-session that 40,000 calls were received in Fiscal Year 2007, a 45 percent increase over the previous year. In only 14 of the 40,000 cases handled did police officers have to use force, said Craze.

Other highlights included the department's becoming compliant with CALEA's 5th edition by rewriting hundreds of standards. (CALEA is the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.)

Other requirements of CALEA compliance include work toward full implementation of an automated records management system, closing of several high-profile criminal investigations, obtaining partial funding for mobile data computers, conducting high-risk operations and providing mutual aid to other metropolitan cities through the Emergency Response Unit.

Members of the Police Department also teach a Criminal Justice class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, DARE classes in the elementary schools and Gang Resistance Education and Training

(GREAT) in the middle school. Members of the department also coordinated the Municipal DUI Check Point Task Force, resulting in 93 arrests. The department also secured more than \$31,000 from the state to facilitate traffic safety measures in the city and assisted in the design and implementation of a video surveillance system at Roosevelt Center. The GREAT program, taught for the fourth straight year, was offered to approximately 120 students from Greenbelt Middle School, who completed the course, along with 80 students from Greenbelt Elementary School. Students from the middle school classes raised money to plant two trees, making their school a GREAT school.

The Foot Patrol logged 6,000 hours, an increase of 40 percent and the Bike Patrol logged 644 hours, an increase of 48 percent. It was also noted that more than half the people who had accidents riding motorcycles did not have a motorcycle license.

In a light moment during the work-session, Craze showed "mug shots" from LINX (Law Enforcement Information Exchange),

which turned out to be the mugs of city councilmembers.

Budget Request

The Fiscal Year 2009 Proposed Budget for the Police Department is \$9,705,300, including 72 FTE (full-time equivalent) positions, amounting to approximately 40 percent of the total city budget, Mayor Judith Davis noted.

Kap Kapistan, an attorney representing Beltway Plaza, spoke at the meeting, expressing great satisfaction with the present Beltway Plaza police officer, as well as the two officers who had preceded him. The substation is located in an office in the mall.

Earlier in the meeting it had been stated that overtime pay allocated to the Beltway Plaza substation had been reduced by \$20,000 to balance the cost of the partnership with the city. Kapistan asked that the money be restored. Davis replied that the request will go on the wish list.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Brian Rudy, President Donald "Chris" Fleshman and Vice President Jay Reminick represented the Greenbelt Vol-

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Jim Cassels Remembered For an Extraordinary Life

by Sandra A. Lange

By any standard, Greenbelt's 1978 Outstanding Citizen, James Joseph Cassels - 92 this year - was an extraordinary community activist and proselytizer for cooperative ideals. Born February 11, 1916, in LaCrosse, Wisc., he was one of six siblings (three brothers and two sisters). He died April 4, 2008, of complications related to pneumonia. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Cassels led a life of community service in Greenbelt for more than five decades. He loved Greenbelt and the cooperative spirit that characterizes the city. His nephew, Dick Hagman, stated that his uncle "represented the highest ideal of the Greek citizen

in Plato's Republic, one who saw the 'polis' as democratic, peaceful and just. He was, classically, the model of civility and altruism."

Cassels' son Fred believes his father's most important contribution to Greenbelt was "to identify a need in the community, develop a strategy to address the need, bring together the people that could affect that change and pursue with persistence until that need is addressed."

Cassels' accomplishments included overseeing the Woodland Hills subdivision of new homes, establishing the now defunct Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association as a cooperative, coordinating the construction of senior citizen

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Council Honors Elementary Students for Cleanup Work

by Mariam Pinheiro

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, April 14, Mayor Judith F. Davis praised Springhill Lake Elementary School students for their hard work with the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup on April 5.

"They worked together to drag carpet out of the woods. They marveled at how much trash they could find," she said. She said she was impressed with the students' teamwork.

Davis said 4,215 lbs. of trash was collected and 277 lbs. of recycling.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin encouraged residents to vote for the photo of the Springhill Lake students on the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac River Watershed Cleanup 2008 Photo Contest on its web-

site (www.potomaccleanup.org).

Council also approved an Arbor Day proclamation in keeping with its designation as a "Tree City U.S.A." and urged residents to celebrate the occasion on Saturday, April 19. This year Arbor Day will be celebrated here in conjunction with Earth Day events. Charles Jackman, chair of the Advisory Committee on Trees, and staff liaison Lesley Riddle received the proclamation. (Riddle replaces Bill Phelan as the city's horticulturist in the public works department.)

Davis said a resident had asked her if the loss of trees in Greenbelt during the winter months was something to be concerned about. Riddle said it was

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What Goes On

Thursday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 19

10 a.m. to noon, Earth Day at Library Underpass

Noon, Arbor Day, Tree Planting

12:15 p.m., Tree Tour, Library Underpass

Sunday, April 20

1 p.m., Pitch, Hit and Run Competition, Braden Field # 2

Monday, April 21

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Social Services, Municipal Building

Monday and Tuesday, April 21, 22 - Resident and Passholder

Registration for Adult Water Aerobics Classes, Aquatic Center

Wednesday, April 23 - Open Registration until filled

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8 p.m., Council Worksession on County Transportation Plans, Community Center

Saturday, April 26

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Public Works Department

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Letters to the Editor

Base Policy on Facts

This March, the NAACP and ACLU sent a letter to Greenbelt expressing concern that the "at large" voting system here is racially biased. They ground their assertion in two observations: first, that Greenbelt's council is all white, despite the fact that whites make up less than 45 percent of the population in Greenbelt; second, that the legal and academic literature has found that "at large" systems, the system used in Greenbelt, are inherently biased against minority groups.

The letter suggested Greenbelt address the race-bias problem by accepting a districting system. They argue this would create a more racially fair outcome to voting. (By separating communities along racial lines and requiring each to elect their own board member, non-white residents will get "extra" votes with which to offset the presumed white-advantage.) The NAACP and the ACLU are also clear that if this change is not made, they intend to take Greenbelt to court.

The notion of ensuring a racially fair and inclusive council is critically important to Greenbelt residents. However, I found the NAACP/ACLU letter troubling for a number of reasons. Most importantly, their assertion that "at large" systems often, if not always, result in race bias is inaccurate. Their letter did not communicate well that this only happens in special cases. To generate bias against non-whites, three events need to occur: (1) whites must be the majority, (2) the majority must be large and (3) there should be a difference in the candidate preference of whites and non-whites. If any one of these elements is missing, no bias occurs.

The NAACP/ACLU demonstrated in their letter that Greenbelt does NOT meet these conditions. Rather than being the majority, whites are a minority in Greenbelt. It is important to note the term "minority" in the voting literature is not referring to race; it is referring to any group which is smaller in proportion than another group. Regardless, the fact that whites are the minority in Greenbelt is a fact which negates the substantive (and legal) argument asserting Greenbelt's "at large" voting structure favors

whites. If anything, the NAACP/ACLU argument shows voting in Greenbelt could be slightly biased against white voters.

That being said, this does not mean the larger question of racial inclusion is off the table. It is still an important question to ask: Why is the Greenbelt Council all-white? Does this imply racial bias? The only way to get at this issue is to do some careful research.

First, we need to know if whites and non-whites are voting for different candidates. If not, then bias is not possible. Second, if there are differences in preference by race group, who has been winning? (Just because a candidate is white does not mean she is not the preferred candidate of the non-white community.) If race groups truly are voting for different people in Greenbelt and one race group always wins, we need to know why. Are there differences in voter registration rates? Are there differences in voter turnout? Not only would a district voting system have some important costs (divisive, expensive, encouraging geographic isolation of resources and social exchange) but it would not solve these problems.

And this is really the critical point: if we truly want to ensure an inclusive and racially fair voting system in Greenbelt, we need to base policy on solid, rigorously understood facts. If we just "impose" a district solution because it is convenient, we already have an expert who drew up plans, or we want to do "something" to show we are "racially fair," then we risk using large amounts of resources but not actually solving problems. In fact, we may even cause harm to residents (of all races). Likewise, if the facts show Greenbelt is not disenfranchising non-whites, we need courage to leave the voting system as it is. This is in part because the "at large" system treats every resident equally, regardless of race, and this is inherently desirable. There is also a real risk of wasting resources and even harming residents (of any race) by imposing a system of voting with numerous monetary and social costs.

David Bierie

Think Again

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. managers got it right when they realized trees are important to the members. But they got it wrong when they [went with] the utilitarian approach used by the state. GHI uses herbicides (a category of pesticides). Recent deregulation of pesticides affects all the living parts of our ecosystem, including us.

No plants (bamboo, wild roses, vinca or English ivy) are so hazardous to our health that they need chemicals toxic to every living thing to inefficiently control them.

Think again before you remove politically incorrect (non-native) plants if they were planted to reduce flooding from stormwater runoff on a sloped area. What are you going to plant to replace them? The cost? More costly underground pipes to remove the water? Your neighbors may not like increased flooding into their yards and foundations.

Pets and children are especially vulnerable to poisons because they are closer to the ground and play on the floor where chemicals are tracked in from the outside on shoes. Subjecting them to toxic chemicals is very convenient but just plain crazy!

New studies debunk the myth that toxins given in low doses are safer.

No one needs a synthetic, unhealthy, chemically dependent, perfect looking lawn or toxic forest.

Increasing use of pesticides are implicated in decreases in bat and honey bee populations and malformed jaws of fawns.

There is no need to keep our forests in a harvest-ready condition to lessen the cost of tree removal by timber companies.

The list goes on and on. Let's stop placing finite profit above the priceless health of our local neighborhoods and greater watershed community.

Jean Newcomb

Correction

In last week's meeting announcement for the Greenbelt Disability Connection in Community Events, a wrong date was given for the meeting, which will actually be held on Sunday, April 20.

Grin Belt



"Quick, give me the binoculars.
I wanna see the Pope!"

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THANKS

Thank you for publishing my wife's obituary on March 12. We have received many kind words from our friends there.

The paper surely has grown since our early days of living in Greenbelt from 1951 until June 6, 1989, when we moved to Conway, S.C.

There are many fond memories of some of the staff that were instrumental at that time such as Elaine and Al Skolnik, Virginia Beauchamp and Mary Lou Williamson. Good to hear

of Jim Giese and Tom White still active in the city we loved.

Other fond memories also are of the beginning of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad in 1955 and the time served there with a great dedicated group of firemen and the Ladies Auxiliary, also of the Lions Club service and my wife's involvement on the Youth Center Board and Community Church.

Sincere thanks to all of your dedicated staff,

Bob Mogel

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G R E E N B E L T

Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

125 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad would like to thank the citizens of Greenbelt for their continued support during our previous fund drives. It is that time again to ask for your donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our Annual General Fund Drive for 2008.

Please look for your donation package in the mail during April or early May. We would like to remind you that we are a non-profit organization; therefore, your donations are tax exempt.

It is also important to emphasize that you do not accept any telephone solicitations from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. For this Annual General Fund Drive during the months of April and May, we ask only for mailed donations.

We encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of bingo at the station on specific Friday nights or at the Elks Lodge #1778 on Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. All of our bingos are SMOKE-FREE and include complimentary food and drink.

Again, thank you for your past support as well as your continued support during our Fund Drives.

D. Christopher Fleshman, President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

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

Wednesday, April 23, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, April 24, 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.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. – Ad-hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee, GHI Lobby

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Regular Meeting, 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 21 through 25 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup with crackers, baked pork chops with gravy, sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, baked apple.

Tuesday – All sites closed.

Wednesday – Apple juice, BBQ chicken, black-eyed peas, chopped collards, pineapple chunks.

Thursday – Creamy celery soup with crackers, veal and cheese patty with tomato sauce, spaghetti noodles, okra/corn/tomatoes, applesauce.

Friday – Orange juice, baked wild salmon with creamy dill sauce, whole boiled potatoes, green beans, canned peaches.

GNS Holds Auction, Wine Tasting May 3

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold a Silent Auction and Wine Tasting fundraiser on Saturday, May 3 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. It will take place at the Greenbelt Arts Center, located at 123 Centerway in Roosevelt Center, beneath the Co-op supermarket.

This year's auction includes goods and services ranging from spa and fitness packages to "fully loaded" picnic and gift baskets to parents' nights out. The ticket price includes a wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and desserts prepared by Greenbelt's own Chef Lou. Money raised during the event go toward supporting the school's operating budget and special programs.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit parent cooperative in its 66th year of operation, making it one of Greenbelt's oldest cooperatives. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and was recently re-accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The proceeds of this fundraiser enable the school to offer quality pre-school education to families in Greenbelt and surrounding communities.

There is a fee, with tickets available at the school office.

For more information call Roya Bauman at 301-474-5570, email gnsk@greenbelt.com or visit www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org.

Shred Day to Be Saturday, May 3

On Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the city will jointly offer a community shred day where papers and documents may be safely shredded.

Scoop Night Raises Funds for Firefighters

On Wednesday, April 30 from 5 to 10 p.m. there will be a special Baskin-Robbins 31-cent scoop night to benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Ice cream lovers will have a chance to enjoy a 2.5 oz. scoop of their favorite Baskin-Robbins flavor for a reduced price while paying tribute and saying "thanks" to the firefighting community.

Baskin-Robbins will make a \$100,000 corporate donation to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation organization. In the Washington, D.C., area additional funds are being raised for local firehouses and fire-related charities by inviting local fire departments to Baskin-Robbins stores that night to collect donations from the community. In Greenbelt the Baskin-Robbins at Beltway Plaza will participate with firefighters from Berwyn Heights collecting donations. Information about the foundation is available at <http://www.firehero.org>.

Explorations to Show Photography Video

There has been a change of plans for the Explorations Unlimited program on Friday, April 25. The video "American Photography: A Century of Images" will be shown in the Senior Lounge, Room 111 from 1 to 3 p.m. It replaces a planned program on nutrition and label reading.

For questions or further information call 301-397-2208.

Greenbriar Phase III Elects 2008 Board

Greenbriar Phase III had their reconvened Annual Meeting on April 8 and elected the following officers for the coming year: Anne Weldon, president; Angelina Butler, vice president; Frances Kemper, secretary; and Jacqueline Hair, treasurer.

Board meetings are held monthly at the community building. Greenbriar Phases I and 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. Greenbriar Community Association Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Public School Open House on April 22

There will be an Open House at Greenbelt Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22. Community members and particularly parents thinking of sending their children to Greenbelt Elementary School next year are invited to tour the school and observe classes. This is a system-wide open house – all Prince George's County public schools will be open to the community that day.

For more community events, see page 7

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.

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

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

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

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of APRIL 18

FRI. - SAT.

Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, PG-13

11:20, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15

Horton Hears A Who, G

11:30, 2:10, 4:20, 6:30

The Ruins, R

10

Street Kings, R (!)

11:20, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15

The Forbidden Kingdom, PG-13(!)

11, 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

Forgetting Sarah Marshall, R (!)

11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

88 Minutes, R (!)

11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

Prom Night, PG-13 (!)

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Superhero Movie, PG-13

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Superhero Movie, PG-13

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF APR. 18

Flawless (PG-13)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com



Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Boys 13-15 call Mark @ 301 793-0097

Boys 16-18 call Bob @ 301 345-1033

Girls Softball call Kelly @ 301 441-9414

Greenbelt Community Church Hillside & Crescent Roads

YARD SALE

Baked Goods
May 3

Hoagies for Lunch
9:00am to 1:00pm

Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Meeting

Friday, April 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room,
7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD

Guest Speaker: Mr. Quincey Gamble,
the Executive Director of the Maryland Democratic Party

For information, please call 301-386-0762 or
visit <http://roosevelt.pgdems.com>



BIG YARD SALE

APRIL 25 AND 26
9 TO 3:00 PM

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road

Flowers • Furniture • Lotsa White Elephants
Bake Sale • Lunch



KIVA

Saturday April 19th at 9pm
New Deal Café, Roosevelt Center

A benefit for the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)
Tax-deductible Donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-17

CROP Hunger Walk Takes Place May 4

The Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) will be held on Sunday, May 4. Organized locally, the Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk hopes to raise money to help stop hunger in the local community and around the world through self-help development initiatives. A portion of the funds raised in Hyattsville will go to HELP by Phone of Prince George's County.

Last year walkers raised more than \$43,000 in the Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk.

This year Hyattsville and some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "We walk because they walk." Many of the CROP Walkers will be wearing "We walk because they walk" T-shirts, proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live – as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks and meal sites in the U.S. These local ministries share in the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks, a program of Church World Service – an international aid agency, providing hunger relief, disaster response and social and economic development for the past 60 years.

One country where CROP Hunger Walks are making a difference is Guatemala. Indigenous families – especially the women – are learning how to grow more and better foods for their families, using appropriate technology such as greenhouses and catchment irrigation, alongside creative solutions of their own design – used tires as mini-garden planters. They are also learning how to organize themselves, how to gain social and economic empowerment and how to market their extra harvest.

CROP Hunger Walks continue to have a role in the rebuilding of the U.S. Gulf Coast. More than two years after Hurricane Katrina, Church World Service is working to get hundreds of families out of FEMA trailers and into new or repaired homes.

For more information about the Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk call Marty Folk at 301-552-9329, email mtfolk@comcast.net or call Lyn Doyle at 301-441-2585.

Annual Harp Studio Recital Free at UM

On Thursday, April 24 at 8 p.m. the University of Maryland School of Music will present the annual Harp Studio Recital, an evening of harp solo, chamber and ensemble music. This free concert will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.





Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Greenbelt Singers at Papal Mass

by Mary Moien

At least three singers with Greenbelt connections were part of the choirs that performed at the Papal Mass at the new Nationals Stadium Thursday, April 17. St. Hugh's choir soloist Laurie Lemieux and organist Sheila Ryan were both selected as members of the Archdiocese of Washington choir organized specifically for the Papal Mass. Ryan stated that "singing for the Pope is the crowning joy in a life of service (as church organist)."



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

Soloist Laurie Lemieux (left) and organist Sheila Ryan

Greenbelter Katrina Boverman has sung with the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir for three years; they were invited to be one of the special choirs to sing for the Pope. She commented: "I am just so excited and honored!" The Archdiocese Mass Gospel Choir is made up of singers from different parishes in

the D.C. area and performs at the Martin Luther King Mass Celebration in January every year and at other special events. Boverman also sings in the gospel choir at St. Camillus Catholic Church.

A total of 575 singers was projected, including a Children's Choir, an Intercultural Choir, the Archdiocese Mass Gospel Choir and the Archdiocesan Choir made up of those who were selected through auditions.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
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Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am

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

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
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 – The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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

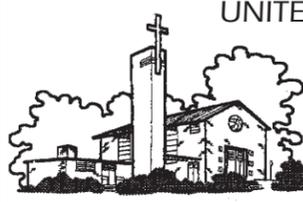
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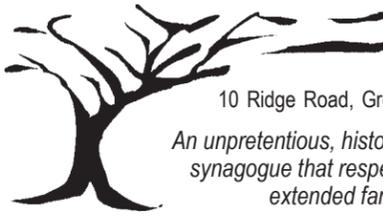
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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
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 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

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April 20 – The Sovereignty of God
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 21- 25

Monday, April 21st, 8pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION -- SOCIAL SERVICES** at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 23rd, 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION -- COUNTY TRANSPORT OPERATIONS PLAN**, 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.

OFFICIAL NOTICE: The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, April 28, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2008-2009

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$20,149,200
Licenses & Permits	1,094,600
Revenue from Other Agencies	851,500
Service Charges for Current Services	2,056,000
Fines & Forfeitures	520,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	327,300

TOTAL REVENUES	\$24,999,100

Appropriation of Fund Balance	0

EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$2,328,800
Planning and Community Development.....	1,010,600
Public Safety	10,010,000
Public Works	2,978,400
Social Services	706,200
Recreation and Parks	4,955,700
Miscellaneous	187,400
Non-Departmental	800,000
Fund Transfers	1,896,700

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,873,800

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$550,000
Cemetery Fund.....	0
Debt Service Fund	921,800
Replacement Fund	103,000
Special Projects Fund.....	120,700

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$1,695,500

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,079,000
2001 Bond Fund.....	2,469,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund.....	100,000
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund.....	170,000

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$3,818,000

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$1,253,800
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 21st at 8pm Council Meeting Budget Work Session (live). Tuesday and Thursday, April 22nd and 24th at 6pm -- "Ask the Expert -End of Life Decisions" 7pm Greenbelt Museum presents "Sublime on a Dime" 8pm -- City Council Meeting Budget Work Session (replay).

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, April 23rd and 25th -- call for schedule.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at:

Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.

****TELEVISIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ALSO****



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.

For further info contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

The City of Greenbelt's Celebration Of Spring



Saturday, April 26th

2:00pm-6:00pm

Springhill Lake

Recreation Center

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship with your fellow neighbors and the Greenbelt Recreation Department!



- ♦ Free Food & Drinks
- ♦ Carnival Games
- ♦ Face Painting & Clowns
- ♦ Live Musical Entertainment
- ♦ Step Dance Performances
- ♦ Moonbounces and Inflatables
- ♦ Make & Take Art Projects



♦ Demonstrations & Fire Safety Information from local Fire Departments
CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (301)397-2000 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
For more info call 301-474-8000.

Pitch, Hit, & Run Competition

HOSTED BY THE GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Showcase your pitching, hitting, and running abilities. Boys and girls compete together in four different age groups: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Winners from this local competition can advance through different levels, ultimately for the opportunity to participate in the national competition at the MLB All-Star Game. Awards will be given.

Sunday, April 20 @ 1:00PM -- Braden Field #2 (Behind Greenbelt Youth Center)
Please arrive prior to 1:00pm to register. Competition will begin at 1:00pm.

FREE



7 - 14 years old (As of July 17, 2008)

A COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

For info, call 240-542-2194 and Weather Hotline: 301-474-0646 (Rain Date: Sunday, April 27)



EARTH DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

LIBRARY UNDERPASS

(11 Crescent Road)

Celebrate Earth Day with the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and help with plantings on a landscape improvement project.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Volunteer community service hours will be given.

ARBOR DAY: After the Earth Day celebration, join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees with the Arbor Day Tree Planting at 12:00 p.m., at the same location.

TREE TOUR: Enjoy a tree tour of large and unusual trees throughout the City. The tour will leave the Library Underpass at 12:15pm.

For more information, call Cindy Murray at (301) 474-8004.

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housing in Greenbelt, establishing Greenbelt CARES, organizing the Co-op Supermarket and working on various housing developments in D.C., Chicago and other areas in Maryland.

While attending the University of Chicago in the early 1930s, Cassels traveled to Peru and was introduced to the idea of cooperatives. These ideas shaped his future interest in cooperatives as a way to accomplish his social and housing goals.

Cassels' oldest son, Bob, noted that his father "had a deep and abiding interest in peace and social justice. He believed that the only lasting way to achieve those ideals was to ensure that all people had a way to meet their basic needs. He believed that the best way for groups of people to work together to meet their needs was through the cooperative model – organizations owned by and operated for the benefit of their members.

"He saw the battle being waged between the ideas of socialism and capitalism and felt that each had fatal flaws. He felt that cooperatives were a compromise that kept the best of socialism and capitalism, without all of the flaws," Bob Cassels concluded.

James Cassels graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in economics in 1933. In 1949 he married Lily Kokoi. In 1950 he organized and built a co-op apartment building in Chicago, where he and his family lived for several years.

Move to Greenbelt

Cassels arrived in Greenbelt in the summer of 1955 with his wife and three children. (Two more were born later.) He was working in Chicago for the Foundation for Cooperative Housing and was assigned to assist the Greenbelt Community Builders, Inc., a nonprofit housing venture created in 1953 by the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Cooperative (now Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) in building single family homes to be sold to individuals.

Cassels worked with prospective homeowners to cooperatively construct the first 21 new Greenbelt homes in what became the Woodland Hills development on Northway and Woodland Way. After the work was completed, he and his family stayed in Greenbelt, where they purchased 125 Northway in 1957.

In 1956 Cassels was hired as a housing consultant for a three-month assignment in Iraq. He was also a 4-H and Boy Scout leader.

In 1957, Cassels and other leading Greenbelt citizens saw the need to establish an institution that would finance the resale of the 1,600 townhomes which comprised Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). The local credit union was limited to three-year loans and the local bank (then Suburban Trust) was not permitted by law to loan money to cooperatives.

Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association was organized as a cooperative, owned and controlled by the savers and borrowers. Cassels joined the late Bruce Bowman as a co-manager of Twin Pines, which continued as a profitable banking institution and virtually the only lender associated with the GHI homes until 1982.

At that time inflation and other factors forced the cooperative



Cassels family group photo taken in Laurel at the surprise 90th birthday party for Jim on February 11, 2006. Left to right: Bob, Fred, Susie, Jimbo the Big Kahuna, Dan, Jeff. Jim was very surprised.



Prince George's County Councilmember Richard Castaldi (right) presents a proclamation of congratulations to Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Store Manager Bob Davis (center) and Jim Cassels, board chairman. – photo by J. Henson

to merge with Community Savings and Loan. That institution, unfortunately, was taken over by unscrupulous investors and became part of the nationwide savings and loan debacle of the 1980s. In 1986, Community reopened as the Mellon Bank.

War Opponent

During the 1960s, Cassels vehemently opposed the Vietnam War. He had been a conscientious objector during World War II and served time in Sandstone Prison. At that time he did alternative service as a forest firefighter and in government-sponsored health and nutritional research projects. Two of his brothers were killed during World War II. According to his son Fred, "He . . . wrote a letter to the editor of the News Review, in part saying how he was ashamed to be an American because of the [Vietnam] war. That published letter led to his leaving Twin Pines," Fred asserted. Offered the choice of resigning or being fired, he resigned.

Cassels' son Dan concurred, stating that his father "had a strong sense that you were to do what was right whatever the consequences."

After leaving Twin Pines, Cassels worked on housing projects in Anacostia and for the Prince

George's County Housing Authority.

One day in the mid-1970s, Leo Walder, a behavioral psychologist who lives in Greenbelt, was using the Twin Pines copy machine to assemble a grant application. He wanted to establish a program for troubled youth in Anne Arundel County. Cassels had heard about local families with problem teenagers and, according to Walder, said, "We need that program here in Greenbelt."

He persuaded Walder to present the program to then-city manager James Giese.

"Jim Cassels saw an opportunity . . . and he made it work," Walder stated. Greenbelt CARES became an integral part of city government in 1974, offering a community-based, family-oriented counseling program dedicated to promoting responsible behavior and appropriate family management skills. It also offers crisis intervention counselors who serve individuals who come into contact with the police, often as a result of a crime or other emergency situation.

In the mid-1970s, Cassels led the drive to find suitable land to build senior citizen housing in Greenbelt. When his dream of a cooperative senior citizen housing development did not materialize,

he was pragmatic enough to continue to work toward the ultimate goal of housing for low-income seniors.

Widespread support in the city led to purchase of the former Lutheran Church site on Ridge Road and city agreement to seek federal financing to construct Green Ridge House, a 100-unit building for low-income seniors. A proud Jim Cassels was there when the building opened for occupancy in March 1979. He served as its first board president from 1979 to 1981.

That same year he was divorced from Lily. Cassels sought and received a federal income waiver to live in a one-bedroom apartment at Green Ridge House, where he remained until his death. Of his many achievements, "Green Ridge House was closest to his heart," stated his long-time companion, Louise Swiderski, who also lives at Green Ridge House. Swiderski called Cassels "a perfect gentleman from the time I first met him."

Outstanding Citizen

For all of these accomplishments, Cassels was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1978 and his contributions didn't stop. In 1984, the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative announced plans to close its supermarket and gas station divisions, which operated in Greenbelt and throughout the metro area. Cassels immediately formed the Committee to Preserve Greenbelt's Co-op. The committee selected the name Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative and raised funds to purchase the supermarket, pharmacy and gas station in Greenbelt.

Cassels hired Bob Davis to manage the store and they worked together daily for the next 20 years.

"The best word to describe Jim is 'selfless,'" Davis commented. "Jim received no financial reward nor did he seek community rewards for his role at the co-op." He did it because it was needed – and he had the time, the interest and the ability."

Cathy Knepper, in her book "Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal," quotes Jim Cassels as saying, "Helping to organize a new co-op in Greenbelt is relatively simple. You've got a great history to build on and an educated public. They know what a co-op is, it's old hat to them, so it's not hard to start another one." Bob Cassels affirmed that his father "had the vision, the energy and the organizing skills to keep the flame of cooperatives and the cooperative way of doing things alive and well in Greenbelt."

Less than 10 years later, in 1991, Cassels was unsuccessful in a request for city to buy land to construct new or to renovate existing housing for a market-rate senior housing project. He was able, however, to help to organize a 209-unit cooperative senior housing project in Essex, Md.

His son Fred believes his father will be remembered as a guy who left the world somewhat better than when he got here.

"He wanted to change the world in a big way and felt frustrated when he saw so many things wrong that were fixable."

"My dad wanted the community and the world to be a better place and was not afraid to act on it," agreed son Dan.

Cassels is survived by sons Bob and wife Sue (Watertown, Mass.), Jeff and wife Angela (Ocean Pines, Md.), Dan and wife Pam (Jamul, Calif.), Fred and wife Bonnie (Laurel, Md.) and daughter Susie and husband Paul Rogers (St. Cloud, Fla.); brother Pat (Birmingham, Ala.); former wife Lily (St. Cloud, Fla.); his long-time companion Louise Swiderski (Green Ridge House); 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Cassels donated his body to the Anatomy Board of Maryland.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Greenbelt Foundation, P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or the American Friends Service Committee (<http://www.afsc.org/give/default.htm>).

CALLS

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unteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. at the worksession. They reported that Prince George's County has cut the department's budget.

As a result, they requested that the \$58,000 budgeted in the city's Capital Outlay line item for Fire and Rescue Service be increased by \$20,000 to a total of \$78,000. This money would go for new equipment.

Fundraising efforts have not been able to make up for the loss of funds from the county, the fire officials said. In response to a question from council, Flesman responded that the fire hall is no longer being rented following a negligible return from rental proceeds.

Davis stated that the \$20,000 line item increase will also be placed on the budget wish list.

The county has set aside funds for a new building site for the Greenbelt Fire Department, she said. Council is looking for a suitable site.

Election Survey scores taken during the last four city elections have shown a steady improvement in citizen satisfaction with the Fire Department over the years. In 2001, the score was 3.48, on a scale of 1 to 5. By 2007 the score had risen to 4.46.

Emergency Response

Bill Holland, representing the Community Emergency Response Team, requested approximately \$2,500 for various items, including logos for a trailer (\$600), first aid supplies (\$200), stickers to identify equipment (\$100) and \$1,500 for petty cash funds.

Davis asked where those items would appear in the budget. "Special Projects," was the response from City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Davis advised Holland that he needs to work with the city treasurer to "get plugged into the budget process."

Celebrate Springtime At Bartholdi Park

Robert Pritchard, U.S. Botanic Gardens (USBG) grounds supervisor at Bartholdi Park, will hold a free tour on Wednesday, April 23, 1 to 2 p.m.

Explore the park with the gardener who oversees the USBG's outdoor garden spaces. See how spring unfolds in this home landscape demonstration garden and gather tips for one's own garden. Space is limited so register early! The tour is cancelled if it rains.

Pre-registration is preferred.

Community Events

Kids' Art Exhibit Reception at Café

On Sunday, April 27 from 3 to 5 p.m., the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center will hold a reception for its first Children's Art Exhibit. Everyone is welcome to this free event. The reception will include a sing-along with Melissa Sites, Greenbelt singer and music teacher, who will lead a variety of children's songs from action songs to folk favorites. Families are encouraged to bring along their song books to make requests. (Sites will also sing for children at the Crazy Quilt Festival this Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m.)

At the reception, children (and family members) will be invited to join Greenbelt artist Tom Baker in making animal sculptures by creating critters with fruits and veggies. Baker led the very successful sculpture project several years ago at the Roosevelt Center Arts Festival in which participants created sculptures of homes from food. Refreshments will be served.

For more information email Kristin at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com. 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.

Play Softball For Greenbelt

Senior players – over 60 – are sought for recreation and friendly fun with the Greenbelt team in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Slow Pitch Softball League. Car pooling can be provided. For information and to sign up call Ray Reed (301-352-2765) or Jim Harbaugh (301-220-0501).

The season starts Monday, April 21 and runs through 42 games, usually twice a week, to playoff time in early September.

Poetry Is Celebrated In Local Program

The Greenbelt Writers Group will host a National Poetry Month celebration on Saturday, April 19 between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. At the program members and guests will share original works and favorite verses by famous poets. Music, songs and an open microphone will be part of the celebration. The public is invited.

Reel and Meal Monday, April 21

The film "Rights of Nature, Conferring Legal Rights to Ecosystems" will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, April 21 beginning at 7 p.m. The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series that explores vital environmental and social issues and is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt organizations interested in preserving the environment. There is no charge for admission. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal will be offered by Chef Karim, the new operator of the New Deal Café.

"Rights of Nature" illustrates a powerful effort on the verge of becoming a movement. The law has sided with corporations for centuries. Now a successful method for protecting communities and preserving ecosystems is gaining momentum. This important approach is presented in the video by two internationally-renowned environmental lawyers promoting a new jurisprudence demanding legal rights – or standing – for the natural world. Thomas Linzey, co-founder of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), has empowered municipalities in Pennsylvania to pass ordinances conferring rights to ecosystems. South African attorney Cormac Cullinan wrote the book, "Wild Law" and lectures internationally on this subject.

Chef Karim, the new operator of the New Deal Café, will showcase the new, mostly Middle Eastern menu he will offer once he is open. He will serve a selection of vegan dishes; drinks and desserts will also be available.

For more information email Steve Kane at sr.kane@verizon.net.

Senior Swim Is Now Mondays at 11:15 am

The Greenbelt Senior Swim class, held at the indoor swimming pool on Mondays, will now begin at 11:15 a.m. instead of 11. This is due to a scheduling conflict. Led by Betty Down, the Senior Swim is open to all Greenbelt seniors. A nominal fee is charged.

Hunting Ridge Assn. Holds Annual Meeting

Members of the Hunting Ridge condominium community are reminded that their annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting needs a quorum of 91 homeowners to be convened. Members who cannot attend the election of the board of directors are asked to submit their proxy so the election process can proceed. In the past association members have had to go out on election night and try to get people to attend to fill the quorum. People do not have to mail proxies back but can drop them off at the office.

Celebrate the Earth And Trees Saturday

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 19. The day's events begin with helping to plant landscape plantings, designed by the city's horticulturist, at the library underpass at Crescent Road. The program has been planned by the city's Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. Participating students can receive community service hours for helping with this project.

At noon join the Advisory Committee on Trees for an Arbor Day tree planting at the same location. Following the tree planting there will be a tour of larger and unusual trees throughout the city, leaving the library underpass about 12:15 p.m.

CARES Makes Teen Job Bank Available

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau offers Greenbelt residents access to Odd Jobs/Job Bank Program. Current job bank participants range in age from 10 to 16 and are available for a wide variety of tasks including general assistance, mowing lawns, raking leaves, assisting with groceries, mother's helper and pet sitting.

Only participants who have completed the CARES babysitting course are referred. Greenbelt CARES does not negotiate wages or transportation. These items may be discussed with the parent and child directly. CARES would encourage any resident interested in hiring a student to interview them as with any other employee.

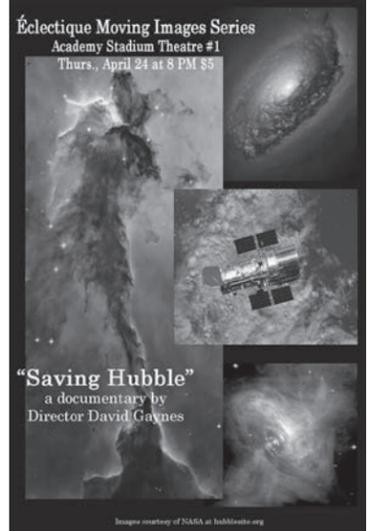
Call 301-345-6660, ext. 2016 for more information.

"Saving Hubble" Plays at Academy Stadium

On Thursday, April 24 at 8 p.m. there will be a special showing of David Gaynes' latest documentary in the Eclectique Moving Images Series – "Saving Hubble." Award-winning Director David Gaynes will interact with the audience afterward in a question and answer session. The film will be shown at Academy Stadium Theatre #1 in Beltway Plaza.

Hubble needs the astro-physical equivalent of routine auto maintenance (change the batteries, rotate the gyroscopes) and when its servicing mission is inexplicably cancelled, everyone from astronomers to artists rally to save it. But when their protests are ignored, it doesn't take the clarity of Hubble to begin to question the government's decision-making.

A movement is underway to save Hubble and it is not just a movement to rescue a spacecraft from an untimely demise. The new century has brought with



it strange and troubling political policies. "Saving Hubble" explores the decision that placed this important astronomical tool in jeopardy and tells the stories of the people mobilizing to save it.

To view the trailer visit www.savinghubble.com.

Disabilities Group Meets This Sunday

Last week's meeting announcement was one week premature. The Greenbelt Disability Connection will hold its monthly meeting in Room 103 of the Community Center from 2 to 4:30 p.m. this Sunday, April 20.

There will be a speaker from Independence Now, an organization founded by people with disabilities that provides services to promote the independence and inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities. Come with questions and find out how they might help or to learn about them. The group will also hear from members who went to the State Transportation conference held in Greenbelt two weeks ago and to the Pedestrian Safety workshop held at the Community Center on April 7. There will also be a discussion of the topics members are most interested in covering in the future.

Come to meet neighbors and make friends who share the same concerns.

SHL Interest Group Meeting on April 24

The next Greenbelt One Community Springhill Lake residents' interest group meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

On the agenda are presentations by Liz Park, director of the CARES Greenbelt social services programs and Cristal Batey, director of GAIL Greenbelt senior/disabled programs, followed by a discussion of where the group goes from here.

For further information contact Kim Paz at kpaza1@yahoo.com.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
BOARD MEETINGS
GDC and GHI BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, April 24, 2008
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- EZ Pay Drawing
- Use of Guest House for Utopia Film Festival
- 1st Quarter Operating Statements

(Immediately following GDC Meeting)

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- EZ Pay Drawing
- Proposed Temporary Structure – Rigging Apparatus, 3R Research Road
- Proposed Privacy Screen/Fence, 14P Ridge Road
- Audit Presentation – DeLong & Stang
- Approval of ARC Charter
- Contribution Requests – Utopia Film Festival
- Revised 2008 Spring & Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract – 2nd Reading
- Strategic Plan Review
- Board Self Evaluation

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Mosaic Artist Ilana Shafir Inspires Audiences Here

by Marista Lane

During the weekend of March 28, the Greenbelt Community Center hosted mosaic artist Ilana Shafir for a weekend-long event. The program started on Friday, March 28, when Shafir presented a talk on her work and life. The 84-year-old artist went through her work, describing her family's relocation to Kula from Sarajevo formerly Yugoslavia, to Zagreb Art Academy in Croatia to her home now in Ashkelon, Israel.

About 62 people attended Shafir's presentation Friday night. A movie made in 2004 about Shafir's life by her son, Giora Shafir, was also shown to the audience. Over the weekend, 17 people attended the two-day Spontaneous Mosaic Workshop with Shafir and her daughter, Leah Zahavi, according to Greenbelt Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald.

According to resident Camy Clough, a workshop assistant who attended a previous workshop with Zahavi not held in Greenbelt as well as the recent one here, said about Shafir, "It's very exciting to have her here and to share her with people like this." Clough, who had viewed Shafir's work at an exhibition in Washington, D.C., suggested Shafir's visits to Greenbelt. "She is delightful because she will see something wonderful in your work," said Clough.

According to DeWald, the workshop over the weekend was oversubscribed. Clough commented, "Several of the people who attended the lecture wandered by the workshop on Saturday or Sunday to see what we were doing. I take that as strong interest in what they had heard from Ilana on Friday night."

Riverdale resident and member of the Society of American Mosaic Artists Diane Elliot, who attended this workshop, said she liked how Shafir didn't plan the

work but suggested you rearrange colors and textures to improve the art. She said the work was "more spontaneous, not a picture at first" but that it developed into one.

Work History

Shafir began her work with paintings and moved to drawings, watercolors, ceramics and eventually her forte, mosaics. "I decided to do immediately what I wanted to do, to paint and to draw," Shafir said during the presentation. "I always wanted to do mosaics, I don't know why."

The presentation featured pictures of her work throughout her life, the paintings she created beginning at age 14 and some of her large mosaics, including her mosaic garden at her home in Ashkelon. One of her featured mosaics is located at an Ashkelon Synagogue dedicated to the family she lost during the Holocaust.

Shafir said she has been doing mosaics for 60 years. She only works on one piece at a time but each takes her about six to seven months. Shafir doesn't use drawings or paint to base her work upon. She said, "I'm always in control . . . In reality I work blind."

Shafir also said that animals are a recurring theme in her work. "I always painted animals - I don't know why. They entered my pictures and my mosaics and my surroundings." She added that gates are another motif in her work and in life. "There is always a gate."

Clough commented about the weekend workshop, "Leah and Ilana, as well as all of the participants, commented on the spirit of community they felt so strongly at the Community Center. The founding values of Greenbelt live on and are evident in the cluster of community resources surrounding and including the Center."



Artist Ilana Shafir discussed her life and work at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, March 28.

Chamber Music Fills Two Evenings

At 5:30 p.m. both Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22 a two-part concert, Chamber Music at Maryland, will be presented in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Featuring student string, woodwind, brass and piano ensembles, these free programs will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall.

Arboretum Holds Big Plant Sale

Just in time for spring gardening, on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. a plant fair is coming to this area. Select from thousands of plants, some hard to find anywhere else, at the National Arboretum's 17th annual plant sale. The free sale is sponsored by Friends of the National Arboretum.



Participants in the stream cleanup are Susan Barnett, Mark Christal, Shirley Middleton, Walt Aerni, Ellen Bretz, Bill Orleans, Frank Gervasi, Donn Ahearn, Lutz Rastaetter, Barry Schlesinger and Paul Downs. They collected 28 bags of trash from Sunnyside Avenue between Edmonston Road and the CSX railroad tracks. - photo by Lutz Rastaetter

Indian Creek Cleanup Offers Challenge to Crew

by Brian St. George

This is your drinking water before filtration . . .

On April 5 the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) and Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek participated in the Alice Ferguson Foundation Potomac Watershed Cleanup. Gathering the trash were Susan Barnett, Mark Christal, Shirley Middleton, Walt Aerni, Ellen Bretz, Bill Orleans, Frank Gervasi, Donn Ahearn, Lutz Rastaetter, Barry Schlesinger and Paul Downs. The cleanup took place on Sunnyside Avenue between Edmonston Road and the railroad tracks.

This short section of road has been adopted by the BCWWG. The Beaverdam Watershed encompasses a large part of Greenbelt and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and is one of the most ecologically sound watersheds in the larger Anacostia watershed. Indian Creek, which is downstream from Konterra's run-off, however, is not. Indian Creek parallels Edmonston Road for a distance, which was where the cleanup took place.

According to Barnett, president of the BCWWG, "It was amazing that we did this a year ago and that there is still so much trash on one 200-yard section of road." The majority of the trash was drinking bottles. Plastic bottles averaged 71 percent of the collection, trailed by glass bottles, aluminum and styrofoam, 1 percent. These figures suggest that a bottle bill could benefit the health of the watershed and water supply.

In addition, tires, clothes, a shop vac and various car parts were collected. A bucket of human feces was also found, along with clothing indicating that people may be living in the woods between Edmonston Road

and the train tracks. In all, 28 bags of trash were collected.

The big find was a cesspool-like dam in Indian Creek. The group did not have the means to wade into the five foot deep water and retrieve this trash so it was left where it was. Unfortunately, similar backlogs exist along other streams and rivers in the Anacostia watershed.

Even the small stream that comes down from Goddard Space Flight Center and flows into the Greenbelt Forest Preserve is filled with massive amounts of plastic bottles, bags and an occasional car battery. Through the efforts of volunteer groups like BCWWG small dents are made in the sizable pollution dams that fill our watersheds but, as Barnett mentioned, "It was distressing to have to leave so much behind but we didn't have [any way] to remove the massive amounts of trash."

A concern is that all this water will get recycled eventually into the drinking water supply. Granted, it may be decreased but the ecosystem is self-contained. Everything we produce is going to be recycled in some form into the air we breathe or the water we drink. Scenes like this should therefore be of concern to everyone - not just to those who are stewards for the land. BCWWG welcomes new members who would like to participate in cleanup activities, water monitoring and public awareness education events.

Part of the BCWWG bylaws states, however, that, "whatever we do, it must be fun." This ethos pervades the group, which is a refreshing quality in any organization. Visit <http://www.beaverdamcreek.org/> for more information about their next event.

Watershed Cleanup Nets Tons of Debris

The Potomac Watershed Cleanup on April 8 resulted in 4,215 pounds of trash collected from six sites. Collected recyclables totaled 277 pounds.

The total number of participants was 205, including 120 students and teachers from Springhill Lake, students from ERHS, Al-Huda School, Cadet Girl Scouts from Troop #3251, Daisy Girl Scouts from Troop #19, Boy Scout Troop #215, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee members, Friends of Still Creek, Citizens to Restore Indian Creek, as well as Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling.

The sites cleaned were Springhill Lake Stream, Braden Field, Commerce Center/Ora Glen Pond, woods off Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Station South Core.

Some of the debris included shopping carts, bikes, room-size carpets and tires. Thirteen baseballs were retrieved from Braden Field.

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a concern but that they were doing as much as they could to take care of the problem. Riddle said three willow oak and three chestnut oak trees would be planted on Arbor Day near the underpass next to the library. She said there are many large and unusual trees in Greenbelt.

A surprise proclamation was approved honoring City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher for her service to the City of Greenbelt. Gallagher is resigning after eight years in the job.

In other business, councilmembers voted to rename the service road in the Capital Office Park. Located off Ivy Lane across from the cemetery, it was renamed Turner Place after the Turner family, Greenbelt pioneers who owned Wildcat Farm.

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Robberies

April 4, 10:08 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, money was taken from a food delivery person at gunpoint. The suspects are described as a black male 18 years of age, 6', wearing a gray jacket; a black male 18 years of age, 5'4"; and two black females 18 years of age.

April 7, 8:23 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a purse was taken from a woman at gunpoint. The suspects are described as two black males, both 20 to 25 years of age, 6' to 6'2", 160 to 180 pounds. One was wearing blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

April 9, 8:19 a.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway, a man was robbed of his cell phone at knife point. The suspects are described as a black male 16 to 19 years of age with a medium build and black hair, wearing a blue baseball cap, a light and dark blue zippered hooded sweatshirt, tan pants and white shoes; and a black male 16 to 19 years of age with a medium build and black hair, wearing tan pants, blue shoes, a black coat and a multi-colored hat.

Assault

April 8, 4:39 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man threatened a citizen with a knife during a parking lot dispute. The suspect is described as a white

male, 50 to 60 years of age, 5'11" to 6'2", 150 to 190 pounds, with gray hair, wearing blue jeans and brown boots. He left the area in a vehicle described as a white minivan bearing unknown Maryland tags.

Drug Arrest

April 8, 7:24 p.m., Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court, a man of unknown address was arrested and charged with conspiracy to distribute in a school zone and distribution of marijuana after police witnessed what was believed to be a drug transaction. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

April 4, 8:38 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 10, 7:18 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He also had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

Vandalism

April 6, 3:20 p.m., 4 Court Gardenway, graffiti was spray

painted in a laundry room.

April 7, 7:55 a.m., 24 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was spray painted on a fence and the screen door of a residence.

Theft

April 7, 10:56 a.m., 20 Southway, potted plants were taken from in front of the Greenbelt Citgo station. The suspects are described as a white male 30 to 35 years of age, with a heavy build, brown hair and glasses, wearing a green T-shirt, a blue and yellow vest, tan shorts and white shoes; and a white female 30 to 45 years of age, with a thin build and brown hair, wearing a black jacket, a white shirt, blue jeans and brown boots. The suspect vehicle is described as a white Dodge work van with a ladder rack on the roof and unknown Maryland tags.

Attempted Burglaries

April 6, 5:56 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that an alarm sounded but no entry was gained.

April 9, 3:28 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, an attempted burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2008 Dodge Charger 4-door from Golden Triangle Drive; a silver 2003 Dodge Stratus 4-door, South Carolina tags 634WXJ from the 7500

block Mandan Road; a green 1993 Jeep Cherokee truck, Maryland tags 846M781 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a 1999 Dodge Caravan from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; a 1995 Honda Accord from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; a 1995 Chrysler Cirrus 4-door from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a blue 1995 Dodge Dakota truck, D.C. tags CZ6220 from Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Street; a 1997 Nissan Sentra 4-door, Maryland tags KAH413 from the 7200 block Mandan Road; and a 1996 Chrysler Sebring convertible, Texas tag 136JNP from the 7600 block Mandan Road.

Nine vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police and six by outside departments. There were no arrests made in any recovery.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Mandan Road; 7200, 7600 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway; 7600 block Greenbelt Road; 100 block Research Road; 9 Court Southway (three incidents); 6300 block Ivy Lane; 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; 5800 and 5900 blocks Cherywood Terrace; 9200 and 9300 blocks Edmonston Road; and 7800 block Walker Drive.

Driving Safety Summit For Teens on April 26

On Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. there will be a Teen Driving Safety Summit at Bishop McNamara High School, 6800 Marlboro Pike in Forestville. The program is open to youth ages 14 and older in the Metro Washington, D.C. area.

The driving summit is sponsored by Bishop McNamara High School, Teens in Action-Camp Fire USA, State Farm Insurance, Chesapeake Safety Council, the National Youth Leadership Council and other invited national and local businesses and corporations. Parents and youth volunteers are needed as well as business partners.

The day-long program is intended to provide information to youth and adults regarding teen driving safety and existing safety programs and to engage them in service learning activities enabling them to create projects in their schools and communities and to teach adults basic tenets of Service Learning Program implementation and management. There will be a presentation by Judge Yvette Diamond on the consequences of DUI and the Chesapeake Safety Council's launch of Defensive Driving Course (DDC) Alive at 25.

There is a fee. For further information call Rosemary Pezuto at 301-346-7860 or email FirePatuxent@aol.com.

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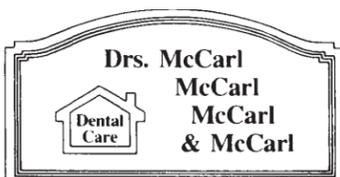


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Only participants who have completed the CARES babysitting course are referred. Greenbelt CARES does not negotiate wages or transportation. These items may be discussed with the parent and child directly. CARES would encourage any resident interested in hiring students to interview them as with any other employee.

Call 301-345-6660, Ext. 2016 for more information.

School Year One Day Longer, Ends June 9

The Prince George's County Public Schools system has made two adjustments to the 2007-2008 school calendar – one due to weather, the other increasing class time for seniors.

Due to inclement weather on February 22 when schools closed, the last day for students will now be Monday, June 9. If schools must close again for unexpected inclement weather or other emergencies, additional make-up days may be required.

The last day for seniors was moved to May 22 this year, providing four more days for education and college planning opportunities.

Garden Club Meets On Wednesday

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11204 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker this month will be Phil Normandy whose topic is "Viburnums and Their Use in the Landscape." A native of North Carolina, Normandy received his BS degree in ornamental horticulture in 1974 from North Carolina State University. After that he was a horticulturist for the 100-acre arboretum of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories in Charlotte, N.C. From 1977 to 1979 he was a fellow in the Longwood Graduate Program sponsored jointly by Longwood Garden and the University of Delaware. Since then he has been on the staff of Brookside Gardens where he has been developing plant collections. Since 1986 he has been the grounds supervisor for McCrillis Gardens.

Normandy has been an instructor of woody plants in the Landscape Design Program of George Washington University. He is also a member of the Gold Medal Plant Award Committee of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

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

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



Maryland Day 2008 Explore the World

This year the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center celebrates Maryland Day 2008 with a free mix of old favorites and new surprises from students and artists in the local community. In celebration of the 10-year anniversary of Maryland Day, the campus will look back on the impact that Maryland Day has had on the community as it looks forward to the future. This year community members can experience performances and interactive workshops. For a schedule of events check the Maryland Day website: www.marylandday.umd.edu.

Smith Center Offers Balinese Concert

The UM Gamelan Ensemble will perform a free concert on Wednesday, April 23 in Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center with Ketut Suadin, director. Gamelan Saraswati will present the exuberant music and dance of Bali. The Balinese gamelan music tradition features bronze instruments and the group will perform traditional and new works.



Our sympathy to News Review staffer, Our Neighbors editor Kathleen McFarland and her sister Rosemary Scott on the death of their brother Robert L. Scott, Jr.

Congratulations to:

– Katrina Boverman, a singer with the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir, St. Hugh's choir soloist Laurie Lemieux and organist Sheila Ryan who are among those singing at the Papal Mass Thursday, April 17.

– Diane and Tim Grady of Greenbriar on the birth of granddaughter Keira Ann McGee born on April 12, 2008. Proud parents are Brian and Carolyn McGee of King George, Va. Keira Ann joins sister Layla age 5.

Good wishes to Mary Kingsley for continued healing as she recovers from surgery.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Botanic Garden Has Spring Tour

"Springtime in Bartholdi Park" is the title of a tour led by Robert Pritchard, United States Botanic Garden (USBG) garden and grounds supervisor, on Wednesday, April 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. Explore Bartholdi Park with the gardener who oversees the USBG's outdoor garden spaces. Space is limited so register early. The tour is cancelled if it rains. Call 202-225-1116 to register.

USBG Earth Day Celebration Tues.

Spend the day at the USBG celebrating Earth Day. At 10:30, UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) will present awards to its international poster contest winners. After the ceremony, there will be children's activities, gardening demonstrations and garden tours. The program will be on Tuesday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. at the National Garden Lawn Terrace.

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Cleanup Crews Recover Tons of Trash and Have Fun Doing It!



Approximately 900 pounds of trash was removed from the stream, including several shopping carts, bicycles, tires and carpet. These volunteers from Dar-us-Salaam show some of what was found..



Daisy Scouts at SHL Stream Cleanup, left to right Alyssa Heintzelman, Mary Alyce Yoho, Elizabeth Serra and Mary Keane. Not pictured: Ella Lannon and Mariana Sheehan.

Residents, Students Turn Out for Streams Cleanup

by Jason Koebler

Greenbelt residents took part in an area-wide stream cleanup Friday, March 7, picking up trash from local streams and wooded areas.

Despite the blustery temperatures more than 200 people volunteered. Cleanups took place at Commerce Center Pond, a wooded area off Hanover Parkway, the south core of the Greenbelt Metro station, Braden Field stream and streams behind Springhill Lake Elementary School and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Trash found in Greenbelt ranged from litter and broken bottles to shopping carts, bikes and wall-to-wall carpeting. However, volunteers from Dar-us-Salaam Mosque said they didn't mind getting a little dirty.

Heeba Malik, 12, said that, despite falling in the water, cleaning up the stream behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was all in a day's work. "We're having a lot of fun," she said. "If we try to reach too far into the stream we fall in . . . I just had to try to keep my head out of the water."

Mayor Judith F. Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling took part in the cleanups Sunday. Davis said the key to stopping the pollution is better education. "People just toss whatever they want out here," she said. "People don't realize how much stuff collects. It's not just aesthetically bad but

it costs a lot of money to pick it up. And where does that money come from? It comes from taxes. Maybe if we hit people in their pocketbooks they will finally stop polluting as much."

The cleanups were part of a larger operation, Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, an environmental group. More than 102 tons of trash were picked up at 298 sites throughout the watershed.

The city sponsored cleanups behind Springhill Lake Elementary School on Friday and Saturday, where about 120 students and teachers participated as part of a class project.

"The kids were all working together," Davis said. "It was really great. The students also need to realize that this stuff comes from them. It comes from you and your mom and your dad and your brothers and sisters. Hopefully they will encourage their friends to stop polluting."

While cleaning up the environment is a major incentive for Ed James, a member of the Recycling and Environment Advising Committee, he admitted it had other benefits too. "I came out here to burn up computer fat," he said. "You sit in front of the computer all day, you get fat in the winter and I get to exercise and help out when it gets warm."



Approximately 120 students and volunteers from Springhill Lake Elementary School cleaned the stream behind their school on Friday, April 4. This was part of the area wide Potomac Watershed Cleanup. At left, Councilmember Konrad Herling and Harriett Phelps pose for the camera.



More volunteers pose with debris collected from Springhill Lake Stream on Saturday.

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FESTIVAL

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hits, earned Album of the Year Awards for three separate releases and toured the world as guitarist and singer for The Orchestra (the latter day ELO). Filling in between bands throughout the day will be electronica music by the Washington Area Music (Wammie) award-winner "Arthur Loves Plastic." "The Able Birds" features Greenbelt musicians Andre Cutair and Allison Smith, who also created the festival website <http://www.crazyquiltfestival.com>.

At 6 p.m. the festival moves into the evening as "Arthur Loves Plastic" again takes the outdoor stage, followed by "Educated Consumers," "The Points" and "DJ Muramasa and Synz." From 7 to 9 p.m., the music will accompany the "Playa del Fuego Fire Conclave" with their energetic and unique fire dancing. The Crazy Quilt will light up the night!

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The Crazy Quilt Festival is free, sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt. There will be a suggested donation for the KIVA concert in the evening. Bring your family and plan to spend the whole day in Roosevelt Center enjoying a crazy quilt of music, dancing, art, crafts, food and fun.

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Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for those unable to keep their appointments.

City Notes

The planning staff witnessed the installation of storm drain piping at Greenbelt Station.

The public works staff report footers were poured and construction is underway for the new Public Works Administration Building.

The facilities maintenance crew inspected all street lights and reported lights needing repair to PEPCO and also repaired street lights which belong to the city.

The horticulture crew restored an original landscaping area near the Greenbelt Library by removing leaves and volunteer sapling trees.

Aviation Museum Evening with Aces

On Friday, April 25 at 7 p.m., the College Park Aviation Museum will present a program featuring two fighter plane aces. Rear Admiral Edward L. "Whitey" Feightner, USN (Ret.) and Colonel David Thwaites, USAF (Ret.) will discuss their experiences and answer questions. There is a fee.

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KIVA Benefit Concert on Sat.

"KIVA," a percussive, acoustic worldbeat ensemble, will end the Crazy Quilt music festival with a benefit concert at 9 p.m. in the New Deal Café. Drawing from many cultural inspirations, the band will play celtic-folk, folk-rock, blues, big band, traditional chants and jazz tunes.

The Crazy Quilt Festival is free, sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

Pazzuto Presents Proposal For Springhill Lake Kids

by Judy Bell

During the Public Safety Worksession on April 7, Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze introduced a visitor, Rosemary Pazzuto, executive director of the Camp Fire USA Patuxent Area Council (PAC). Pazzuto presented a proposal targeting Springhill Lake, that was written in conjunction with Camp Fire USA PAC and MPO Jonathan Lowndes, Springhill Lake Community Policing Officer.

Camp Fire USA, over 100 years old, is a national program designed to strengthen families by encouraging parental involvement with children participating in the program. The structure and membership of the program were expanded in 1975 to include boys, who now account for 46 percent of the membership.

Camp Fire USA proposes to partner with and provide a year-round youth development program for the Springhill Lake Community. The program would interface and collaborate with schools, recreational services and other community providers. Children ages 4 to 17 years would be served in a program that combines Camp Fire USA and academic activities.

The children would be broken into age-appropriate groups with a volunteer or paid leader or advisor. As available, volunteers

would be assigned to work with specific groups. For high school students, the program would include skills development and socialization activities to increase leadership, community service, self-esteem and life skills.

Because of the need to strengthen families in this population, Camp Fire USA's program would encourage parental involvement in the program. A variety of means would be utilized to engage parents with a goal of helping them develop tools to support their children's academic and skills development.

Included in the program would be family cookouts, tailgate movie nights, field trips and parent education activities. Parent education activities might include PBS's Reading with Your Child program, guest speakers on parenting, first aid and CPR and other topics deemed appropriate by program coordinators and community leaders.

The written proposal included a budget, which was not discussed at the meeting. The budget projected a 25 percent phase-in at \$58,900 and a fully-operational budget at \$210,625.

A separate worksession with Pazzuto and other members of the community, including representatives and residents of Springhill Lake, will be scheduled at a later date.

Wildlife Programs Offered at Patuxent

Three public programs will be offered in the coming week by the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge in Laurel. A guided bird tour will take place on Tuesday, April 22 from 8:15 to 10:45 a.m. It is open to anyone 16 and over, and field guides and binoculars are recommended. On Saturday, April 26 a "Wildflower Wander" will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m. for all ages. For this guided walk a field guide, water and a magnifying glass are suggested. Both of these programs will take place at the North Tract site on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32.

At the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197 a Bird Walk will be offered on Friday, April 25 from 8 to 10 a.m. Anyone 16 and over is welcome and field guides and

binoculars are recommended.

All programs are free but reservations are required and may be made by calling 301-497-5887.

Patuxent Refuge Celebrates Earth Day

Join the Patuxent Research Refuge for an Earth Day celebration. On Sunday, April 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. stop by the North Tract Visitor Contact Station on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. Help wildlife by joining in for weeding (Weed Warriors kick-off day), seeding, mulching and general trail maintenance. All ages are welcome. Dress to get dirty!

Children ages 8 to 10 are invited to come early (noon to 1:30 p.m.) for a special, interactive Earth Day program. Call 301-497-5887 to register.



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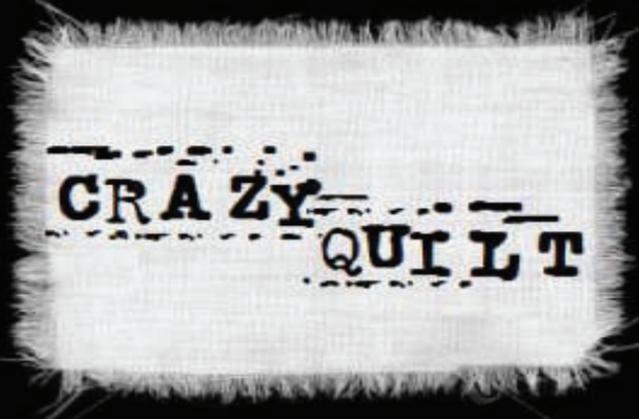
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