

## City Opposes Use of Wetlands Site For CSX Truck Transfer Facility

by Barbara Hopkins

A parcel of land in Beltsville found its way onto the agenda of the Greenbelt City Council meeting on April 11. The property, adjacent to the CSX railroad tracks and otherwise bounded by Sunnyside Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue and Powder Mill Road, is one of four sites under consideration for development of a transfer facility to improve efficiency of freight hauled from Baltimore to points of delivery on the East Coast and in the Midwest.

Following review and discussion of these plans, council agreed to send a letter to the Maryland State Secretary of Transportation discouraging development of the Beltsville site, which is a wetland and forested flood plain and includes Indian Creek that flows through Greenbelt West.

### Improved Efficiency

In what is called the National Gateway project, the U.S. Department of Transportation and CSX Transportation, Inc. propose creation of a double-stack rail corridor connecting East Coast

ports to markets in the South and Midwest. Train cars along this corridor would be double-stacked with containers to improve the efficiency of freight movement and reduce truck traffic on the highways.

According to information on MDOT's website, doubling the amount of freight carried by trains will not only reduce truck traffic but will lower the overall cost of transporting goods, yielding savings for businesses and consumers alike. It will also reduce emissions, thereby improving the environment.

Currently, the Panama Canal is being widened and in preparation for increased international shipping traffic, the Port of Baltimore adding a 50-foot-deep berth and four super cranes to accommodate the mega-ships that will soon be able to reach Maryland. When work is completed in 2012, Baltimore and Hampton Roads, Va., will be the two East Coast ports with this operating-berth depth.

The railroad improvements

under discussion are part of necessary improvements to make Baltimore competitive in the expanded market. Relocation of the intermodal facility from Seagirt Terminal in Baltimore will also free up space to accommodate increased international shipping.

With these improvements and expansion of the Panama Canal, Baltimore will be able to compete for Asian container traffic that until now has delivered containers to western ports for transport by train and truck to Maryland.

### Tunnel Restrictions

Since clearance is too low in Baltimore's Howard Street tunnel to permit passage of double-stacked cars, CSX and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) are currently planning to develop a new rail intermodal facility for transfer of freight trailers and containers between trains and trucks. Described by MDOT as "a state-of-

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## Council Hears Budget Proposals On Capital Projects and Codes

by Thomas X. White

The topic for the April 20 Greenbelt City Council budget worksession for Fiscal Year 2012 dealt with the department of Planning and Community Development (P&CD). All councilmembers were on hand at the Community Center, along with the city manager and the city treasurer. Two residents and one commercial property representative also attended.

Although small compared to other city departments, the functions and programs of the P&CD play a significant role in many Greenbelt nuts-and-bolts issues, including development within the city, planning issues affecting Greenbelt, code and parking enforcement, animal control, capital projects and transportation issues.

For the Department's budget presentation, Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze briefed council. Choosing to forego the usual presentation, she let Mayor Judith Davis moderate a page-by-page review of the department budget, but then elaborating or answering questions council raised for specific areas relating to the department's responsibilities.

Staffing levels remain at 8.5 fulltime equivalents, including a half-time parking enforcement officer. Craze advised council that

with that staffing authorization, the department is now operating without two community development (code) inspectors and without one authorized community planner.

Because of pressure on the city budget, Craze has plans in FY12 to fill only one of the inspector vacancies and the vacant planner position.

The Animal Control function operates with two FY12 coordinator positions and a non-classified, half-time position for the shelter.

The Planning Budget for FY12 is proposed for \$366,900, just \$8,000 more than that for the previous year.

Over 90 percent of the P&CD budget is personnel staffing (salaries/benefits). The Community Development Budget for FY12 is proposed for \$700,800, which is \$7,900 less than that for the previous year and \$27,000 less than the expected actual FY11 budget. About half the expected savings occur from lower personnel costs, half from operating expenses.

Because the Community Development function generates income through its varied inspection/enforcement and licensing programs, it also presents a revenue account. For FY12 total revenue totals \$966,000, which

is \$152,000 more than had been budgeted for FY11 (\$814,00) but \$18,300 less than the expected FY11 actual income (\$984,300).

The bulk of increased income during FY11 reflected the larger than usual number of municipal infraction penalties levied against the then-Empirian Village complex in Greenbelt West for their backlog of code enforcement offenses.

### Capital Projects

One important function of the P&CD Department is to undertake and complete capital and infrastructure projects for the city. Although progress lately has been excruciatingly slow for long-planned projects, the proposed FY12 budget includes funding for several new projects.

The department has obtained construction permits from the Maryland Department of the Environment and awarded a contract for the Greenhill/Hillside Roads Stream Stabilization project, which is intended to abate long-standing erosion issues in the Greenhill and Hillside Road areas near the existing Lakewood/Northway stream valley underpass. The project is expected to better stabilize the stream and prevent further sediment pollution

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## Three Public Hearings Set For Old Middle School Use

by David Lange

In August 2012 middle school students will move from their current building to a new Greenbelt Middle School. What should be done with the old building?

The city council established the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force to "develop ideas and concepts for the reutilization of the [old] Middle School."

Many will recall a similar effort in 1989. Then Greenbelt worked with the county Board of Education to convert Greenbelt Center School on Crescent Road into the Community Center.

For those who live in Franklin Park (Greenbelt West), what services should be available in a nearby community center?

A public computer lab? Recreation and art classes? Tutoring for kids? An adult lounge near a child care center? A party room for rent? Meeting rooms for

clubs and neighborhood associations? Senior activities? Adult education and GED classes? Family and individual counseling? Practice rooms for young musicians? Exercise programs and nutritional classes? Public dances?

Display cases for Greenbelt history and for costumes and toys from various countries? Places and activities that support gatherings of immigrants? A polling place? A police sub-station? A place to meet people from other parts of Greenbelt?

Could some activities or services be moved from the Crescent Road Community Center to a Greenbelt West Community Center to gain more room.

The list of possibilities is long but the opportunity is clear.

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## 7th Green Man Festival To Fill Center May 7 and 8

The seventh annual Green Man Festival will be held Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The festival celebrates the Earth and man's connection to the environment and is sponsored by a collaboration of local groups. Again this year the Green Man Project and the Stone Soup Music Project are part of the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) efforts partnering with other local environmental action groups, artists, crafters, musicians and healthy lifestyle advocates to put on the festival.

The festival, in and around Roosevelt Center, includes craft booths, information tables on environmental issues, live music performances, an art exhibit at the New Deal Café, Green Man celebratory rituals and activities for the whole family.

All are welcome and volun-

teers are still needed. For more information call 202-664-7572 or visit the website at <http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org/index.html> for a complete schedule of activities, music, dance and spoken word performances and a list of all the craft, art and information booths.

### Music

The Green Man weekend will include music by international touring group Four Shillings Short, which will open the festival with a Friday evening concert in the New Deal Café. Seating is limited. Those who miss the opening concert can catch the group each day of the festival at 3 p.m. On Saturday at 6 p.m. Ayreheart performs with Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane and brings the art of ancient music into the 21st century. On Sunday afternoon

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, April 30**

**9 a.m. to noon**, Electronic Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

**9 a.m. to noon**, Shredding Day, Roosevelt Center Parking Lot

**Sunday, May 1**

**1 to 4 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**Monday, May 2**

**7:30 p.m.**, Budget Worksession; Public Works and Proposal to Refinance Debt, Municipal Building – Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Wednesday, May 4**

**7:30**, Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.**, Budget Worksession, Contribution Groups, Community Center

**7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Middle School Task Force Public Hearing, Greenbriar Condominium Terrace Room

**Saturday, May 7**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, Animal Pet Care Expo, Community Center





Nana's Julia Smith and Annie Howe lead pickle-puppet making for "How to Grow a Pickle."

## May Artful Afternoon Focus Is Spring and Gardening

Sunday, May 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. the city's monthly free Artful Afternoon will turn its focus to all forms of gardening and spring delights.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there are a variety of participatory activities including making bug sculptures and pendants with Artists-in-residence Tom Baker and Karen Arrington, using reclaimed hardware and found objects. There will also be puppet making with the Nana Projects for use in their 3 p.m. performance. There will be children's farm-to-food activities with volunteers from the Greenbelt Farmers Market to cultivate kids' interest in healthy, fresh foods.

At 3 p.m. the latest Nana Projects show, "How to Grow a Pickle," will be on stage in the Community Center gym. With visual alchemy, Nana Project artists create "magic lantern shows" involving live animation with tricked-out overhead projectors, gels and shadow puppets. People are invited to bring their pickle puppet from the workshop to enter the magical garden.

**Drawing**  
Just before the show, there will be a drawing for tickets to a performance of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter at the Community

Center Art Gallery until 2:30 p.m. on May 1.

The new exhibition "Aerial: Drawings by Rebecca Clark" is on display in the Art Gallery. Clark creates meticulous drawings of bees, elegant and spare, as if captured involving mid-flight. Also on display is the Greenbelt Museum "Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt," with visitors encouraged to try to find the "bug-a-boo."

**Spring Fling**  
A special Museum Spring Fling is being held across the street from the library and Community Center at the museum's historic house during Artful Afternoon, with free tours for all and a children's May basket activity.

Studio open houses and sales are held with the Community Center's nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m. All are invited to be inspired by the artists' work in many styles and media and to find perfect gifts for Mother's Day, spring weddings and graduations.

Artful Afternoon activities are open to the public, suitable for all ages and free of charge.

For more information about Artful Afternoon or City of Greenbelt art programs visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2057.

## Greenbelters Split Pair at Howard

Greenbelt split a hard-fought doubleheader on the road last Wednesday, April 20 against Howard Hitters, keeping pace with their chief division opponent in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League. Rookie Clyde Moody pitched both games.

In the first one, down 9-7 midway, the Belters scored four runs and held off the Hitters the rest of the way. Jim Dugan tripled home three runs in a pivotal hit of the homer-less battle.

Greenbelt took an early lead in the second game but was down five runs going into the last inning. They scored twice but lost, 8-5. Registering two hits each in a balanced attack were Fred Bohle, John Benish, Al Norton and Willie White while Jasper Pendergrass drew three walks.

## Patuxent Offers Birding for Blind

The Patuxent Research Refuge is offering a "Birding for the Blind" program on Saturday, April 30 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center. The program is free but registration is required.

It is designed specifically for visually impaired people ages 8 through adult and their families or friends. The goal of the program is to introduce nature and birding through hands-on activities and exploration of outdoor habitats. Participants will learn how to identify birds by sound, an activity that can be done in any outdoor setting such as a back yard or neighborhood park. Auditory resources will be demonstrated and sources for these resources will be provided. Participants will also be given opportunities for tactile exploration of bird mounts and/or live birds.

Call 301-497-5776 to register or for more details. The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 197, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop in Laurel.

Grin Belt

"Honey, I need to get those commemorative Kate and William souvenir acorns."

## Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Groups

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The board will review applications from community organizations seeking Recognition Group status in the city's Fiscal Year 2012. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road.

For more information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057.

## Genealogy Society To Meet May 4

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting, Patty Shawker will present "Using Federal Civilian Records for Genealogical Research."

All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For additional information see [www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgegs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgegs) or call 301-262-2063. The society meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

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presents a free outdoor concert  
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Robert Goddard  
Jazz Band

Robert Goddard  
Electric Strings

Sat., April 30, 4 - 6 pm  
Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt  
Sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)  
Supported by the Prince George's Arts Council

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WEEK OF APR 29

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Friday - Saturday  
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Sunday  
\*2:45, \*5, 7:30  
  
Monday - Thursday  
\*5, 7:30  
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# Community Events

## Farmers Market Mtg. For Needed Volunteers

On Sunday, May 1 there will be a meeting at the Greenbelt Youth Center from 1 to 2 p.m. for people who love the Greenbelt Farmers Market and want to help it run smoothly every week.

Everyone who is interested, willing and can give some time to the Farmers Market is invited to attend to learn about different volunteer opportunities available. Discussion will include the many volunteer tasks and how to sign up, as well as shifts that fit the volunteer's schedule. In addition to volunteers needed weekly at the market, other tasks such as vendor recruitment and marketing can be scheduled at other times.

The market season starts with the official reopening on Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day). Market organizers are looking for people who can pitch in with a few hours' time, support local food and have fun doing it.

Those who are interested in volunteering but cannot attend the May 1 meeting are asked to email [info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org) for more information.

## Arthritis Walk to Be Held Here May 14

The 2011 local Arthritis Walk will be held at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) track from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 14. The walk is designed to be a family-friendly event, with walkers selecting one lap, one mile, or three mile distances or choosing just to visit information and health booths and available activities. The national walk will occur on Saturday, May 21 at the National Mall.

### Registration

To ensure adequate supplies and refreshments, walkers are encouraged to pre-register online at [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) (select Events, Walks, Maryland, Greenbelt). Registration at the event opens at 9 a.m., with the walk starting at 10 a.m. There is no registration fee, but several events are planned to raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation's efforts to find a cure.

### Dining Fundraisers

Mondays May 2 and 23 will be Dining Out to Fight Arthritis Days at the Sir Walter Raleigh Restaurant on Greenbelt Road, with a portion of receipts donated to the cause.

All funds raised by the Arthritis Walk stay in the immediate area to support research, community outreach, and education programs. For more information contact Jean Mattie, the 2011 Walk Honoree, at 301-335-7689 or [mattievunteers@aol.com](mailto:mattievunteers@aol.com).

## At the Library

### Adult Programs

Monday, May 2, 6 p.m., a play "On Striver's Row.

Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m., Annual Lecture Series on African History and Culture – "Liberators Under Fire: The Black Soldiers Who Helped Liberate the Buchenwald Concentration Camp in World War II," by Asa Gordon.

7 p.m., Butterfly Gardening

### For Teens

7 p.m., Teen Advisory Board Meeting for teens 13 to 18. Help plan and run events. Snacks provided.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Thursday, May 5, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months; limit 15 children.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at [www.pgcmcls.info](http://www.pgcmcls.info).

## GHI Notes

Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 29, offices closed. Members needing emergency service during closings can obtain assistance by calling the maintenance department at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday May 3, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

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

## Learn about Butterfly Gardening at Library

Continuing Spring Gardening programs, Greenbelt Library will offer an adult program on "Butterfly Gardening" Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. The will be presented by master gardeners of Prince George's.

More  
Community Events  
see pages 2, 4, 5 and 16

## ERHS Offers Band, Orchestra Concerts

The orchestra and band programs at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) in Greenbelt will give two performances in May.

The All-Orchestra Concert is scheduled for Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the Concert, Symphony and Chamber Orchestras and the Roosevelt Strings, directed by Dr. David Yarbrough. In addition, there will be performances by mass string and full symphonic orchestras.

The All-Band Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the Roosevelt, Concert, and Symphonic Bands and the Wind Ensemble, directed by Sally Wagner. In addition, as a special biannual event, the Alumni Band composed of ERHS graduates will perform.

ERHS and its music programs draw students from all over northern Prince George's County. Concerts at ERHS are free and open to the public. The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway. For more information call 301-345-5393.

## Lectures on African History and Culture

The Greenbelt Library will take part in the 22nd Annual Lecture Series on African History and Culture. The series is presented by Washington historian C.R. Gibbs.

On Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. the lecture will be "Liberators Under Fire: The Black Soldiers Who Helped Liberate the Buchenwald Concentration Camp in World War II" by Asa Gordon. Two more lectures, will follow on May 10 and May 17.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has been on a roller coaster ride of emotions this past month. Up on the top with the anniversary luncheon April 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt. We enjoyed good food, fun and music with the New River Band and lots of good fellowship with friends.

Then down too low in a valley of sadness caused by the death of Bill Souser. Bill was president of the club for several years, our "go-to-guy" for electronics, chair of the Sunshine Committee and guardian of the Senior Lounge at the Community Center. He also volunteered for activities in Greenbelt, such as the Labor Day Festival and the New Year's Eve celebration. He will be sorely missed by all. A memorial service will be held at the Golden Age Club at a later date.

On May 11 Mary Moien will speak on the Greenbelt Food Pantry with time for questions and answers.

Now is the time to get out and enjoy the beautiful trees and flowers. Come to meetings and enjoy all the activities.

## Youth Music Series Concert Is Saturday

A free concert of jazz, classical and contemporary music will be performed in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, April 30 from 4 to 6 p.m., by music groups from Robert Goddard Middle School. The concert is part of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music series, now in its third year, produced by the New Deal Café and supported by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), with grants from the Prince George's Arts Council and the City of Greenbelt.

## Electronics Recycling Day Is on April 30

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old or unwanted computers and other electronic items on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 555 Crescent Road. Accepted items are listed in the City Information ad on page 5.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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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

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## Week of APRIL 29

### FRI. – SAT.

Hoodwinked Too, PG  
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Madea's Big Happy Family, PG (!!)  
11:20, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 4:45, 5:30, 7:20, 8, 10, 10:40  
Rio in 3D PG-13  
No fees at our location  
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Fast Five, PG-13 (!)  
11:45, 12:35, 2:45, 3:35, 5:45, 6:35, 9, 9:40  
Prom, PG (!!)  
11:30, 2:20, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25  
Water for Elephants, PG-13  
11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25

### SUN.

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Prom, PG (!!)  
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## Greenbriar Community Yardsale

Don't Miss Out! All are invited to enjoy a summer yard sale to take place from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 21.** Over 20 vendors will be present. Light refreshments will be sold!



Greenbriar Condominium  
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**VENDORS NEEDED!**  
Rent a table or space!

• Tables: \$10.00

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Please call or stop by the office from 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM for more information!

Tel: 301-441-1096

## SPAGHETTI DINNER

All You Can Eat

April 30

Mowatt Methodist

Church

40 Ridge Road

5 – 7 p.m.

Pies for Sale



## OPENING THIS WEEK AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER!



## THE BURIAL AT THEBES

April 29 - May 21

Friday & Saturday at 8:00

Sunday, May 8 and 15 at 2:30

Sign-interpreted performance for the hearing impaired May 7th.

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For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**

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or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

### Coming Soon:

**And Then There Were None – May 26 - 29**  
**Vandergriff! - June 3-12**

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

## Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

May 4, 2011 7:30 PM

Greenbelt Community Center  
Room 114

### AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Report on CSX Intermodal Facility Public Meeting
- Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan
- Adjourn

This agenda is subject to change. For confirmation that the meeting is being held and/or for questions regarding scheduled items please call 301-345-5417.



# Obituaries

## Diane Coleman-Kilby

Diane Elizabeth Coleman-Kilby, 65, a lifelong resident of 11-D Hillside Road, died peacefully in her sleep on April 20, 2011, after a short illness.



Mrs. Coleman-Kilby attended North End Elementary School, Greenbelt Junior High School and High Point High School.

She worked for the Prince George's County public school system. At Greenbelt Middle School she was a food service assistant. She enjoyed her contact with the children and they enjoyed her, too.

Mrs. Coleman-Kilby attended Greenbelt Community Church. She loved books and was a prolific reader.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Betty Coleman who were original members of North End homes in 1942.

Survivors include three children, Kimberly King of Haines, Alaska; Dana Knight of El Paso, Texas; and Kevin Boland of Florida; and three grandchildren, John, Kevin and John. She also is survived by three brothers, Robert Coleman of Larkspur, Colo.; Jay Coleman of Lovington, Va.; and Theodore Coleman of Edgewater, Md.

Mrs. Coleman-Kilby was a member of the auxiliary of American Legion Post 136. She will be remembered on Sunday, May 1 by Post 136 in their Post Everlasting Ceremony at 1 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to join in remembering her and fellow American Legion veterans who have died recently.

## WSSC Has Charity Bike Ride Saturday

Saturday, April 30 is Patuxent Watershed Day and the wrap up of Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Earth Month activities. There will be a Charity Bike Ride to benefit the Water Fund, which provides financial help for customers having difficulty paying their water bill.


The Bike Ride begins at 16904 Supplee Lane in Laurel at 9:30 a.m., with registration at 9 a.m. The event is a joint activity of the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed Protection Group and WSSC. Bike riders may also register by going to [www.wsscwater.com](http://www.wsscwater.com) and viewing Earth Month activities under "hot topics."

Other Watershed Day activities include canoe lessons, fishing lessons, eco-crafts for kids, live animals and other demonstrations.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building




### Waldecker – Clark

Mr. and Mrs. John Waldecker of Georgetown, Del., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Waldecker to Henry "Buddy" Clark, IV, son of Buddy, Sr. and Lynn Clark of Rehoboth Beach, Del., and Gail and Phil Vogel, of Washington, N.C.

Ms. Waldecker is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park and is an insurance agent with Day, Deadrick & Marshall, Inc. in Beltsville, Md.

Mr. Clark is an insurance agent employed by J.W. McCartin Insurance, Inc. in Beltsville. He had an office in Greenbelt for more than 15 years and lived off Hanover Parkway.

A September wedding is planned.



## City Schools' Music Festival Is at GMS

On Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. the third annual Greenbelt Schools Music Festival will be held at Greenbelt Middle School auditorium.

The free festival is sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Education and highlights instrumental and choral groups from schools throughout Greenbelt. All are invited to come support local schools and listen to the music-making efforts of Greenbelt's young musicians.

Greenbelt Middle School is at 8950 Edmonston Road.

## DC Divas Women's Football Team Here

On Sunday, May 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. the DC Divas Women's Full Tackle Football Team will make an appearance at Beltway Plaza's Center Court, meeting and greeting mall customers. The team, which plays at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, has a home game on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Over its 10-year history, the pioneering DC Divas have a 73-11 win/loss record.

Families can take photos with team members, meet and talk with them.





### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**

**Worship Service 10:00am**






### Hope Fellowship

... living life together

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor

Please come this Sunday  
**WORSHIP AT 11:00**

Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381




### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church


3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**May 1, 10 a.m.**

"Beauty Before Us" by Rev. Diane Teichert and John Lagerquist with Shantida, worship associate, with John Sebastian.





O My Servant! Thou art even as a finely tempered sword concealed in the darkness of its sheath and its value hidden from the artificer's knowledge. Wherefore come forth from the sheath of self and desire that thy worth may be made resplendent and manifest unto all the world. (Baha'u'llah)

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

### St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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)




### 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

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### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
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"*

### BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

Sunday School	: 9:30 am
Worship	: 11:00 am
Child Care Available	
Office Hours	: M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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### Mishkan Torah Congregation

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

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist





Pete Boggs of Moore Haven, Fla., called the News Review to report the death of longtime Greenbelter Kirk Brasfield, 68, in New Port Richey, Fla., on November 24, 2010. Mr. Brasfield, a realtor, grew up in 1 Court Gardenway and later lived on Lakecrest Drive before moving to Florida. He is survived by his wife Joyce, four children and two grandchildren.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the April 30, 2011, death of lifelong resident Diane Elizabeth Coleman-Kilby.

Congratulations to News Review staffer Heba Toulon on her marriage to David Pennington of Bowie. Both were 1997 graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The ceremony took place on December 3, 2010.

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 Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). 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

Library Offers Harlem Renaissance Play

At 6 p.m. on Monday, May 2 in the auditorium of the Greenbelt Library, The Best of Life, a satirical comedy written by Abram Hill and directed by Markeith Scott will be presented.

See what happens when uppity Harlem socialites and the working class clash in this modern adaptation of Abram Hill's 1940s play, On Strivers' Row. The issues of both social climbing and subtle racism are on display. The story centers around a modern family who lives in Harlem's prestigious area known as Strivers' Row. Once considered exclusive, those who lived on Strivers' Row were considered to be in a higher class of ultra-elite African Americans. This play explores light versus dark, the haves versus the have nots and whether anyone is really different or who cares.

Appropriate for ages 13 and up, this event is free. For reservations call 301-918-8418 or email [infor@pghrf.org](mailto:infor@pghrf.org). Seating is limited.

City Notes

Planning staff worked on a county historic area work permit application for the installation of additional bike racks at the Community Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability staff gave a presentation to Raytheon on "Roadmap to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint."

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crew removed all play equipment at the playground of 7 Court Southway in preparation for new equipment.

Streets crew installed thermoplastic crosswalks on Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane.

CARES

MSW student Jessica Beane will serve as a GAIL intern, providing case management and community outreach services for the 2011-12 academic year. Advanced MSW student Alia Manshio will provide counseling at CARES and student counseling groups at Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MAY 2-6

Monday, May 2nd at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION-Public Works & Proposal to Refinance Debt.** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION-Contribution Groups (CC)** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENING

Assistant Director of Public Works (Operations) –  
Salary \$65,852 – \$77,480

The City of Greenbelt, MD, a progressive and diverse community of 21,000, is looking for an energetic and resourceful person to oversee facilities maintenance, custodial operations, refuse and recycling and sustainability efforts. Person should be knowledgeable in building maintenance, mechanical equipment, and green buildings. Bachelor's degree in Public Administration or a related field or equivalent experience; and seven to ten years of progressively responsible experience. To view the job specification, benefits summary and to apply, log onto [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). A City application is required. EOE. ADA.

GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE PUBLIC HEARINGS

We want your input!

The Greenbelt Middle School Task Force (GMSTF) was established to "develop ideas and concepts for the re-utilization of the Middle School."

We want your input!

- **Wednesday, May 4th - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**  
**Greenbriar Condominiums, 7600 Hanover Parkway in the Terrace Room.**
- **Tuesday, May 10th - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**  
**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in the Multi-Purpose Room.**
- **Thursday, May 19th - 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**  
**Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Dr.**

For further information, contact Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation and the Task Force staff liaison, at 301-397-2200 or [jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov).

3rd Annual Greenbelt Schools

MUSIC FESTIVAL



Sunday May 1st  
2:00pm  
Greenbelt Middle School  
8950 Edmonston Road

**Highlighting instrumental and choral groups from schools throughout Greenbelt.**

Come out, support your local schools and listen to the music-making efforts of Greenbelt's young musicians!  
Sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Education

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, May 1st 1-4pm  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

**1-3pm: Make simple puppets to participate in the 3pm magic lantern show. Plus, make bug sculptures and pendants out of reclaimed hardware with Tom Baker, Artist in Residence.**  
**3pm: Nana Projects presents their newest live-animated magic lantern show: How to Grow a Pickle.**  
**1-4pm: Artists' studio open house; visit the art gallery**  
**1-5pm: Greenbelt Museum: FREE tours and May basket activity!**

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board  
For information call 301-474-8000.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 30~9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Public Works Yard-555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

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

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.

ALSO...

SHRED IT DAY

Same date and time. Roosevelt Center Parking Lot.  
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

**City of Greenbelt Animal Control**

**ANNUAL PET CARE EXPO**

**Saturday, May 7th from 10am-3pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center**  
**15 Crescent Road**

Rabies and Distemper Clinic, Animal Groups, Information Tables, Demonstrations, Children's Activities, Silent Auction, Companion Animal Beauty Contest, Games and more!  
Light Refreshments available!

**Come out and Support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!**

**All social pets welcome!**

City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development 301-345-5417

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)  
Congratulations to Petey and Starr on their adoptions! Much happiness to them in their new homes.  
COME OUT AND VISIT:



Kiefer is a distinguished gentleman that was unfortunately surrendered to the shelter by his owner. He enjoys a relaxed atmosphere.

Elliot is a super friendly young Siamese cat that would make a great addition to your home.

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time!



Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook.



For City of Greenbelt news and information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Visit [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt) and "like" Greenbelt!



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for Greenbelt Lake.

Another proposed project slated for Greenbelt Lake results from state requirements for repairs to the existing Greenbelt Lake dam. P&CD staff hopes to combine this necessary repair work on the dam with a dredging project for the lake to improve water quality. Staff is investigating sources of outside funding for both projects.

Another long-delayed project is the proposed renovation of the city-owned Greenbelt Theater at Roosevelt Center. Because capital costs for the renovation exceeded the city's project budget, P&CD staff have been working with a contractor to phase in the proposed renovations. The theater renovation is tied to the fate of the city manager's proposal to consider requesting authorization from voters for additional bond funding in the November 2011 city elections.

Code Enforcement

Although the transition of ownership of the Empirian Village apartment complex in Greenbelt West to its new controlling owners, Fieldstone Properties, has reduced a large backlog of maintenance complaints, P&CD staff are still monitoring the progress of these planned improvements, as well as other code enforcement and licensing requirements throughout the city.

Previous P&CD budgets have enabled the department to invest in new community development software. The department is looking into the benefits of outfitting the inspector staff at the time of the inspection with hand-carried computing solutions with printing capabilities allowing the issuance of inspection notices. The new software and systems will allow the department to accomplish much more of its day-to-day work electronically, reducing the space required for file and document storage.

The department also is considering a requirement for electronic filing of all building permits and a switch to using electronic correspondence, notices and licenses for all commercial properties and apartment rental properties. Individuals with two or more owner-rental (residential) units also would be required to use electronic correspondence.

Relating to the code enforcement and business licensing function, Marc Kapastin expressed concern with the proposed increase in commercial licensing fees. He challenged the rationale for the increase, noting that the time required to inspect a business property does not correlate well with the proposed fee.

Council listened to Kapastin's appeal but made no decision. The issue was placed on the growing list of items for further consideration, however, following council's completion of its review of the entire budget.

Greenbelt West

After planning and zoning actions related to proposed mixed-use and transit-village types of land uses in Greenbelt West during the previous decade, the sharp economic downturn of 2007 and 2008 put a brake on any serious development in the vicinity of the Greenbelt Metro station. In the past year, however, several changes have occurred that may lead to possible development there. The P&CD FY12 budget document outlines

some of that history.

Later this spring owners of Beltway Plaza will have the opportunity to present their case to the Prince George's County District Council for a proposed Greenbelt Place mixed-used infill project at the rear of the Plaza shopping center. The city has strongly opposed this approach, preferring a more comprehensive development plan for the entire shopping center.

After a few false starts at possible town home developments in what is known as the South Core at the Metroland site adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro station, several developers have approached the city with interest in the Greenbelt Station South Core. In the meantime Suntrust Bank, principal lender for South Core, has foreclosed on the property which was scheduled to be sold at auction in early March. The city has indicated that one of Suntrust's real estate units may be seeking interested developers.

North Core prospects remain cloudier. A legal dispute between one of the contract construction partners for the North Core and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority remains unresolved. In addition, both the South Core and the North Core developments are encumbered by several development agreements, covenants and conditions with the city dating from 2006 site plan approvals that also tend to dampen interest by developers in the present economic climate.

As noted earlier, Franklin Park's new owners plan major renovations at the nearly 3,000-unit project. Recently they have announced several new initiatives to market the apartments and improve the overall environment for the complex. These include a recent request for Prince George's County to enter into a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) agreement to help Franklin Park owners provide tenants with improved access to the Metro Station.

Animal Control

Barking at the back door for P&CD is its continuing management of the city's animal control service and shelter. Although the animal control budget is part of the Public Safety Department, P&CD manages the program and shelter.

The proposed FY12 budget is \$196,300, of which \$181,100 is funded by general city revenues.

The proposed total is about \$20,000 more than in FY11. Nearly \$150,000 of the proposed budget is for personnel expenses.

As noted in the April 21 News Review issue, Davis has requested more information regarding operation of the animal control program, which Craze provided during her budget presentation. In response to the mayor's concern regarding compliance by some pet owners, Craze noted limitations regarding the ability to monitor lapses in behavior for some owners. She suggested that her staff could prepare a citation for alleged bad behavior by "not good" owners, based upon good information provided by neighbors such as location and description of the pet.

**Note:** A Greenbelt News Review reporter was not present at this budget worksession. This article is based upon the affected departmental budgets and telephone interviews with city staff.



The Spring Fling on April 16 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center drew a crowd.



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the-art project,” the facility will incorporate “green technology, electric cranes, alternative energy sources, directional lighting and the latest in storm water management practices.”

Criteria necessary for this facility’s site include: a location south of the Howard Street tunnel, at least 70 contiguous acres of usable land and proximity and accessibility to a major highway. Other criteria include correct configuration of the land, which must be shaped to accommodate multiple access points from the tracks, i.e., with its longest border along the track, and adjacent to the CSX mainline.

Site Selection

Four candidate sites have been identified. Besides the Beltsville location, there is a site in Howard County north of Hanover Road along Race Road and two sites in Jessup, one near the correctional facility and one along Montevideo Road, just over the Howard County line.

Selection of a site will conform to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires that environmental factors, including social, economic and cultural aspects in addition to natural ones, be considered in the selection process. NEPA also requires extensive public outreach as part of the process.

One of three public information meetings for this purpose was held in Beltsville on April 20, with representatives from MDOT and CSX available to answer questions. Displays on the four proposed sites, as well as numerous charts

explaining the site selection process, the project and its impact on Maryland’s economic growth were made available. Similar information is also available on the website, [www.intermodal.maryland.gov](http://www.intermodal.maryland.gov). Comments were accepted at the April 20 forum and may also be emailed to [intermodal@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:intermodal@mdot.maryland.gov). A CSX representative said further public hearings would be scheduled as the process moves along.

Members of the Greater Elkridge Community Association have already objected to the Hanover Road site because of its proximity to the proposed location of a new school and its designation as a flood plain.

Greenbelt’s Concerns

Mayor Judith Davis noted during the April 11 council meeting that the project is basically a good thing, as it would enhance the expansion of the Port of Baltimore and Maryland’s economy. On the other hand, she cited 13 reasons to oppose use of the Beltsville site for the intermodal facility, including the fact that it is 100 percent forested and contains some rare plant communities. It is 75 percent wetlands, furthermore and is one of the last natural filters for Indian Creek, which runs through it.

Davis thought the CSX facility should be located further north, closer to Baltimore – perhaps close to the Intercounty Connector (ICC), she said, so trucks going west could easily access that route. She also had concerns about increased truck traffic locally on already over-used roads. The draft let-

ter notes that, while near the I-95 corridor, the interim road network, especially the bridge over the CSX rail line, cannot support the increased truck traffic that would be generated by the facility.

Cary Coppock, interim chair for the Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek, said the site is a candidate for wetlands remediation for the ICC. He stressed that the land should be left alone as well because disturbing its geology could lead to the formation of sulfuric acid, which would be bad for the watershed.

Greenbelt resident Doug Love, who teaches geography and claims familiarity with the soil structure around Indian Creek, concurred with this idea.

Draft Letter

The draft letter cites the property as well as a regulated environmental resource in the county’s Green Infrastructure Plan. Zoned Open Space, it is part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The letter closes by saying the “City of Greenbelt strongly opposes further consideration” of the Beltsville site for this transportation project and urges its removal from the list of considered sites.

Copies of the letter will be sent to members of Greenbelt’s county and state elected officials, the Greater Beltsville Business Association and the Anacostia Watershed Society. Councilmember Leta Mach asked that it also be sent to officials at BARC and Councilmember Rodney Roberts urged that it be sent as well to federal officials.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of April 26

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Indians	2-1	Giants	3-0
Cardinals	1-2	Athletics	3-1
Cubs	1-3	Tigers	2-1
Yankees	0-2	Orioles	0-2

Major League Schedule May 2 through 7

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 2	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Tuesday, May 3	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Yankees
Wednesday, May 4	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Thursday, May 5	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cubs
Friday, May 6	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Tigers
*Friday, May 6	7 p.m.	Indians vs. Giants
Saturday, May 7	10 a.m.	Cubs vs. Athletics
Saturday, May 7	1 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.  
\*Game played at Braden #2.

Bowie Old Town Saturday Events

A variety of free events in Old Town Bowie takes place on Saturday, April 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about low-rider bicycles at A&M Cycle at 13002 9th Street, which has some of the most exotic low-rider bikes on the East Coast. Low-rider owners are invited to bring their bicycles for all to see.

Tour a 1992 Caboose from noon to 4 p.m. at the Railroad Museum and see trains pass by from an observation station. The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Early Bird Walk Offered at Uhler

On Saturday, May 7 a member of the Prince George’s Audubon Society will lead a Spring Bird Walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area. Participants will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road, just north of the Bowie State University campus. Everyone is welcome, beginners to experts. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are recommended. There is no charge.

For more details call 410-765-6482.



**COLLEGE PARK FARMERS' MARKET**  
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(Wells Linson Ice Rink)  
**Saturdays: 7 a.m. until Noon**  
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# NEWS IN REVIEW

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## Insurance Coverage of GHI Additions

GHI provides building insurance with replacement value on the structure of members’ homes in accordance with a member’s Mutual Ownership Contract, which states that GHI does not cover personal property, improvements or betterments made by the current member. While GHI’s insurance policy covers damages to the structure of any addition already on a home purchased by a member, a member who has built an addition or is planning to build an addition should consider a homeowner’s policy of the HO6 type, to be sure the addition is covered for damage or destruction. It is also recommended that members carry an HO6 policy to cover personal belongings and furnishings, personal liability and/or negligence, loss assessment, and any out-of-pocket living expenses in the event their home is rendered uninhabitable due to a disaster.

## CALL FOR CANDIDATES

### Board of Directors, Audit Committee, & Nominations & Elections Committee

*Are you still thinking about running for a GHI office?  
Time is running out! Just do it!*

Five members will be elected to the GHI Board at the **May 18 Annual Meeting**, as will all three members of the Audit Committee and all five members of the Nominations & Elections Committee. The deadline for filing to run with an N&E member or at the GHI office is Friday, May 6.

A Candidate Packet, including the necessary information and forms, is available at the GHI office or on the GHI web site at <http://ghi.coop> (click on “Elections”). If you prefer, GHI will mail the packet to you.

All members are encouraged to attend the Candidate Forum on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Learn about the candidates’ ideas and qualifications, and come prepared to ask the tough questions!

Mark your calendar to attend the GHI Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Registration opens at 7 p.m. Voting will take place following the meeting and from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, in the GHI Board Room.

## Eleven Good (and not so good) Reasons for attending the GHI Annual Meeting (We can count higher than Letterman)

1. To get a free native plant
2. To have a chance to win a door prize gift certificate
3. To meet the winner of the “Name the Page” Contest
4. To vote on four bylaw changes
5. To ask questions and express opinions
6. To hear candidates for the Board and Audit Committees expound on important GHI matters
7. To decide to vote for the ones you think made the most sense
8. To vote, and/or run, for the Nominations and Election Committee
9. To stop by committee tables to see what’s happening
10. To meet and greet your fellow GHI members
11. To fully exercise your membership privileges in this historic co-operative community

Members will be receiving the full agenda, proposals, and also the Annual Report, by the weekend of May 8/9. So there will be plenty of time for study and reflection before the Annual Meeting on the 18th.

Community-Wide Open House  
Sunday - May 22 - 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
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## IT’S OUR NAME DAY!

Anna Socrates

It’s time to celebrate. This page now has a name, “GHI News in Review,” chosen by a majority of GHI Board members from a short list of five names the Communications Taskforce presented to them over the weekend. Neither the Taskforce nor the Board knew who submitted the name entries. And the 42 clever and creative name entries GNR readers submitted would make my naming acquaintance MacKenzie either very proud – or very alarmed at the competition. The Taskforce and the Board had some good suggestions to choose from. Many appreciated the clever play on words that our new name suggests. After all, what do we do but review the GHI news in the Review? Congratulations to Emily Bronstein. We hope she plans on attending the GHI Annual Member meeting on May 17, 2011 to receive recognition and her prize.

## Pilot Project Underway

The pilot program for energy efficiency is underway! GHI staff and member volunteers are working hard to make your homes more comfortable, more efficient, and more attractive now and in the years to come.

Working with partners, GHI has gathered information on energy use and members’ comfort in 28 test homes. This summer GHI will be soliciting contractors to install new doors, windows, and insulation in those pilot homes. We’re hoping that these homes will be improved before it turns cold this winter, so that we can learn more on the impact of these changes on members’ PEPCO bills.

Want to know more? Talk to Eldon Ralph, GHI’s Assistant General Manager; Jim Cohen, Chair of the Buildings Committee, or Tokey Boswell, GHI’s Board of Directors liaison to the Committee.

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## You Say You Can’t Be There to Vote At the Annual Meeting and Election? There’s an app for that!

**The Absentee App:** Members can vote absentee if they must be away from the polls because of their religious beliefs, physical condition, or absence from Greenbelt on election days. Pick up an absentee ballot for the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee from noon on **Thursday, May 12**, until noon on **Tuesday, May 17**, at the GHI management office. Fill out the ballot and return it to the office no later than 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 17**.

**The Proxy App:** You may give your proxy to another GHI member to vote on your behalf on issues before the membership at the annual meeting or for candidates for election. A member may carry no more than one proxy. The official proxy form must be submitted to the GHI office by 5 p.m. on **Thursday, May 12**, or to Board Secretary Ed James (56D Crescent) by **Friday, May 13**.

For more information on voting absentee or by proxy, please call Joan Krob, Director of Member Services, at 301-474-4161. Please be aware that GHI offices are closed on **Friday, May 13**.

## WHAT’S HAPPENING!

APRIL			
Thu	28	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Fri	29	--	OFFICES CLOSED
MAY			
Tue	3	8:30am	Yard Line Ad-Hoc Committee
Sat	7	11:00am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	10	7:30pm	Candidate Forum
Wed	11	7:30pm	Architectural Committee Review
Thu	12	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Fri	13	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	16	7:00pm	Communicator Task Force
Tues	17	7:30pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	18	7:30pm	Annual Meeting
Thu	19	7-10am 5-8pm	ELECTIONS AT GHI
Thu	19	7:00pm	Finance Committee
Sun	22	12:30pm	Community Wide Open House
Tue	24	8:30am	Yard Line Ad-Hoc Committee
Wed	25	7:00pm	Buildings Committee
Thu	26	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Fri	27	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	30	OFFICES CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY	
(Information is subject to change)			
Maintenance service is available –for real emergencies only– outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.			

## PAPER LEAF BAGS

GHI has a few hundred paper leaf bags left to distribute. If you have not claimed your share or would like to obtain some additional bags for your yard cleanup please come by the warehouse. GHI warehouse is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. M-Th and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every other Friday. Please check in at the reception desk.

## Survey Underway Soon

What do you think of the new GHI page in the Greenbelt News Review? Please anticipate a survey from the Communicator Task Force at the Annual Meeting in May, on our website and in the summer issue of the Communicator Newsletter. Your feedback is important.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Drug Arrest

April 20, 4:58 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### DWI Arrests

April 15, 9:42 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Greenway Shopping Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. The man was released on citations pending trial.

April 17, 2:05 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Crescent Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol and hit and run, among other charges, after a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Trespass Arrest

April 20, 8:35 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested, charged with trespassing on posted property and released on citation pending trial.

### Open Alcohol

April 17, 12:40 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of an open alcohol container. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Vandalism

April 15, 5:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court, rocks were thrown through several windows.

April 18, 8:28 a.m., Parkway, graffiti was found on the side of a building.

April 22, 6:46 a.m., 100 block Greenhill Road, a house was egged.

### Burglary

April 14, 9:32 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, electronics were reported taken.

April 19, 4:33 p.m., unit block of Crescent Road, personal documents were reported taken.

April 21, 6:51 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that tools were taken.

## Police "Walk Like MADD" on May 7

Greenbelt's police department has formed a team to participate in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) annual "Walk Like MADD" event starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7 on Federal Hill in Baltimore.

Almost 40 cities around the country will hold MADD walks, with thousands of people participating in 5K walks that day in a stand against drunk driving and underage drinking. Those interested in forming a team or who want to make a donation to the Greenbelt police team are asked to visit the walk website at [www.walklikemadd.org](http://www.walklikemadd.org). Select Baltimore, Md. The next screen provides options for starting a team, joining a team or making a donation. To make a donation, search by team name and enter Greenbelt Police, then follow instructions.

### Vehicle Crimes

A white 2009 Toyota Corolla 4D with Md. tags was stolen from the 7200 block Morrison Drive. Two attempts to steal vehicles were reported in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane and the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Four vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police (two were recovered using a License Plate Reader) and one by Anne Arundel police. No arrests were made, however, a warrant has been obtained for a nonresident man in one theft.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 14 Court Laurel Hill Road (camera) and the 6900 block Hanover Parkway (bags and packages). An attempted theft was reported in the 6800 block Damsel Court.

Vandalism was reported at 6900 block Hanover Parkway (broken front window – two cars), 7900 block Mandan Road (broken front window – two cars) and 6100 block Breezewood Court (scratched vehicle).

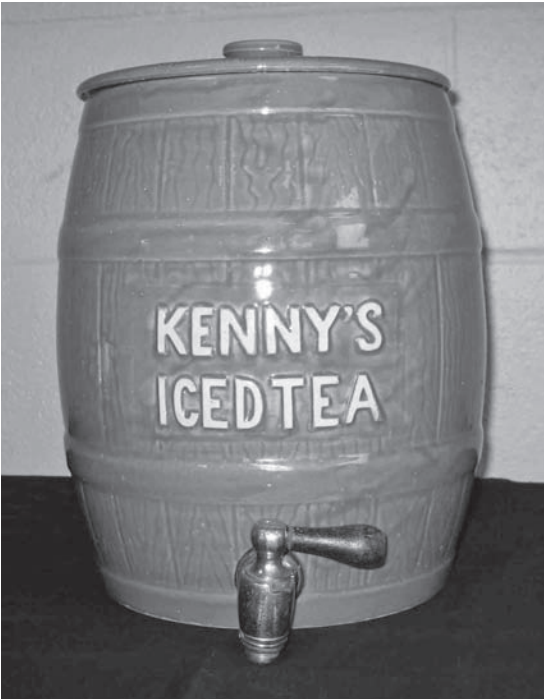
## 76th Del-Mar-Va Glass Show Apr. 30-May 1

The Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club 76th annual glass show returns to the area on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1 at Duval High School in Lanham. Visual delights of the show include an array of Early American through Mid-20th century pattern, elegant and Depression-era glassware, kitchenware, china, pottery and linen collectibles.

Some of the best dealers, specialists who are well known for their impressive knowledge of the collectibles, will have glass for sale in their booths. Each Del-Mar-Va show features an exhibition of some specific object, pattern or color. The theme for this show is a display of "Advertising on Glass & Pottery" that is certain to bring memories of those lemonade, orange, ice tea and root beer soda-fountain dispensers and featured items including orange and lemon reamers (juicers), paper weights and food mixers.

The Club will continue to offer its popular glass identification service without charge to those attending. Identification is performed by knowledgeable Club members.

There is an admission fee. For details call 301-565-2361 or 410-263-4192 or email [ybrian@juno.com](mailto:ybrian@juno.com).



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# Museum Offers Free Spring Tours on Sunday

Spring is here and the Greenbelt Museum will welcome it with a free, child-friendly event being held at the historic house at 10-B Crescent Road on Sunday, May 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. The Victory Garden is in and visitors can see it as well as tour the house, see the new orientation film, buy a Green from the Start T-shirt and participate in a seed exchange. Children can plant a seed, make a May basket or enter one of the cake-walk contests which will be held throughout the day. There is a nominal fee for the cake-walk.

More information can be found at the museum website at [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org), on facebook or by calling 301-507-6582.

At right, the Greenbelt Museum seed exchange at Information Day, with Jane Menis pictured staffing the table.



Jackson Tuthill shows off his May basket at last year's Museum spring event.

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## There is an urgent need! GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Friday, April 29, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.,  
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Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt

Wednesday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Prince George's Chapter House, 6206 Belcrest Road,  
Hyattsville

Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School,  
1010 Larch Avenue,  
Takoma Park

Thursday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,  
Washington Bible College, Miles Hall,  
6511 Princess Garden Parkway,  
Lanham

Monday, May 9, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.,  
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9450 Cherry Hill Road,  
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Photo shows Greenbelt Middle School's main entrance into the original portion of the building.

The old middle school building will be vacant 15 months from now. It is 70 percent larger than the Community Center on Crescent Road and includes the original Greenbelt High School, built in 1937, with additions in 1945, 1953, 1957, 1962 and 1969.

Major renovations would be required to make the school energy efficient, safe, accessible and protective of the historic features. There is \$6 million in the new school construction budget for the work. Will that be enough money?

#### Renovation Issues

How much of the building should be renovated and used? Whose needs would it serve? The buildings will probably not

be ready for use before 2015. Who will be living in Franklin Park by 2015 (and later)?

The city's Task Force wants to hear ideas from the entire community. Public hearings have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Greenbriar Condominiums, 7600 Hanover Parkway in the Terrace Room; Tuesday, May 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in the Multi-Purpose Room (Room 201); and Thursday, May 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.

David Lange is chair of the Greenbelt Middle School Historic Use Task Force.

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# Former City Manager Remembers Pretty Springtime Days

by James Giese

When I became Greenbelt’s city manager in 1962, there were no city-maintained flower beds and few flowering trees. I was told that you couldn’t have a flower bed in a public area because kids would vandalize it.

Roosevelt Center had four large rectangular planting beds, each with four tulip magnolia trees surrounded by grass. Original border hedges had long since been removed. In the early spring the tulip magnolias were spectacular. For the remainder of the year, however, the historic original mall for the planned community’s commercial center both lacked color or interest.

Public Works Director Albert S. “Buddy” Attick and I discussed how to improve the landscaping and decided to try placing small annual flower beds in the four planting areas at the Center. His crew prepared beds and planted marigolds and begonias, as I remember. Soon flowers became the talk of the town. “They’ll never last! The kids will tear them apart or walk all over them,” people said.

But that never happened.

For the next several years Public Works maintained those flower beds until the Center itself was torn up, redesigned and rebuilt. All the tulip magnolias were replanted in other locations around the Center. A few still survive. Other flower beds and ornamental flowering trees began to appear around the new Municipal Building and other city buildings.

**Flowering Pears**

Later landscape architect plans for Roosevelt Center Mall called for extensive planting of trees to either side of the Mother and Child statue, providing a green frame to the large sculpture and a large paved open area in the mall’s center in which to hold community events. The trees selected were Bradford pears, a new variety that had become popular at the time for their quick growth, lack of fruit, profusion of white blossoms in spring and brilliant fall coloring. And indeed the trees did become spectacular in the spring and fall while providing pleasant shade in the heat of summer.

Well-liked by all, the Bradford pear became the tree of choice for many purposes. Prince George’s County designated it one of a few trees acceptable for planting along street sides in

new subdivisions and the city encouraged its use along Greenbelt streets. In older neighborhoods where developers had not been required to plant street trees, residents, for a small price, arranged for Bradford pears to be planted through a city adopt-a-tree program.

Not until 20 or 25 years later did a major defect about this beautiful tree become apparent. Branches of these trees extend outward, growing larger each year with multiple sub-branches. Eventually the soft wood can no longer support its heavy weight. At that point, the trees are subject to serious breakage during wind, rain and snow storms.

Even when all is quiet, the trees can suddenly drop a branch. That is not good if you are walking under such a tree or have your car parked there. The Bradford pear has become no longer the street tree of choice.

Trimming these trees, preventing branches from becoming overloaded, can make them safer. I remember one time, though, when a city employee was trimming trees and a resident housewife stormed, berating him for “ruining her tree.” The employee was so traumatized by the experience that he refused to trim any more trees in front of homes.

**Southway**

In the late 1960s Mayor Francis White proposed reconstructing Southway to become a featured entrance to Historic Greenbelt. He proposed that the street become a boulevard with a landscaped median strip. His proposal became reality when voters authorized a bond issue for multiple purposes in 1969 including the rebuilding of Southway.

By that time, city council had agreed that Public Works needed an experienced landscape gardener. Dennis Doornekamp became the city’s Parks Superintendent. A native of Holland, Doornekamp had done landscaping there and also participated in the Dutch Underground during World War II. Later he and his wife emigrated to this country and he had worked as gardener at several wealthy estates before coming to Greenbelt.

He loved tulips in particular and found a nursery with a Dutch owner who specialized in tulips. (It seems that many nurseries are owned by Dutchmen.) So Southway became landscaped with Bradford pears, then the tree of choice, and flower beds



City Parks Superintendent Dennis Doornekamp designed and installed plantings at the new entrance to Buddy Attick Park.

filled in spring with tulips and other annuals the rest of the year. Unfortunately, as the trees grew and cast dense shade, it became more difficult to raise annuals in the flower beds.

**Bicentennial Project**

For the American Bicentennial in 1976, Doornekamp created a special flower bed at the Lakecrest Drive entrance to Greenbelt filled with patriotic reds, whites and blues. Unfortunately, when it was determined that this bed would be too costly to maintain permanently, it was removed after the celebration.

Doornekamp’s signature piece, done shortly before he retired, was installed at the newly constructed entrance to Buddy Attick Park and the new city Public Works facility when the park was dedicated to Attick’s memory. Like so many Greenbelters, Doornekamp had come to love this long-serving, cheerful city employee.

A large grassy area stretched between the street and the park’s tree line due to the relocated entrance. Doornekamp created an evergreen arboretum for this area, planting numerous varieties of trees with azaleas and some annuals on the periphery. In this special garden area is located a marker honoring Attick. Doornekamp also landscaped the area on the other side of Crescent Road from that special garden.

Street landscaping and flower beds were placed in other areas of the city as well. In Greenbelt East, new roads were required to be built as boulevards like Southway. For Greenbriar, Bradford pears had again been chosen for Hanover Parkway and Mandan

Road. When Hanover Parkway was extended south, however, the city horticulturist (no longer just an experienced gardener but an educated professional), realized the problems with the pears and used other trees and crepe myrtles for landscaping. More recently, the city has undertaken other landscaping with the construction of traffic circles and other traffic-calming measures, with beautification continuing to be an important goal of the city.

**Failure**

Sometime in the 1970s we had one big failure. Enamored by the beautiful walks through the azaleas at the National Arboretum, city staff decided to try to do something like that along the lake path through woods on the southwest shore. From a nursery on the Eastern Shore, we purchased at modest cost a wide variety of

small azalea plants. We placed an order and sent a truck down to pick them up in the spring. Doornekamp saw to their planting along the lake pathway shortly before a late Easter. The plants were just coming into bloom.

Then the Recreation Department held its traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday at Buddy Attick Park. Staff hid many of the eggs along the path through the woods on the southwest shore of the lake. I suppose one kid started it by spotting a pretty little plant and adding it to the Easter basket. Others with parental help quickly followed suit. In no time at all, all the pretty new azaleas were carried away.

And that is why the path around Greenbelt Lake bears no resemblance to the path through the azaleas at the National Arboretum.

## 2011 Greenbelt Green Man Festival

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### WSSC Azalea Garden Peaks Mother’s Day

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission’s (WSSC) Brighton Dam Azalea Garden in Brookeville is renowned for its spring beauty. Five acres of more than 20,000 azaleas are expected to be in full bloom in time for Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 8. After touring the garden, visitors can relax on the Triadelphia Reservoir picnic grounds. A play area for children also is available.

The garden at 2 Brighton Dam Road is free and open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; elderly or disabled visitors are welcome to drive through the garden during those hours. For more information call Brighton Dam at 301-774-9124.

### Dark Cosmos Lecture At Science Center

What people can see in the sky makes up only five percent of the universe. The rest is totally invisible, its presence discernible only by the weak effects it has on visible matter. This invisible stuff comes in two varieties – dark matter and dark energy. One holds the universe together while the other tears it apart.

What these forces are is a mystery but astrophysicist Dr. Dan Hooper will present the latest findings surrounding this puzzle in a free lecture, “Dark Cosmos: In Search of Our Universe’s Missing Matter and Energy,” at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 at the Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. For more information contact Russell Waugh at 301-918-8750 or [russell.waugh@pgcps.org](mailto:russell.waugh@pgcps.org).

### Gamer Orchestra To Perform May 7

The University of Maryland Gamer Symphony Orchestra (GSO), which performs music from classic video games like Mega-Man and new hits like Super Mario Galaxy, will give its spring concert Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m. in the Smith Center’s Delboum Concert Hall. The performance is free, family-friendly and open to the public.

The GSO is an entirely student-run group of more than 120 musicians, including a 40 piece chorus. It is the first collegiate-level ensemble to draw its repertoire exclusively from the soundtracks of videogames. All of GSO’s music is arranged by its own members. The spring concert will include favorites from Warcraft II, Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney, Portal and others.

For more information and links to video and audio recordings contact GSO President Rob Garner at 301-802-9546 or visit the GSO website at [umd.gamer-symphony.org](http://umd.gamer-symphony.org).

### Free Senior Movie Tues. in Cheverly

The Publick Playhouse in Cheverly is offering a free “platinum movie” for seniors on Tuesday, May 3 at 11 a.m. This month the film is “You Again.”

When a young woman realizes her brother is about to marry the girl who bullied her in high school, she sets out to expose the fiancée’s true colors in this comedy.

Advance registration is required; call 301-277-1710.

### Arboretum Herb Day Celebrated

On Saturday, May 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will hold “Under the Arbor: Herb Day 2011.”

Herb Day is a free annual celebration to enhance public awareness of the significance of herbs in peoples’ lives and the many ways they can be used for health, beauty care and culinary enjoyment.

Members of Mid-Atlantic Herb Society units will demonstrate uses of a variety of herbs grown in the National Herb Garden.

### Arboretum Offers Free Garden Fair

On Friday, April 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will hold a free garden fair and plant sale sponsored by the Friends of the National Arboretum. It features an extensive selection of unusual plants, garden supplies, books, art, family activities and more. Get expert answers to gardening questions from National Arboretum staff members. While there, stroll through the spectacular display of more than 10,000 azaleas coming into bloom.

### Bonsai Festival At Arboretum

Daily from May 6 to 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the U.S. National Arboretum will host the Potomac Bonsai Festival at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum and grounds.

Prominent local and visiting bonsai artists will share their expertise at demonstrations, workshops and lectures. Exhibits and vendors provide browsing and shopping opportunities.

For details visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-4523. Admission is free; some programs have fees.

### Give Vintage Jewelry

When William proposed to Kate with his mother’s sapphire-and-diamond engagement ring, the prince did more than honor Princess Diana’s memory. Mining takes a significant environmental toll, so giving a vintage ring is clearly the sustainable choice. Those without access to a fabulous hand-me-down can look for retailers who specialize in recycled jewelry.

– Sierra Club



## Why Is It Necessary To Replace Missing Teeth?



Dr. David McCarl, Dr. Clayton McCarl, Dr. Monica Mattson, Dr. Jay McCarl  
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Replacing a missing tooth is important for several reasons. When you lose a tooth, your jawbone gradually loses strength and firmness, causing bone loss and changes in facial features. The loss of even one tooth can cause an unstable bite and chewing problems. Because remaining teeth often shift, proper cleaning becomes more difficult leading to periodontal problems and tooth decay. Teeth that have shifted no longer fit together properly, which can create excessive wear, headaches, and many other problems. There are also concerns associated with the appearance of a smile with missing teeth. First impressions are made at a glance and nothing makes a better impression than a beautiful smile. Most adults feel extremely self-conscious about a gap in their smile.

A dental implant restored with a crown looks, feels and functions like a natural tooth. Dental implants are safe, reliable and effective for single and multiple tooth restoration. Implants are made of a biocompatible titanium alloy and are placed in the jawbone, where they fuse to the bone, replacing the root of the tooth. In many cases, a temporary crown can be placed on the tooth immediately and replaced with a permanent crown. Implants typically last a long time (they won’t decay), and they are the best restorations in cases where the neighboring teeth are healthy and properly aligned.

With the recent advances in minimally invasive dental implants, more patients are candidates for permanent tooth replacement. Mini dental implants are popular because of their immediate use and also because they are less invasive, less expensive, and heal faster than traditional implants. The most common use of mini dental implants is stabilization of dentures.

The bottom line for many dental implant patients is that for the first time since they have had dentures,

they can actually talk and chew without being afraid that their dentures will fall out or shift causing sores in their mouths. Patients are able to remove and replace the denture easily so that they can clean their gums and dentures daily.

Every dentist should listen to their patients’ concerns and goals for dental health and present a range of treatment options so the patient can choose a plan which best suits their dental needs.




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# Public Works Open House Goes on Despite the Rain

by Ashley Brotherton

The Greenbelt Department of Public Works did not let the rain stop its work team from celebrating Earth Day, Arbor Day and holding their annual open house April 16.

As the rain came down, Lesley Riddle, the city’s assistant director of parks and grounds, led an enthusiastic group to Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

Celebrating Earth Day they planted a rain garden in the parking lot. A rain garden is a landscaping technique that gathers storm water from the parking lot, directing it into a dry pond. In this way it controls run off and what goes to the water shed.

The group then quickly started the Arbor Day festivities, trying to plant trees to replace those storms have destroyed. They did not get to plant all the trees because the ground was wet but Riddle said that they would be planted by the end of the week.

Riddle said that even in the rain the group was in good spirits. She said about 25 people gathered there, ranging from kids to Miss Greenbelt.

Back at the Public Works building Open House, Greenbelt

residents toured the building. Some information tables were also set up manned by environmental groups.

John Lippert, with the GreenACES Committee, was asking people which Christmas lights used more electricity, LEDs or incandescent. After letting them guess, he would plug the lights into a volt meter. The LED lights used 4.5 watts of power, while incandescent lights used 50 watts, showing people a simple ways to save energy.

Participants Joyce Wineland and Bruce Kuhl said they come to the open house every year. It’s a good place, they said, to learn things like simple techniques for saving energy.

A table was set up as well with information about recyclables and the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Carolyn Clemens, assistant director of Public Works, was in charge of the open house. She was pleased with the turnout which was better than expected because of the rain. Many outdoor activities could not be held, such as putting out all the different Public Works vehicles and equipment for the people to see.

# GreenACES to Offer Energy Info at Green Man Festival

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) will have a highly visible presence from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 7 at next weekend’s Green Man Festival, offering free sign-up assistance for wind electricity and energy savings.

Greenbelt is a leader in two energy programs. More than 100 residents signed up for the WE CAN Save Energy/Earth Aid, more than double the GreenACES targeted goal. More than 200 residents are purchasing wind electricity from Clean Currents.

For those who would like to sign up for either program, members of GreenACES will be on hand at the New Deal Café with computers on May 7 to help residents who want to sign up online. To sign up for Clean Currents wind electricity,

bring along a copy of a Pepco household electric bill. A bill is also needed to sign up for WE CAN Save Energy, plus the login user name and password for the home’s Pepco account. Those who have not signed up for an online Pepco account should just bring their electric bill and GreenACES will assist in setting up the online Pepco account.

WE CAN Save Energy is a collaboration between the Washington Council of Governments and EarthAid, a company helping residents save energy and gain rewards for reducing energy usage. The Neighborhood Clean Energy Challenge is a competition of Clean Currents, which provides wind electricity and solar energy systems.

For more information call John Lippert, chair of GreenACES at 301-507-6765.

# GREEN MAN

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the Akoma Drummers and Dancers will transform the Center into an African village festival. To cap off the festival the mellow danceable music of Global Warming will cool things down as the sun sets.

**Family Fun**

This year there will be a lot for families to do including making miniature fairy gardens, decorating biodegradable flower pots, mask making, face painting, hair decorations, a green pets promenade, story tellers, sing-alongs, a Maypole dance and more. Saturday morning kids can make nature masks to wear in the Green Man parade at 1 p.m. On Sunday morning families will be treated to a special “just for young ears” concert with several talented performers.

There is no admission charge for the festival although some activities will charge a fee.

## Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

### Call for Art

In honor of the upcoming Green Man Festival, the Café art exhibit for May and June will feature gardens from Mother Earth – earth-friendly art about what Mother Earth’s gardens have to say. Artists, poets and writers of all ages are invited to submit pieces for the exhibit. Works must be brought to the Café between 6 and 8 p.m. on Monday, May 2. For more information, email [jean@chears.org](mailto:jean@chears.org) or call 240-601-9924.

On Thursday, April 28 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. The Songwriters Association of Washington will host the open microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, April 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is Jazz and Blues Café Night with pianist John Guernsey. A variety of danceable rock and roll tunes from the 1960s through the present will feature Cahoots and vocals by Greenbelter Jamie Krauk from 8 to 11 p.m.

### Youth Music

Saturday, April 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and Electric Strings plays outside in Roosevelt Center in the season’s first concert of the annual Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. (See ad on page 2.)

Inside the Café Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. features music by classical guitarist Bruce Kritt, followed by a rousing percussive performance by Ilyaimy from 8 to

11 p.m.

The month of May starts on Sunday with acoustic guitars and vocals by Mary Amato and Brian Weber from 5 to 8 p.m.

### Next Week

On Tuesday, May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Don Walters hosts the monthly Americana Music Night series with special guests Tom and Caroline Alderson. Wednesday, May 4 Mark Francis Nickens and friends play soulful funk from 7 to 9 p.m. with drumming and poetry thrown in. On Thursday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Reverie Jazz Trio plays jazz and blues standards from the 1920s to the 1940s.

### Green Man Festival

Friday, May 6 from 8 to 11 p.m., multi-instrumental Celtic group Four Shillings Short launches the weekend’s Green Man Festival. The Green Man Festival fills Roosevelt Center all day for two days Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8 with music, vendors, crafts, environmental awareness, food and fun. Music and dancing move indoors from 8 to 11 p.m. with Stream & the Blue Dragons playing original melodies with flutes and other wind instruments, Turkish lute, bass, didgeridoos and drums of many kinds in shifting combinations.

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