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Sector Plan Options Depend On North Core Scenarios

by Thomas X. White

At the end of a worksession on February 22 covering proposed development issues for the Metro Station South Core, the Greenbelt City Council learned from its planning staff that the Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan/Sectional Map Amendment (Sector Plan) was heading toward significant population increases in both office and retail development. This judgment was based on illustrative conceptual maps prepared by county planners.

In response, council scheduled a follow-up worksession on March 7 to get a fuller update on activities involving the Sector Plan and to consider Greenbelt Planning & Community Development (P&CD) staff alternatives to the Sector Plan's illustrative High Residential and High Office schemes.

The entire council was on hand for the March 7 workses-

sion. They were joined by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, P&CD Director Celia Craze, Assistant Director Terri Hruby and Planner Jaime Fearer.

Also attending was Chad Williams, project manager for the Sector Plan for the Prince George's County Planning Department, and Marc (Kap) Kapatin of Quantum Company, management for Beltway Plaza Mall.

Sector Plan Update

Following introductions, Mayor Judith Davis recognized Williams for an update on the conceptual maps the city staff had provided in February. Williams indicated those concepts had been developed as starting points for discussion near the end of 2011 and subsequently several revisions have been made to the illustrative schemes reflecting discussions among staff as well as modeling done on potential North

Core scenarios.

As a result, he noted, current concepts being considered for the Sector Plan scenarios use the baseline drawing describing existing development in the Sector Plan area. These include Concept I and Concept II, the High Office Concept assuming there will be a large General Services Administration (GSA) tenant at the North Core, which is very close to the city's developing concept with the North Core assumed to remain as a mixed use development.

As a result, Williams told council that what happens at the Metro Station North Core essentially drives the types of development in other Sector Plan areas. He reminded council that a Sector Plan Community Workshop is planned for March 15 at the Springhill Lake Elementary

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Women's History Month

March is Women's National History Month. In observance, the News Review will run articles about Greenbelt women of significant accomplishments whose stories are not well known here.

The series is being coordinated by David Lange.

Local Artist Finds Living, Working Here Absorbing

by Paula Clinedinst

It's a typical Saturday afternoon at the Dirksen house. A neighbor's child is visiting and faces are being painted, a tea party is happening on the sidewalk in front of the house and all four doors of the car parked in the driveway are open. A milkshake has spilled in the backseat and cleanup is underway but Lucy Dirksen – artist, teacher, wife, mother of three – is smiling anyway. Why? Simply put, it's a beautiful day.



Lucy Dirksen

Dirksen has been teaching visual arts at local elementary schools and the Community Center for six years. Also a silversmith, she has recently launched a line of jewelry pieces made out of recycled materials and is currently president of the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) PTA.

It's no wonder one of the biggest challenges she faces is "being

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No Smoking Issues Absorb GHI Board and Members

by Sue Krofchik

The attempt by some Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) members to have their homes declared nonsmoking units went up in smoke at the March 3 board meeting. Nevertheless, there is every indication the issue will be reignited as soon as legally prudent.

All eight members living in 13-A through 13-H Ridge Road, one row in a three-row court, presented a petition to the board of directors asking that their row "be allowed to modify [their] mutual ownership contracts (MOCs) so that indoor smoking in these units is a violation of the contract." They further requested that GHI agree that "such a requirement be included,

in perpetuity, in any future MOCs for these units."

Prior to discussion GHI President Tokey Boswell clarified that because a smoking-related suit against GHI is pending, the board cannot comment on the value of this petition or at this time make changes to MOCs. This restraint does not, however, prevent the board from asking questions of the petitioners, he added. Boswell also said former board members are not bound by this restriction and members can seek their input.

The suit referred to by Boswell, brought by member David Schuman pertaining to second-hand smoke, was decided in GHI's favor in a Prince George's

County Circuit Court bench trial that concluded November 3, 2011 (News Review, November 10, 2011). Schuman has since filed an appeal with the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, for which briefs are due April 2.

Enforcement

"What do you expect as enforcement? Termination?" asked Bill Jones, vice president. Petitioner Judy Bell, who took the lead, admitted that petitioners had not talked about it but felt smoking would not be an issue because members who signed the petition have bought into the nonsmoking issue.

GHI currently has a three-level process for handling violations of the MOC or member complaints. It is believed that process would not necessarily need changing and could apply if smoking indoors became prohibited.

If termination were upheld, the member could, following procedures, call for a special membership meeting in which the membership as a whole would vote on whether or not to terminate the member's MOC.

Questions

Many questions. No answers. Would the restriction apply to visitors and repair personnel? How would medical marijuana, a treatment for cancer pain, be handled if prescribed by a physician and were otherwise legal?

See **GHI**, page 11

Air Flow and Issues Studied At Community Center

by Brian Compere

At its February 27 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved a plan to evaluate the circulation and heating systems of the Greenbelt Community Center, last renovated 16 years ago. The purpose was to assess concerns of problematic heat controls, inadequate circulation and mold buildup.

The consulting engineering firm, Mendoza, Ribas, Farinas & Associates, is performing the assessment, evaluating in detail the center's current HVAC system and options for a long-term solution. Councilmembers agreed that evaluating circulation issues is the best way to assess mold concerns since moisture could be poorly dispersed.

Joe McNeal, the city's assistant director of recreation, said he will review eventual findings of the assessment and then present to council the costs and other details of projects the engineering firm finds feasible as solutions to the building's circulation issues. He said that mold has reappeared after having been cleaned from five rooms.

McNeal said he expects to review the assessment's conclusions along with Jim Sterling and Di Quynn-Reno in about 30 days, or whenever the assessment is completed.

Real Problem

McNeal said he got involved because he perceived "a real prob-

lem" and saw an opportunity to make a "good investment." He said he thinks "most folks would agree" that energy efficiency will save tax dollars in the long run but the primary motivation, he said, is comfort for those who visit the center.

"First and foremost, I want to help make a better quality experience for visitors of the Community Center," he said. "When people come to the center, we want them to be comfortable."

Lisa Meyer, director of the Greenbelt Nursery School, agreed with McNeal's belief that the energy efficiency and carbon footprint of the building could both be improved as well.

Although Meyer expressed concern about the cost of a permanent solution, she said she has noticed evidence of the issue, including "quite a bit of" mold on ceiling tiles: "not something you want to see."

"Being a nursery school, odors are there and they do linger," she said. "I wouldn't mind if they did something."

Long-term Solutions

Although long-term solutions presented at the end of the assessment could vary in price, the assessment itself will use \$9,660

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What Goes On

Friday, March 16

1 p.m., Free Senior Ice Cream Social, Community Center Gym

Tuesday, March 20

11 a.m., Ask the Expert Show, Cable Taping on Breast Cancer, Green Ridge House

Wednesday, March 21

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenbelt Access Television (stakeholder)

Thursday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 24

10 a.m. to noon, 75th Anniversary Committee Invites People to Discover Greenbelt History Stored in the Tugwell Room

GHI Holds Woodlands Spring Thaw Event

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Woodlands Committee invites residents to a Spring Thaw event on Saturday, March 24 from 1 to 3 p.m., even though there hardly has been a freeze all winter. The woods and gardens are coming alive and beginning to bloom and so are the weeds.

It's a great time to find out what the GHI Woodlands Committee is all about: meet the members, meet some neighbors, learn about the woods and common areas and enjoy some refreshments. There will be a walk in the nearby woods too, weather permitting.

The Spring Thaw gathering will take place at the GHI Administration Building on Hamilton Place. No reservations are required. Prospective buyers are encouraged to stick around after the 11 a.m. pre-purchase orientation and make a few more friends.

The Woodlands Committee is staffed with experts and just plain folks with a love of the woods in common. Come meet environmentalists, landscapers, plant scientists, journalists and simple gardeners and woods walkers. Getting out into the woods will revive spirits and put spring in one's step. Doing it with knowledgeable people makes it even more fun and informative. On top of the personal benefit, it makes a difference in the future of the woods and quality of life in GHI and Greenbelt.

Greenbriar Phase I Elects Officers

Greenbriar Phase I had its annual meeting on March 6, electing the following officers for the upcoming year: President Lawrence Noda, Vice President LaVerne Smith, Secretary Rhonda Furmanski, Treasurer Miriam Dodd and Director Evelyn Kenley.

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

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, March 16 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Badger Band plays Grateful Dead, Dylan and originals from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, March 17 begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by jazz and blues piano from John Guernsey from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Continuing café tradition, The Greentop Ramblers play a lively St. Patrick's Day show from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, March 18 begins with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., then presents the monthly Kids' Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m. Darkuba Dawq Hafla provides an afternoon of live Middle Eastern music and dance with musicians playing exotic instruments.

Next Week

Monday, March 19 Reel & Meal at the New Deal screens the film "Bag it: Is Your Life Too Plastic?" at 7 p.m., a documentary about plastic bags that evolved into a wholesale investigation into plastics' effect on waterways, oceans and human bodies. Tuesday, March 20 is Poetry Night Open from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, March 21 The Tillers of Cincinnati croon high mountain harmonies with claw hammer banjo, acoustic guitar and upright bass from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 22 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. followed by an open microphone session with the Songwriters' Association of Washington from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 23 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Wharf Rats, a Grateful Dead Jam band, play from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, March 24 schedule begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed with John Guernsey's jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Stoney Run String Band plays traditional and progressive bluegrass from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, March 25 there will be a Greenbelt 75th Anniversary program in Big Band Tradition with jazz from the 30s Swing Band Era.

Synagogue Holds Blood Drive

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 25.

Reel & Meal Film Is on Plastic Bags

The next film in the Reel and Meal at the New Deal monthly series, to be shown on Monday, March 19 at 7 p.m., is "Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic?"

Bag It is a 78-minute award-winning film chronicling Jeb Berrier's global tour to unravel complexities of the plastic world, when he decides to take a closer look at the pervasiveness of plastics. Americans use 60,000 plastic bags every five minutes; when these are thrown away it affects the environment and marine life, making up nearly half of trash in local streams leading to the Anacostia.

Two county councilmembers, Ingrid Turner and Mary Lehman will be on hand to provide updates on the status of anti-plastic bag legislation, hear from attendees and answer questions following the film. The bill, PG 402-12 requires a five-cent fee on disposable plastic and paper bags and is now before the full Maryland legislature. The Co-op has donated cloth shopping bags for distribution, Public Works will have a recycling display and the Sierra Club will offer action alert post cards for attendees to send elected officials in support of passing the bill. There will be a selection of books available on plastics pollution and other environmental issue by Tom Taylor from the Potter's House Book Store.

Bag It is sponsored by the Green Vegan Network. For more information email Cam MacQueen at worldisvegan@aol.com.

Grin Belt



"Son, that is not 'green slime' That is St. Patrick's Day acorn and pine pie."

On Screen

Taking the Vow

Released last month in time for Valentine's Day, "The Vow" opens at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, March 16, for one week. A free-flowing, loving young couple with their share of ups and downs – played by Channing Tatum and Rachel McAdams – face their fiercest challenge after a car crash sends Paige through the windshield and into the hospital. Her parents want her to recoup in their lakefront manse; her husband pushes for the couple's Chicago pad.

PG-13, with sexual content, partial nudity, an accident scene and some language. Running time: 104 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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The Vow (PG-13)

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

SUNDAY

The Muppets (PG)

1:15, 3:15 (All Seats \$5)

The Vow (PG-13)

*5:15, 7:30

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, March 22, 2012

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Consideration of Smoking Restrictions at the Parkway Apartments
- Review of 2011 Year-end Financial Statements

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Adoption of Revisions to Shed Rules
- Proposed Bylaw Changes to Article III, Section 1: Living Trusts, and Article VIII, Section 11: Contracts
- Review of 2011 Year-end Financial Statements
- Re-purchase of Foreclosed Units at 8F Plateau Place & 53B Ridge Road
- Administration Building's Telecom Service Contract, 1st Reading
- Request for Contribution: Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance
- Request for Leave of Absence by Tokey Boswell
- 2012 Gutter Cleaning Contract, 2nd Reading
- Roof Replacements for Administration Building and Free-standing Homes, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 19 through 23:

Monday – Cranberry juice, chicken patty, Dijon mustard sauce, butter beans, mixed vegetables, fresh apple.

Tuesday – Apple juice, stuffed pepper with meat sauce, potatoes au gratin, green beans, tropical fruit salad.

Wednesday – Orange juice, crusted white fish with Newburg sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned broccoli, fresh pear.

Thursday – Grape juice, roasted chicken with gravy, scalloped potatoes, seasoned peas, cherry applesauce.

Friday – Orange juice, veggie burger with hamburger roll, barbecue sauce, baked beans, zucchini, pineapple/Mandarin orange.

Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC) is seeking candidates willing to run for election to its Board of Directors. The election will take place at the Co-op annual meeting on Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Four board members will be elected to serve three-year terms. One incumbent, Donna Hoffmeister, is running for re-election. Co-op members interested in serving as directors are asked to contact the Nominations & Elections Committee (Bill Stoddard at 301-441-4766 or Joe Timer at 301-474-6775). Nomination forms are available at the Co-op service office.

To be considered a member must: 1. Have a minimum of \$100 in their member capital account and 2. Submit both a brief bio and the completed nomination form by April 1. GCC does not accept nominations at the annual meeting.

Chesapeake Bay Trust Approves Tree Grant

The City of Greenbelt has received a Chesapeake Bay Trust grant of \$23,000 for a tree master plan, reports City Manager Michael McLaughlin. The grant will go toward the costs involved for a canopy study and tree planting.

GHI Notes

Friday, March 16, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

1 to 3 p.m., Woodlands Annual Spring Thaw – Hamilton Place

Monday, March 26, 7 p.m., Communications Task Force – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, March 27, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, March 29, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, March 30, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance call – 301-474-6011

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

At the Library Storytimes

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

Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for 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 www.pgcmcls.info.

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Kids Open Microphone At New Deal Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, March 18 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdr@yahoo.com.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party Sat.

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, March 17 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 8 p.m.

Among the objects to be observed include several nice star clusters and nebulae as well as the planets Mars, Venus and Jupiter with its four Galilean moons. In addition to the 14-inch telescope in the observatory several ASG members will have their own telescopes set up.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

GES Holds Annual Spring Fair March 24

The Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) Annual Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Spring Fair includes lots of games and activities for children of all ages, a silent auction, cake walk, food, prizes and the Scholastic Book Fair. All are asked to come out in support.

Proceeds support programs and projects in the classroom.

ACE Science Club Is Free & Fun for Kids

ACE Science Club for children is meeting on Thursday, March 15 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The same program will be repeated Wednesday, March 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Magnolia Elementary School, 8400 Nightingale Drive, Lanham.

Free to all Greenbelt children ages 8 to 14, the ACE Science Club features hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life, the universe and – everything.

Greenbriar Annual Phase III Meeting

The Greenbriar Phase III annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room.

Those who are unable to attend are asked to turn in their completed proxy ballot, sent or faxed to CVS Management Office, dropped off to their building representative or dropped in the "proxy drop" envelope pinned to the bulletin board in their building.

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Upcoming Legion Meetings, Events

American Legion Greenbelt Post 136 and Auxiliary Unit 136 membership meetings are scheduled for Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. A free meal is served starting at 6:15 p.m. for all members attending the meetings. Meetings provide a forum for administrative work and discussions on operations and programs for the post. Continuous year's certifications and pins will be distributed to members who qualify.

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20.

St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17 annual St. Patrick's Day events start at noon with a free DJ in the hall for all to enjoy. There will be a special lunch and dinner menu and free hot dogs for children under 12 years old. At 8 p.m. the band Ho-Kiss Po-Kiss plays in the hall and there will be special Irish-themed drink specials. Proceeds will benefit the Children and Youth Programs of the American Legion.

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Project X, R
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Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 2D, PG (!!)
11:35
Dr. Seuss' Lorax in 3D, PG (!!)
1:40, 3:45, 5:40, 7:35, 9:30
A Thousand Words, PG-13 (!!)
11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:50, 10
John Carter in 2D, PG-13 (!)
11:45
John Carter in 3D, PG-13 (!)
2:55, 6:45, 9:30
21 Jump Street, R (!)
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Good Deeds, PG-13
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A Review

Musical Comedy Is Magical and Thrilling

by **Jim Link**

“Pippin” is a winner! Not the character Pippin, who can be an irritatingly needy hero; I mean the glorious production “Pippin” now being served up with joy and pizzazz and plenty of pizzazz by the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Producer Stephen Yednock and director Franklin Akers have assembled a superb crew: the actors, set designer (Betsy Marks Delaney), choreographer (Renee), costume designer (Alison Rollins) – all the technicians and assistants combine to give a thrilling evening of pop/rock musical comedy.

Pippin is the ingenuous son of Charlemagne who dreads being mired in the ordinary; he embraces three mirages to escape the tedium of the quotidian: conquest on the battlefield, mindless hedonism and idealistic social change. Thoroughly buffeted by life’s harsh realities, he tentatively finds happiness in marriage and fatherhood, in hard work, in being excessively devoted to his wife, in being . . . ordinary.

Ben Harris and Brian Binney are talented and campy as Pippin and Charlemagne, respectively. They pray to the Son of God to help them succeed in “butchering the infidel (Visigoths).” They do and Pippin is sickened by the carnage. His grandmother Berthe, played by the droll and wonderful Erica Drezek, interprets the male obsession with warfare as Freudian displacement – “Sometimes I think men raise their flags when they can’t get anything else up.”

Next Pippin happily succumbs to sexual fever – a bevy of nubile, one sporting a grape cluster encrusted bra – propels Pippin from carnage to carnal knowledge.

As groggy, sated Pippin gradually recovers, the Leading Player, delightful newcomer Hana Cai, lifts her eyes from her reading material – the Greenbelt News Review – nice touch! – and archly says “Boy, when you frolic, you really frolic!”

Narrator and impresario, Cai is quite fetching with her top hat and cane, black leotards, silver lamé jacket and lithe dance moves.

Embracing the last mirage, Pippin deposes autocratic daddy Charlemagne, rashly abolishes taxes and the military, miserably fails as an idealist reformer when the Visigoths return. Not even his deliciously conniving stepmother Fastrada, Chermie Jackson, can console him when she sings “Spread a Little Sunshine.” The zaftig Jackson purrs, slinks and swaggers by turns and in another lovely Freudian displacement assures



PHOTO BY STEPHEN YEDNOCK

Pippin (Ben Harris) and Catherine (Jen Retterer).

Pippin he’s getting “closer to the Promised Land.”

Pippin’s less conflicted brother Lewis, played by the muscular William Privott, gets even more lavish attention from Fastrada. But Privott is not merely beefcake – he can sing and dance, too!

Young widow Catherine (the lovely Jen Retterer) and her son (Jason Kalshoven) eventually beguile Pippin into responsible maturity.

To belabor Freud one more time, the talented Ben Harris evolves his Pippin from annoying Puer Aeternus into Ordinary Dude.

“We’ve got magic to do” claims the Leading Player and cast in the opening song. And they certainly do it. “Pippin” will be at GAC through March 31, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (March 18 and 25).

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

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 www.greenbeltucc.org
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Rev. James Lawton - Pastor
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 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
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 Conservative and Reconstructionist


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 Municipal Building
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Greenbelt Librarian Elizabeth Wilkins (left) chats with Mayor Judith Davis (right) in the library’s Tugwell Room while 75th Anniversary Committee member Brenda Cooley looks on. The Tugwell Room houses Greenbelt’s collection of the history of Greenbelt, city planning and cooperatives. The room will again be open on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
 www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10am


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 Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



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O Son of Being!
 My love is My stronghold; he that entereth therein is safe and secure, and he that turneth away shall surely stray and perish. (Baha’u’llah)

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community
 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
 Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

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

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

ALL are Welcome!

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7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
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 Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

Saturday Bird Walk Offered in Bowie

Prince George's Audubon Society will host its monthly half-day bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road in Bowie on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 a.m. At this time of year, waterfowl and resident and migrating woodland and field birds may be seen, with a good chance of spotting raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Beginners and experts are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Birders should meet at the parking lot. There is no fee.

For more information call 410-765-6482.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

**Saturday,
March 24
10:00 am -
2:00 pm**



*Join us for the
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**Games • Fun • Food
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Proceeds benefit the school

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of the
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at the Greenbelt Marriott

November 18, 2012

Tickets to go on sale soon!
Please check future issues of the newspaper
for more information.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19-23

Monday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. **COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION** at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenbelt Access Television (stakeholder)** 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.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.



GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER
550-A Crescent Road
(behind Police Station)

Big Daddy's Birthday Bash was a great success! Thank you so much to all who supported us and helped make this event possible. A special thank you to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Costco, BJ's Wholesale Club, Generous Joe's, Three Brothers, Giant Food, and Chick-Fil-A!

Congratulations to Billie, Himilaya, Leah and Penny on their adoptions! Much happiness in their new homes! **Marty is a dapper young fellow who is friendly and loves to play with**

toys. He is anxiously awaiting his new forever home! Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome! Like us on Facebook!

ASK THE EXPERT-BREAST CANCER

Tuesday, March 20 at 11am

Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road

Have you or a loved one been affected by breast cancer? Are you interested in learning about ways that you can contribute to the cause? Do you just want to learn more about the disease? If so, please come to the GAIL program's Ask the Expert cable show taping with Deborah Wilson of Breast Health Inc. Ms. Wilson is a breast cancer survivor and the Founder and Executive Director of Breast Health, Inc. a public charity in Prince George's County, Maryland. Breast Health, Inc. provides support services to low-income breast cancer patients as well as community outreach, educational workshops and prevention awareness.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sharon Vanzego-Johnson at svanzego-johnson@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-412-2480.

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**Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary
GALA DINNER DANCE
October 13, 2012**

**Tickets go on Sale
March 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

To Celebrate Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary a GALA Dinner Dance will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and will feature **Peaches O'Dell & Her Orchestra.**

Tickets are \$65.00 each and may be purchased in person or with a credit card over the phone at the Greenbelt Community Center business office 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21st by calling 240-542-2058.

After March 21st tickets may be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Center by walk in or over the phone from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For information or to purchase by phone please call 240-542-2058.

Make sure you get your tickets early. This will be the hottest ticket in town and once the event is sold out, tickets will not be available.

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE SYMPOSIUM:
SUSTAINING GREENBELT'S LEGACY**

Friday, April 27, 9:30-5:30 & Saturday, April 28, 9:30-2:30
Symposium: Academics from several universities, city staff and Greenbelt residents examine the city's enduring legacies in terms of community planning, recreation, cooperative ventures and citizen activism. Dr. Mervyn Miller, an English planning historian, delivers a keynote address, "From The British Garden City to Greenbelt and Back to the English New Towns." at 1:00 pm, Saturday. For additional information contact Dr. Isabelle Gournay at gournay@umd.edu or www.greenbeltmd.gov/75 Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-507-6582 Fee

**Registration Forms Available at
www.greenbeltmd.gov/75**

**How This City
Was Built**

Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Committee invites you to discover the treasures of Greenbelt's history stored in its public library (11 Crescent Road) in the Tugwell Room. Rexford Tugwell headed the Resettlement Administration which planned the construction of the "Greenbelt Towns". Tugwell worked directly with President Franklin Roosevelt.

Few cities in Maryland have archival research centers which include: audio cassettes of oral histories, photographs, maps and blueprints, memorabilia, plus some 500 books and periodicals. The Tugwell Room, located on the Library's main floor, will be open on Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 AM to noon. Tom Simon, retired librarian and long-time chief archivist and Brenda Cooley will be available to assist participants explore the room and discuss their findings.



**Like us on
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Your artistic talents are needed! We are inviting all children, ages 4-12 to participate in the Greenbelt Recreation

**HEY KIDS!
SUMMER POSTCARD CONTEST!**

We need you to draw a picture of the theme "SUMMERTIME IN GREENBELT!" Be creative and colorful!

Where is your favorite place to play? What activities do you like to do? Submitted drawings will be posted on the city's Facebook page. Everyone will be invited to "vote" for their favorite by "liking it!" The winning design will be featured on the Greenbelt Recreation Summer postcard that is mailed out to ALL GREENBELT RESIDENTS! GOOD LUCK!

Drawings posted on the Facebook Page will not feature the child's name. Drawings must be submitted by April 2, 2012 to the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Voting on Facebook will take place the week of April 3-10.

Entry forms for the contest can be downloaded from www.greenbeltmd.gov or you can pick one up at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

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School that will cover North Core issues.

Another workshop there will discuss conceptual alternatives and a workshop scheduled for April 19 at the same school will discuss the preferred set (of alternatives). Following those workshops, the draft sector plan will be released to the public in July and a public hearing scheduled for September.

Williams also said the planning horizon being postulated for the Sector Plan area extends out to 2040.

Craze provided council an outline of two possible land use concepts that have been developed by her and the planning staff to address city concerns about the direction being taken by the Sector Plan, based on illustrative schemes provided to council at the February worksession.

Land Use Concept I

The staff's Concept I, assuming mixed use development, will take place at the Metro North Core site. That is, there would not be a GSA tenant at the North Core and both North and South Core developments will be consistent with the current approved plans: 2,250 dwelling units, 1.3 million sq. ft. of retail, 1.2 million sq. ft. of office and 300 hotel units. For Franklin Park, the existing approved density would be retained and a pedestrian connection from Cherrywood Lane (in the vicinity of the SHL Recreation Center) to the Metro Station should be provided.

Office development at the Capital Office Park and Belle Point sites will retain existing approved development (approximately 550,000 sq. ft. for Capital Office Park).

In addition, a potential for 500-600 dwelling units at Beltway Plaza is possible if it is part of a comprehensive (entire mall property) mixed-use redevelopment plan and subject to detailed Development District Overlay Zone design requirements.

Infill retail and office development at the Golden Triangle, Maryland Trade Center and Capital Office Park was assumed as well. A potential also exists for infill residential development at the Maryland Trade Center if it meets the housing needs of the city's under-served populations.

Greenway Center

Greenway Center would remain as retail only with emphasis on incorporating green elements.

All industrial land on the north side of Branchville Road should be eliminated and the existing Prince George's Scrap yard property should be designated as a future park. In addition, an improved connection from Branchville Road to Lake Artemesia should be developed.

The old Greenbelt Middle School and the school bus lot would be retained as Rural-Residential zoning for institutional and open space purposes.

The intersection of Lakecrest Drive and American Legion Drive should be redesigned as well, closing the existing intersection, extending Lakecrest Circle to intersect with American Legion Drive and removing the abandoned section of Legion Drive pavement between the new and the abandoned section.

Streetscape improvements throughout the Sector Plan area would also be developed, with an emphasis on complete, green streets and pedestrian safety.

The Greenbelt Crossing development (at the site of the old nursing facility just west of the Armory) should be developed consistent with approved plans (90 multi-family dwelling units) or considered as a possible site for a new Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department facility.

Land Use Concept II

The second city concept assumes a GSA tenant would end up at the Metro North Core site. This would be expected to be a secure campus with approximately 2.2 million sq. ft. of office with no on-site public facilities. There should be a service retail component and parking that serves Metro and MARC riders.

The South Core would be developed consistent with approved plans (983 dwelling units and 115,000 sq. ft. of neighborhood service retail). An additional 1,500 to 2,500 dwelling units could be added to Franklin Park as part of a balanced redevelopment plan providing for open space, recreational facilities, pedestrian/bicycle connections and a mix of housing types that meet the city's housing needs.

A pedestrian connection between Franklin Park and the Metro is recommended and assumptions for the Beltway Plaza property would be the same as for Land Use Concept I.

Land Use Concept II also includes a provision that the approximate 15 acres of undeveloped land in the Capital Office Park property on the northwest side of Cherrywood Lane be designated as future city parkland.

The remaining provisions for Land Use Concept II dealing with infill retail and office development, Greenway Center, the industrial properties at Branchville Road, Greenbelt Middle School, Lakecrest Drive changes, streetscape improvements and Greenbelt Crossing are the same as those shown in Land Use Concept I.

During Craze's presentation several questions were raised about parcels in the Sector Plan Area concerning underlying zones for particular parcels. Among these were concerning the underlying zone for the American Legion Property, the best zone for the old Greenbelt Middle School properties and a question posed by Craze herself regarding the "vested rights" that present or future owners of Franklin Park might claim for the Mixed-Use-Infill (MUI) category assigned at the time of the approved Conceptual Site Plan several years ago.

She noted that these are important issues when decisions are made for any Sectional Map Amendments at the time of Sector Plan approval. She added that the ultimate decision on the MUI status for Franklin Park could influence the appropriate zoning category for the Beltway Plaza property.

Williams said he tended to be fairly conservative on the question of what is considered vested rights.

Council Commentary

Council generally welcomed Williams' update regarding changes made to the illustrative schemes and abandonment of the High Residential scheme. They appreciated his willingness to blend the city staff proposals into a new second concept reducing the potential increase of new residential units as the plan progresses.

Davis suggested that Williams speak with Berwyn Heights representatives and the Board of Education on the developing plans.

In response to a question from Councilmember Edward Putens, Williams said that his team has a lot more work to do on the concepts. When completed, he said, there will be a fairly voluminous document serving as an appendix to the proposed Sector Plan, with sections on traffic, employment, population and other issues.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was somewhat skeptical regarding the Franklin Park plans. He believed there needed to be better housing choices and a good mix of housing to transform it into a viable community.

Councilmember Leta Mach reminded Williams that a plan for some kind of east-west connector linking the proposed South Core community to Cherrywood Lane would entail difficult choices because of the environmental sensitivity of the land a road would have to traverse.

Greenbelt Road

Councilmember Emmett Jordan wanted a better idea about proposed improvements for Greenbelt Road. Williams said that there may be need for a "road diet," meaning a reduction in some lanes. He recognized the challenge in incorporating sidewalks, street trees and bicycle access into a new design. He also especially noted the challenge associated with any kind of pedestrian improvement at the Greenbelt Road

and Kenilworth Avenue intersection.

His comments raised concerns among councilmembers regarding the long-planned and aborted neighborhood street improvement plan that had been undertaken by the Maryland Department of Transportation and the fact that plans completed for that project cannot be found. Everyone agreed those plans could be of some use in the Sector Plan endeavor. Jordan also noted that he saw limitations in the access points serving the Golden Triangle, where there could be improvements.

Kapastin, invited to present issues the Beltway Plaza Mall had with the development concepts, provided council with written remarks. His main point was that "an additional competitive shopping center is not needed in Greenbelt West." Kapastin also noted that economic studies bear out that conclusion, as well as studies done by Delta Associates and others showing that residential expansion is needed in Greenbelt West because of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and subcontractor expansion in the area.

He also provided an update on ongoing renovations at the mall. He noted the mall planners had reduced the proposed size and scope of the plan for its proposed mixed-use development in the rear portion of the shopping center from 1,400 dwelling units to 700 units.

He hoped council would give the revised Conceptual Site Plan a better reception than its previous negative position. He closed with an invitation to council and Greenbelt residents to visit the upgraded shopping center and see for themselves the improvements undertaken at the mall.

The message from city staff and council was that Beltway Plaza redevelopment efforts should take place in the context of an overall center-wide comprehensive plan.

Patuxent Visitor Center Wildlife Art Show

The Friends of Patuxent is hosting the 23rd Annual Friends of Patuxent Wildlife Art Show at the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This will be a chance to spend time surrounded by nature at the Patuxent Research Refuge and enjoy beautiful wildlife art by nearly 35 nationally recognized wildlife artists, artisans and crafters. The art show is free and open to the public.

For more information call 301-497-5789 or visit www.friendsofpatuxent.org.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located at 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop in Laurel.



NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE GREENBELT CONSUMER COOPERATIVE

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold its **Annual Meeting for the Greenbelt COOP Grocery Store and Pharmacy on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. Light refreshments will be served.

The agenda includes:

- Reports by the Treasurer, the General Manager, and the Board Chair.
- Election of four members to the Board of Directors

One Board Member – Donna Hoffmeister – is running for re-election. The GCC is seeking three other members willing to serve as Directors. The terms of the remaining directors – Laura Fisher, Bill Stoddard and Joe Timer have not expired.

Voting on bylaw changes regarding notification of GCC's annual meeting. Copies of the changes are available for review at the Service Desk and at <http://www.greenbelt.coop/bylaws>.

Presentation of the Jim Cassels' Community Service Award to this year's recipient. According to the Co-op's bylaws, 25 members constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, those present can schedule another meeting, which can proceed even in the absence of a quorum.

A drawing for door prizes will be held after the business portion of the meeting. Call 301-474-0522 with questions or for more information.

Note: Voting members have \$100.00 in their member capital account.

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okay with taking time for myself.” When asked if there was a superpower she would like to possess, she quickly answered, “to split into several places at once!”

Dirksen is passionate about bringing visual arts into the schools. “In P.G. County,” she says, “it is a huge challenge not having art classes every week. We have to fight harder than other schools in the D.C. area just to be able to have art at all.”

Fortunately for Dirksen, who loves teaching, the Greenbelt and College Park communities support art education and she teaches regularly in both towns. She teaches drawing classes to children ages 10 to 15 on Monday nights as part of the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE). Currently, she teaches pre-school music and art at the Community Center with fellow Greenbelter Anne Gardner.

Dirksen also has an ongoing silver soldering class on Thursday nights at Gail’s Violin Shop in College Park. When asked how she keeps it together staying so busy, Dirksen responds, “I get inspired by everything – being outside, teaching kids, learning from my own kids – I get excited and feel driven to be involved.”

Graphic Designer

Dirksen lived in San Francisco where she was a graphic designer for JP Morgan Chase; her husband, Matt, was in graduate school and her oldest child, Jaden, was born. They moved to Greenbelt in 2001 with second child, Raina, on the way and set up their first home in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Youngest daughter,

Linden, was also born here and a move to a single-family home in Lakeside soon followed.

Dirksen is no stranger to the area, having grown up in Upper Marlboro. She attended St. Ambrose Elementary School and Elizabeth Seton High School. “I remember running around Greenbelt Lake in high school,” she says, “and I remember running past this very house,” referring to her current residence.

Dirksen has been involved in the Greenbelt community since arriving here and she stays involved, believing, she says, that “the excitement and inspiration I share with and gain from our community impacts my family as a whole.” She figures she will be teaching, painting and making jewelry for several years to come. “I really love it,” she says.

As time goes on, she would like to become more published and recognized for her art. For now, however, she is content to do freelance illustrating and painting for friends. “It works out well because right now I’m so busy,” she says. Currently, Dirksen is collaborating with Amy Hansen on a graphic novel, for which they received a \$1,000 Prince George’s Arts Council grant. The goal is to go to elementary schools and use the book to demonstrate how to start a graphic novel.

PTA President

“The beauty and the gift of being PTA president this year was getting to know the principal, staff and families,” she says, “but even when I’m not wearing the president’s hat anymore, I’ll still

be involved.”

She and Gardner are currently helping GES put on a production of Chris Cherry’s “Summer Circus,” which will be performed May 11 at the school. In addition, she would like to get raised garden beds planted at GES.

There is a lot on Dirksen’s plate and her mind, but “many hands make work light,” she says, and this means a lot of people working together, each doing his or her part for the whole. “If you take even the littlest piece out, things won’t function as well. Each piece is just as important as the next and this then allows for more sustainable leadership.”

When asked if there are similarities between “artist” and “art teacher,” Dirksen quickly says, “Yes!”

“When I’m painting or otherwise creating,” she says, I tap into the same energy and that comes with the pleasure and the joy of seeing finished work – mine and the children’s.” She adds, though, that a challenge in teaching is different from challenges that may arise as an artist. “Every child learns differently,” she says, “so there can be difficulty in catering to each different learning style.”

Women in Power

A champion of women’s movements, Dirksen was a staff coordinator for Women In Power, a healing circle of women searching for discovery and empowerment by digging into painful issues within themselves. She is also active in the Red Tent Temple Movement, a grassroots women’s group that comes together every

new moon, according to Dirksen, “to just ‘be.’ Participants knit, sleep, relax – whatever they want to do to just ‘be.’” The idea is that women will take care of themselves and therefore of each other, beginning with a state of being rather than a continual mode of doing.

Dirksen is excited about an upcoming All-Women’s Sundance taking place this summer in Vermont. “It’s 10 days of prayer for the healing of the earth,” she says.

Kunsi Keya Tamakoce (Grandmother Turtle) builds on a spiritual connection to the earth and encourages living in harmony with the natural world. It empowers women to reclaim their roles as wise leaders. It is evident that this, too, is important to Dirksen. When asked why women’s history is important, she points to her youngest daughter, who has just come out onto the porch. It’s clearly obvious why women and their history – and their future – is vital to her. “It’s important that women know that we all have an amazing role in being just where we are. And we really aren’t all that different.”

“My mom is a very nice mom and she let me get pizza today,” says six-year-old Linden. Then she is off to continue face-painting. Linden’s friend, who is visiting, comes out onto the porch moments later, face covered in paint, to show Dirksen her latest art project and explain it.

Moments later, the youngest Dirksen returns, in tears, because she has hurt her hand. All it takes is a kiss from Mom and she

is off and running with her friend to continue the tea party on the sidewalk.

“She got to accept an award from CampFire USA today,” says Mom. “We represented GES, which received an award for fabric arts and we have a tapestry hanging in Beltway Plaza.”

Artist, teacher, wife, mother of three and so much more, Dirksen says that her biggest accomplishment is her children.

She adds, though, “I hope that I have made a difference in the lives of the children I have taught. I hope that I have nurtured the creativity in them and that maybe they can have successful careers in visual arts.”

Examples of Dirksen’s jewelry and paintings can be seen on her website, www.lfdstudios.com.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) New Carrollton Area Support Group will meet at the Hanko Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. This supportive work group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each other’s challenges and solutions.

All are welcome. For more information call Dominique Thomas at 301-385-1699 or email nami.dom@domthom.com.

These are just a few of the great buys you will find at Co-op this week!

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

Robbery

March 6, 1:21 a.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. A 22-year-old D.C. man was arrested and charged with armed robbery, robbery and 1st degree assault. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 6, 8:03 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. An attempted robbery occurred when some people were approached by two men who demanded money but fled after a struggle. They are described as black males in their 20s, 6' tall, wearing black jeans and black coats.

Drug Arrest

March 2, 11:52 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A 24-year-old Hyattsville man and a 26-year-old Greenbelt man were arrested and charged with multiple offenses including possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. They were transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI/DUI

March 2, 1:18 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue. A 70-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related traffic violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

March 2, 1:01 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Currency was taken.

March 2, 2:19 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. An attempted burglary occurred.

March 5, 8:25 p.m., 6800 block Landon Court. A television was taken.

Trespassing

March 4, 8:22 p.m., unit block Crescent Road. A 53-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

March 2, 4:16 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A window was broken.

March 7, 6:13 p.m., 7700 block Greenbelt Road. A win-

dow was broken.

Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 2003 Mercedes taken from the 100 block Westway, a gray Chrysler Town and Country Van taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and a silver 2005 Pontiac Grand Prix taken from the 6200 block Springhill Court.

A white 1991 Dodge Caravan stolen from 16 Court Ridge Road was located March 7 on Kenilworth Avenue at the Beltway. No arrests were made.

There were six reports of thefts from autos: 7100 block Mathew Street (handicap placard), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (purse), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS unit), 100 block Westway (stereo faceplate), 9100 block Edmonston Road (cell-phone and currency).

Vandalism occurred in two locations. A window was reported stolen in the 200 block Lakeside Drive and a window was broken in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

St. Patrick's Day Patrols and Rides



With St. Patrick's Day falling on Saturday, March 17 the Greenbelt police have announced plans for additional officers patrolling the roadways to combat drunk driving during the evening and overnight hours.

Since 2000, 50 percent of all crash fatalities in the mid-Atlantic region on St. Patrick's Day have been alcohol-related.

In addition, police remind party planners of the "Keep the Luck of the Irish Alive. Don't Drink and Drive" SoberRide campaign. By dialing 1-800-200-8294 a free ride home (up to \$30/fare) is available to callers age 21 or older the night of St. Patrick's Day - from 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 to 6 a.m. Sunday, March 18.

from a \$15,000 budget. The city has worked before with Mendoza, Ribas, Farinas & Associates and was satisfied with their work.

Mayor Judith Davis said that the 55,000-square-foot building is sealed so tightly that air circulation is low, a condition that can lead to mold growth. McNeal said it is difficult to maintain comfortable temperatures throughout such a large, multi-floored facility.

Mason Trappio, an employee of the center and physiology and neurobiology senior at the University of Maryland, said that he thinks the building, which is "built like no other," is fine.

"I'd rather have a mean old building doing mean things to your lungs rather than a hurricane doing mean things to me," Trappio said. He also said, however, that he sees no reason for people to oppose the assessment.

Fellow Community Center employee Phyllis Hines similarly does not have a personal problem with the building's circulation. She said that she feels comfortable, yet she also said that issues like mold need to be addressed and that she supports "anything that'll help solve the problem."

Meyer said that the "irregular" circulation, which is usually either too hot or too cold, can be regulated quickly, although it can be difficult to do so. "We can regulate it fine, but it's just a matter of turning it off before it gets to be like a fridge," she said.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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City Councilmember Emmett Jordan joins Rosemary Pezzuto, CEO of CampFire USA Patuxent Area Council, headquartered in Franklin Park, and CampFire USA members (l to r) Erik Palsson, Charlie Schaefer-Canner, Nylah Lee and Maya Lee in cutting the cake to celebrate the organization's 102nd birthday at Beltway Plaza Mall Sunday, March 4. Nylah and Maya are Greenbelt residents.

CampFire 102nd Birthday Art Show Brings Crowd

by Barbara Simon

From Friday to Sunday, March 2 to 4 the CampFire USA Patuxent Area Council, which has its council headquarters in Franklin Park, held its 102nd Birthday and Art Show Celebration at Beltway Plaza. On Sunday, they were joined by members of the community to have cake and recognize the youth participants.

This year the National Art Project included works by students at Greenbelt Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School, as well as work by youth who are members of the area council from around Maryland and the District of Columbia. The event also included craft demonstrations for the public led by parent and student volunteers. The theme was fabric art, with many different examples on display. Art work in other media was also included in the show, making for a varied exhibit. Also on display was the Freddie Mac Foundation Heart Gallery, which features foster children in need of adoptive families. Teen Leaders spoke with individuals who came to the exhibit about the need for adoptive parents and encouraged them to consider the options.

Information about CampFire USA programs in this area was provided as well. Quantum Properties and Beltway Plaza Mall provided exhibit space and sponsored the celebration.

Rosemary Pezzuto, CEO of the Patuxent Area Council, reported that over 500 visitors viewed the exhibits and over 250 folks participated in the art activities. She remarked that CampFire USA art programs "provide youth the opportunity to explore creativity and the knowledge and skills that involvement in art provides." Pezzuto also expressed thanks to local volunteers from the community and staff from the school system and the City of Greenbelt for help in making the project a huge success. CampFire USA offers girls and boys up through age 21 many opportunities to learn and play together, building confidence and independence and strengthening families.

For more information about CampFire USA programs including their camp programs for summer 2012, email info@campfireusa-patuxent.org.



Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team members Lester Whitmer, Karen Seaton and Ken Silberman completed the National Weather Service Basics I Skywarn storm spotter class on March 3. This free class teaches people how to spot and report hazardous weather to the National Weather Service.

Leonie Penney sends greetings to her Greenbelt friends. She is still in rehab at Renaissance Gardens, improving slowly but surely. The address is room 3235 Oak Grove 2, 3160 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

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 email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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Would MOC changes be allowed in individual units or would they be limited to all homes in a row or to entire courts?

What if someone complains that smoking occurred within a unit but the alleged smoker denies having done so?

Because the proposed MOC prohibits smoking in the "unit," does this conflict with all other MOCs that define the unit as including both the home and its yard? Could smoking be banned in common areas?

Resale

Petitioners felt nonsmoking clauses would attract buyers and make homes more desirable. Director Irv Wartel suggested it could have the opposite effect, however, deterring buyers and hindering sales. Would it be illegal for GHI to refuse to sell a restricted unit to a smoker who wishes to smoke inside the home?

Would a nonsmoking unit always remain so or could the nonsmoking clause be deleted? Could the personal representative of a deceased member whose MOC contains the clause be allowed to remove it prior to marketing?

According to Boswell, bylaw amendments are required to make changes to MOCs, currently the same for each member. Such amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the members voting on the change. Placing an item on the agenda for discussion at the annual meeting (held each May) requires a petition with signatures from 50 members.

Other Communities

"Did anyone research other communities?" asked board member Catherine McHugh. Bell said the thinking in federal housing currently being planned is that smoking will not be allowed inside homes or within 50 feet of buildings, much like on the campus of nearby Doctors Community Hospital.

Petitioner Linda Curtis offered that some rental properties have this clause in each lease and prominently post a sign, "This is a nonsmoking property."

[On another front, Maryland Representative Ben Kramer (D-Montgomery County) has introduced to the Maryland Legislature HB-1124, Public Health Nuisance – Tobacco Smoke – in Multi-unit Dwellings – Abatement and Enforcement Authority. If passed, this bill will add second-hand smoke to the definition of nuisance in Maryland's Health General Article, thus allowing for a right of private action as well as action taken by a local health officer.

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GAVA/GATE, Greenbelt Elementary PTA Receive Foundation Grants

by Virginia Beauchamp

Now in its sixth year in offering grants to local organizations, the Greenbelt Community Foundation held its annual afternoon tea at the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel on Sunday, February 26 to honor this year's awardees. Besides highlighting the year's winning organizations, the event also functions as a fund-raising occasion. Serving as moderator was foundation member and chair Dorrie Bates.

Among those she introduced to the group was Shayna Skolnik, designer of a new organization logo on the cover of the event's printed program. In the form of a circle, the logo shows a green hand holding a seedling. Providing music as the group assembled were two members of the wind ensemble from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Bates also introduced several special guests, including Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, who spoke briefly about the event's significance. Also recognized was Greenbelt's representative on the county school board, Peggy Higgins.

Honorees

First to be recognized was Margaret Cahalan, organizer of Greenbelt CHEARS, for last summer's project to plant small vegetable-flower gardens in each of three areas of the city – next to the Community Center, near the city recreation building in Franklin Park and in Schrom Hills Park. This was one of the winning programs awarded last spring and made possible by the grant, which funded the purchase of soil, seeds and fertilizer.

Another previous grantee was GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) and GATE (Greenbelt Access Television), located in the Community Center, which last summer had invited children to work together creating video animation projects.

Robert Zugby and Konrad Herling, representing GATE, were recognized on behalf of the group. New this year was another



Jim Fischer (left), secretary of the Greenbelt Community Foundation, presents Barbara Simon (right) and Mimi Noorani a check for GES PTA's "Arts in Action Two" project.

award to GAVA and GATE – this a "75th Anniversary Animation Special," in which students ages 11 to 15 from the three sections of the city will create a new visual animation project. Local arts teacher and longtime resident Barbara Simon accepted the award as director of the project.

For over 25 years Simon has been active in organizing and inspiring a variety of arts programs for young people in the city, including dance, music, art, ceramics and cartoons.

Finally the Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) PTA accepted an award for a project called "Arts in Action Two." The project has brought three artists into the school to provide programs in drawing, painting and ceramics during the spring semester for students from kindergarten through sixth grade.

A Bridge

In conclusion, Bates called attention to the theme imprinted on the program cover: "A bridge between the needs of the community and caring donors." "Be a bridge," she said. "We exist in a world that needs things." She urged those in the room to "plant seeds in our community" as others passed out pledge envelopes.

According to a financial summary provided to those attending the program, the foundation in-

vides local organizations, nonprofit corporations and not-for-profit cooperatives to seek funding for special projects. All board members are unpaid volunteers.

Beside Bates, they include Judy Bell (vice-chair), Jim Cohen, Jim Fischer (secretary), Barbara Havekost, Austin Henry (treasurer), Sandra Lange, Eulalie Lucas and Tom White. The organization, which seeks "new initiatives that promote the original vision of Greenbelt," runs on "a tight budget," according to the summary.

Over the years the organization has received \$190,416, of which



Guests mingle after the tea. From left are Jon Bell, Judy Bell, Mary Lou Williamson, Sandra Lange (advisory board member), and Carol Shaw.

61 percent has been donated by individual members of the community and 23 percent by business organizations. Some 13 percent of these funds have been used for administrative expenses, the report says.

Of the total amount, 50 percent (less expenses) is given out in grants and the rest invested to build the fund for the future. To connect with the organization call 301-474-4020 or reach them by email at admin@greenbeltfoundation.net

The next semi-annual deadline for project proposals is April 15.



Foundation Advisory Board member Eulalie Lucas addresses the gathering.

Dr. Hatfield, Greenbelt DDS, On Mission in Accra, Ghana

In February Greenbelt dentist Dr. Dennis Hatfield was part of a volunteer mission to Accra, Ghana as a member of the Alliance for Smiles team. He helped provide surgical and non-surgical support to needy patients suffering from cleft lip and palate. As a Rotarian, Dr. Hatfield learned about the Alliance for Smiles at the Rotary International Convention last year.

Dr. Hatfield's team from the U.S., Canada and Australia treated more than 75 people during a two-week stay. Supported by local Rotary Clubs and Ridge Hospital the mission provided medical and pharmacological services, pre- and post-op housing and food. They brought all needed supplies with them and left the remaining much-needed stocks behind when returning home. Operating room surgeons worked with local surgeons and support staff as part of a training exercise, demonstrating many advanced techniques



Dr. Dennis Hatfield works on a patient in Ghana with the Alliance for Smiles team.

unavailable to local practitioners.

"The trip was awesome," Dr. Hatfield said. "The team was fantastic and the people of Ghana very gracious. Although Accra is a very modern city by their standards, we should really appreciate how wonderful medical care is in this country. I'm looking forward to next year for another mission with Alliance for Smiles, hopefully to another needy area of the world."

Dr. Hatfield's practice is at 7525 Greenway Center Drive.

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