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# Council Okays Vehicle Purchases, Organizational Assessment Plan

by Kathleen Gallagher

At the March 27 meeting the Greenbelt City Council authorized a number of end-of-year purchases under the Fiscal Year 2013 budget, including vehicles for the Public Works and Police Departments and preliminary approval of a proposal to undertake an organizational assessment of city operations.

In other business councilmembers, all of whom were present, approved sending letters of support requested by the National League of Cities (NLC) and by the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA).

### **New Vehicles**

Two vehicles on the state bid list were approved for purchase for use by the Public Works Department: a Chevrolet 2500 cargo van at \$17,118 and a GEM elXD electric vehicle at \$20,737. The cargo van will replace a 1998 van that had a prior life as a 15-passenger transport van in the Recreation Department until be-

ing deemed unsafe for that use. Kenneth Hall, director of public works, said he would have preferred a compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle but, with none being available on state bid, the cost would be nearly \$20,000 more. The cargo van is used for routine and emergency maintenance work by the building maintenance staff.

Councilmember Konrad Herling encouraged Hall to continue working with the public works directors in other municipalities to put pressure on the state to include more "green" vehicles in its bidding process. Hall said he would do so but reminded council that the cost of having a fast-speed pumping station is also high. Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested that instead of purchasing expensive alternative fuel vehicles, the better tactic might be for the city to send public works mechanics for training to learn how to convert vehicles to alternative fuel capa-

The GEM elXD will be the City of Greenbelt's first electric vehicle. It operates only at speeds of up to 25 mph and will be used primarily for litter pickup in city medians and park areas. It replaces a 1998 Ford Ranger compact pickup truck with 98,000 miles and mechanical problems severe enough that it has been removed from service. The purchase price includes the addition of doors, a heater and a pickup body. Roberts voted against purchase of this vehicle because he believed it would be possible to find an electric vehicle to serve this purpose at a substantially lower price than the one on the state bid list.

Seven vehicles were approved for use by the Police Department with funding approved last year for the current

See **VEHICLES**, page 7



Newly-crowned 2013 Kale Queen Jessica Fomalont and Bob Pyle celebrate at the Kale Festival.

### Kale to Eat, Kale to Wear Kale Music in the Center

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

Greenbelt residents love to celebrate and will find any excuse pumpkins, old trees, community gardens, elections, Green Man, every conceivable holiday, all good reasons - for a festival, a parade or a party. In keeping with this tradition, hundreds of people turned out on a quintessential spring morning at Roosevelt Center April 20 to celebrate . . . kale. "It's a fine day for kale!" an-

nounced a member of the Kale-Tastics band to loud applause and hoots. The musicians were assembled in front of the his-

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toric Mother and Child statue, beneath a billowing banner that read: Kale-A-Rama Vegan Festival. Fresh spring-green leaves cast dappled shade over the dancing crowd of tattooed teens, dread locked young men and the occasional graybeard, while overexcited kids ran in circles around baby strollers and got tangled up in dog leashes.

Kale and collard green dresses, necklaces and headdresses dotted the gathering and garlands of

See **KALE FEST**, page 6

# May's Artful Afternoon Will Be A Junk Jam and Ceramic Class

On Sunday, May 5 the monthly Artful Afternoon program will include a ceramics workshop and a musical performance and improvisational collaboration - Junk Jam with the Junkman - in addition to the Community Center artists' open house. Family-friendly, for all ages, with most activities free, Artful Afternoon will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a crazy quilt ceramic tile workshop led by artists-in-residence Mary Gawlik and Gina Denn. Participants will learn clay carving techniques and make their own one-of-a-kind tile, to become will be held for two tickets to the part of a "Crazy Quilt" tile mural to be permanently displayed in Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter the Greenbelt. The workshop is free drawing between now and 2:30



The Junkman provides an exciting innovative musical experience engaging all ages.

and open to all ages. Supplies will be provided.

At 3 p.m. the monthly drawing

p.m. on May 5 online at www. greenbeltmd.gov/arts or at the Community Center Art Gallery.

Following the drawing, the crowd will gather in the Community Center gym for the interactive Junk Jam. The stage will be set with 125 junk objects that Don Knaack, the Junkman, turns into musical instruments that deliver a captivating musical performance and improvisational collaboration.

The new exhibit of vibrant abstract paintings in a complicated interplay of color and movement by Kathy Karlson is featured in the Community Center Art Gallery. The exhibit will be displayed until June, with an artists' reception in the Gallery on Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Also displayed is the Greenbelt Museum exhibit at the Community Center, "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years," which celebrates the 75th anniversary by showing the city's history through an interactive timeline. Meanwhile, across the street at the museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent, tours are available for a nominal fee between 1 and 5 p.m.

Artful Afternoons also feature a studio open house and sale with the Community Center's nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m. All are invited to be inspired by their work in many styles and media, as well as to shop for unique gifts.

More information about City of Greenbelt art programs is available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or by calling 240-542-2060.

# If It Happened Here, They Were Likely to Be Involved

by Thomas X. White

The budget worksession for ticulture and Intra-City Transit. the city's Public Works Department was held on Wednesday, April 17 at the Community Center. All councilmembers were present, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, City Treasurer Jeff Williams, Public Works Director Kenny Hall, Assistant Director James Sterling and Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles.

Hall advised council he had no specific presentation and that he and his staff were prepared to respond to council questions related to the department's Fiscal Year 2014 proposed budget.

Public Works has evolved into a multi-disciplined organization, encompassing Administration, Facilities Maintenance, Custodial Operations, Fleet Maintenance, Street Maintenance, Refuse Collection/Recycling, Parks/Playgrounds/Ball Fields/Fixtures/Hor-

Staffing for the department is proposed to remain at 50.5 employees (49 classified employees and 1.5 part-time non-classified).

**Holding the Line** 

For FY14, several budgets accounting for Public Works expenditures are proposed to hold the line, with some accounts having slight increases from the Fiscal Year 2013 budget and other decreases. Administration is proposed for a decrease of \$2,500 in expenditure from last year; the Maintenance of Multi-Purpose Equipment budget is slightly more. Street Maintenance is budgeted at \$17,700 less than last year and Waste Collection is budgeted at \$46,700 less than last year. The FY13 budget for the account was \$672,100.

The city manager's budget does not propose an increased

See **BUDGET**, page 12

### What Goes On

### Saturday, May 4

9 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full – Shredding Day, Parking Lot behind the Credit Union (5 file boxes/bags per person), Personal Records Only.

9 a.m. to noon, Annual Arthritis Walk, Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Sunday, May 5

Noon to 2 p.m., Roosevelt Center, Join in a Group Vote for the **Greenbelt Theater** 

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center Monday, May 6

6 to 8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Misc. and other Funds and Capital Projects, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

### Wednesday, May 8

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center Room 114

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Public Safety, Community Center

# **Letters to the Editor**

### THANKS!

Thank you for the excellent front page article in last week's issue on the participation of the Old Greenbelt Movie Theatre in the Partners in Preservation program. This is a wonderful chance to help the city win funds to restore the theater!

When this was written, the theater had already moved from #6 to #4 in voting. We hope everyone will vote every day before May 10 by visiting www. preservedmv.com/competitors.

The Greenbelt Community Development Corporation has started a committee, Friends of the Old Greenbelt Movie Theatre. Anyone interested in continuing to work on the restoration of the theater may contact us at simongava@yahoo.com.

Barbara Simon, President Friends of the Old Greenbelt Movie Theatre and Greenbelt Community Development Corporation

### There Is No Law To Violate . . . .

The News Review article on the April 22 Council meeting contains the following material appearing to accuse Mr. Roberts of "violating confidential information":

"Roberts violated no law because there was no law to violate. To date Greenbelt has no law or penalty for the violation of confidential information by employees or elected officials."

The communication in question was from a public official to another public official. As many citizens tried to point out at the meeting, the Sunshine Laws demand that such communications be considered part of the public record unless they meet certain clearly specified, narrow criteria for confidentiality. If none of the above criteria applied to the

information exposed by Roberts, then it was a matter of public record despite the demand by the sender to keep it secret. My impression from the meeting was that Mr. Roberts not only did not "violate any law" but that he did not do anything wrong – meaning that the information he shared did not meet those confidentiality criteria. If this is not correct, could the News Review please identify which legitimate confidentiality criteria applied to the information Mr. Roberts made public?

And if none did, could they please correct the record to indicate that Mr. Roberts did not do anything wrong, regardless of whether or not there is a "confidentiality" law?

Ruth Kastner

### Really Elated About Kale-a-Rama Success

Kale-A-Rama Vegan Festival 2013 turned out to be a celebration of community, cultural diversity, veganism and all things kale-tastic. We needed the Greenbelt Village to pull off the festival and the community rallied in kalerity of mission and purpose. So, it's only fitting to thank everyone who brought Greenbelt's first-ever, all-vegan

Thanks especially to the hundreds of festival-goers who came from near and far to participate in Kale-A-Rama Vegan Festival

val 2013 was only one event of many happening on Earth Day Saturday in Greenbelt. Kalegratulations to the entire city for the amazing Earth Day events organized all over town on that gorgeous, kale-a-riffic day!

### festival to life.

Kale-A-Rama Vegan Festi-

The Kale-A-Rama Crew (Cam MacQueen, Bob Pyle, Reagan Kimball and Erin Marcus)

### **GreenSTEMs Grand Opening on Monday**

GreenSTEMs will open the doors of Club 125 with a celebration event at Roosevelt Center on Monday, May 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Club 125 is a member-managed, nonprofit, shared workspace facility with educational programs for kids, teens and adults. Clubhouse activities feature hands-on learning with core projects in computer science, robotics, microelectronics, writing, fabric art and general crafts.

The grand opening will feature

live music, face-painting, handson demonstrations of technology projects and a robotics exhibition by Team Illusion. Team Illusion, a Greenbelt/Lanham community robotics team, just returned from national championship competition after winning the rookie all-star award in local qualification tournament action.

Club 125, located adjacent to the theater in Roosevelt Center, will be open at 10 a.m. every day.

### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA



### **GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Thursday, May 9, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

- 2013 Parking Lot Repair Contract, 1st Reading
- 2013 Underground Utility Contract, 1st Reading
- Yard Line Certification: 4F Ridge
- Proposed Policy for Addressing Unauthorized Rentals
- · Proposed Policy for Addressing Unoccupied Units
- Revisions to Sublease Policy
- Rule Revisions for Skylights on Additions
- Review of Member Outreach Committee's Proposal to Prepare and Publish Articles on Pilot Program



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to htt;://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006)

Regular Board meetings are open to Members For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

### At the Library

Adult Programs

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. The Master Gardeners of Prince George's County will make a presentation on container vegetable gardening.

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.: African-American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs presents audio-visual lectures for adults and older children on the African Diaspora. This week's subject will be a close look locally in "A New Day Begun: The Impact of the Emancipation Proclamation on the District, Maryland and Virginia" on the Proclamation, which was considered central to Abraham Lincoln's presidency, and the ways in which it was received around different parts of the Metro region.

### **Storytimes**

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the

Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at www.pgcmls.info for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials.

For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

### •<u>••••</u>• OLD GREENBELT **THEATRE WEEK OF May 3** The Big

Wedding

**FRIDAY** \*5:30, 7:30, 9:20

### **SATURDAY**

Classic Film Series at Noon W.C. Fields in "You Can't Cheat an Honest Man" (1939) All Seats \$5.00 FREE Popcorn Included

\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30, 9:20

### **SUNDAY**

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

### MONDAY - THURSDAY \*5:30, 7:30

### STARTS, FRI. MAY 10 THE GREAT GATSBY

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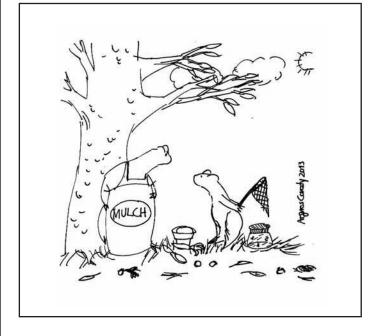
### **THEATRE**

Visit www.preservedmv.com You can vote every day through Friday, May 10.

\*These shows at \$6.50 Tuesday is Bargain Day. All Seats Only \$5.00. Now accepting Visa, Discover and MasterCard for tickets and concessions. 301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745

www.pandgtheatres.com • • • • • • •

### Grin Belt



"No son, you can't keep a cicada for a pet even if only once every 17 years.

### Greenbelt Park Seeks Cadillac Antique To Curb Invasives

To help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants a hands-on nature preservation activity will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. The program is held the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine. Participants should wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and tick repellant and bring lunch or a snack.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is between Kenilworth Avenue and the B-W Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. Call 301-344-3944 or visit http://www.nps.gov/ gree/ for details.

# **Car Show Sunday**

On Sunday, May 5 antique and classic Cadillacs will be displayed at the free annual Spring Cadillac and LaSalle Show at Capitol Cadillac Company, 6500 Capitol Drive. The show begins at 10 a.m., with awards presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine.

For more information call show coordinator Dan Ruby at 301-894-8026.



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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. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 6 through

Monday – Fruit punch, honeybaked chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, green beans with onions, diced pears.

Tuesday – Apple juice, beef burger with mushroom gravy, Hawaiian baked beans, broccoli and cauliflower, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Grape juice, vegetable soup, deli sandwich, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday - Pineapple juice, chicken and rice casserole, pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, fresh

Friday - Grape juice, sliced roast beef with onion gravy, Delmonico potatoes, kale, Mandarin oranges.

### Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Thursday, April 25 members of the Golden Age Club enjoyed the trip to the comedy shows at the Rainbow Theater in Pennsylvania. After all the awful happenings in the world lately, it was wonderful just to be silly and laugh a lot. Our thanks to Karen Haseley for taking us on this trip.

On May 8 Rotna Sorma will give a talk on diabetes and nutrition education.

May is membership month bring a friend to join us. We always welcome new members.

### **Cub Scout's Lake Cleanup Project**

The Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 stream cleanup was held Saturday, April 6 at Buddy Attick Lake Park as a spring service project for the Alice Ferguson Foundation 25th Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

They were joined by neighboring College Park Cub Scout Troop 740 in what was the Greenbelt cubs' third year working on the lake cleanup. In prior years, Pack 202 cleaned the storm water drainage area on Hanover Parkway as well as the stream located along Braden

The purpose of the cleanup was removal of debris from parks, fields, forest, even parking lots before it reaches the Potomac River. The weather cooperated as the scouts sorted garbage and recyclables into blue and yellow bags. The packs walked the entire lake trail and waterline picking up bottles, cans, cigarette butts and other debris, some plucked from the edge of the lake. They were amazed to find a huge number of tennis balls in and alongside the lake. Some interesting items included a car bumper, a folding chair, a metal rod and a fishing pole. Approximately 300 pounds of trash and recyclable items were removed.

At the noon conclusion of this year's cleanup Webelos den leader Irfan Kahn summed up the cubs' lessons from the event by saying, "The cleanup doesn't end today.'

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

### **Greenbelt Named** 2012 Tree City

For the 13th year in a row, Greenbelt has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, the Tree City USA program recognized Greenbelt for meeting the program's four requirements of a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation in 2012.

Greenbelt also garnered a Tree City USA Growth Award for displaying environmental improvement and an increased level of tree care. Tree City USA communities are prided on their energy conservation, increased property values and cleaner air.

More information on the program is available at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

### **Boxwood Annual** Meeting Is May 9

The Boxwood Civic Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 9 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at a Boxwood home, 114 Julian Court. The agenda includes planning for community events (picnic and Labor Day booth), scholarships and other shared concerns.

Refreshments will be served.

### **GHI Notes**

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation - Board

Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., Candidates Forum - (City Council Room)

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting -Board Room

Friday, May 10, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance only call 301-474-6011. Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.,

Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting - GHI Lobby

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

### **GHI Candidates Forum Tuesday**

Candidates for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors and Audit Committee will speak and take questions at a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Room at the Municipal Building.

The forum will be cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21 as well as video-streamed from the City of Greenbelt website. Until the May 16 annual meeting and election, the forum will be replayed on cable stations and be available on demand from the city website. For more details call GHI Member Services at 301-474-4161.

### Legion to Host Life **Line Screening**

The Greenbelt American Legion Post Home, 6900 Greenbelt Road, will host Life Line Screenings of various types on Monday, May 20 for area residents. Preregistration is required with at least five check-in times reported available.

Screenings that may be requested include packages for vascular disease, stroke, heart rhythm and osteoporosis.

### **ACADEMY STADIUM** THEATRE

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### **WEEK OF MAY 3**

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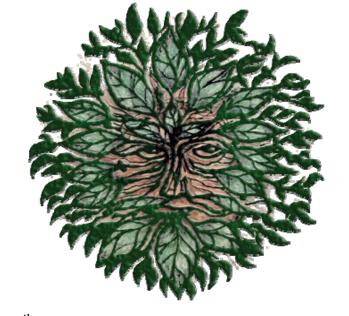
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9<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival May 11 & 12, Roosevelt Center

The 9th Annual Green Man Festival is a celebration of Greenbelt's commitment for the last 10 years to preserve its acres of forests and to extend the urban tree canopy by planting more native fruiting trees.

Festival activities will reconnect us to the folklore of ancient civilizations through science, art, music and myth by featuring many local artists, musicians and performers from Maryland as well as other parts of the country. Join your friends and neighbors for a fun and informative weekend. This event is free and open to all.

For more information on what's happening go to www.greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org

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<u>Greenbriar Community Spring Yard Sale</u> Don't Miss Out! All are invited to enjoy our semi-annual

Light refreshments will be sold.

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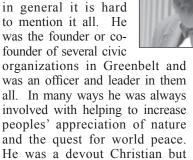


# **Obituaries**

### In Memoriam

### ASG Loses Founding Member, Earth Friend

There is so much good that Doug Love did for the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG), the City of Greenbelt and society in general it is hard to mention it all. He was the founder or cofounder of several civic



Whenever he got a chance he would show a child or adult the value and beauty of the natural world, be it a tree, flower, geologic formation or starry sky. The world is a better place because he lived and we were all lucky he was part of our community.

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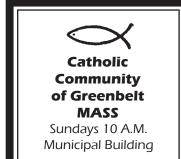
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just seekers of the truth.

I knew Doug for over 30 vears. When I moved to Maryland from Ohio in 1979, I became his friend early on in the early 80s. I didn't drive but he was always glad to take me camping to several places in Maryland, including Rattlesnake Hill, near Cunningham Falls State Park. Originally, we wanted to go camping at the park but it was closed for the season, as it was November 17. Instead of aborting our camping trip, he asked a local farmer near the park if we could camp on his land to watch the stars by just going right up to his house. The farmer was nice and directed us to Rattlesnake Hill, where we spent the next two days and nights. While there Doug encouraged me to watch for the Leonid Meteor Shower because I told him I was a meteor observer years ago when I was younger. He said that he too observed meteors when younger but said we should do it still because it is important for amateurs to contribute their observations. Although we only saw a few Leonid meteors, I credit Doug with helping to get me back into visual meteor watching.

Doug took me camping to observe the stars at other places, like the Mason-Dixon Star Party in York, Pa., and the Stellafane Convention in Springfield, Vt. He was always generous with helping by loaning his camping equipment or sharing a camp meal he prepared. He was always willing to share. He did a lot of camping and volunteer work for the Boy Scouts of America, being a scout leader for 30 years. He often camped at the national Jamboree, where he would teach constellation recognition. He loved the natural world and was always a leader and teacher.

He was an active spelunker



ALL ARE WELCOME.



in his younger days and was able to explore many caves and new rooms never before seen. He got his masters' degree in geology at Indiana State University, doing his thesis on the Geology of Caves and Caverns.

He was also able to publish scientific articles about his explorations.

In 1992, after a meeting of the Goddard Astronomy Club, where he was a member when he worked at Goddard, we decided that it was time to start an astronomy club in Greenbelt. We knew there was a need for another club so other than Goddard people could join. So, in December 1992 Doug arranged and planned the first meeting of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, which later became the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt, at the Greenbelt Library. Although I was fairly active being an officer for several years, I eventually became less involved but Doug stayed active until recently when he no longer could. He not only was an active member the whole time but an officer and the first director of the City of Greenbelt Observatory. Before the observatory was dedicated in 2009 for the International Year of Astronomy, he came to most ASG public star parties with his 6-inch F/8 Newtonian reflector, which had a mirror that he had ground by hand at the Adler Planetarium when he was a younger man living near Chicago.

### Douglas L. Love

Douglas L. Love, 66, of 3 Court Plateau Place, died at the Tate Foundation Chesapeake Hospice in Linthicum on Sunday, April 28, 2013, after a brief illness.



Doug was always interested in geology, astronomy, theology, politics and nature. He maintained his sense of wonder for nature that most people naturally have as children but lose when they become adults. He was always enthusiastic about astronomy. Just last month, after receiving a poor diagnosis about his medical condition, I asked him if he wanted to see Comet PanSTARRS and he became excited at the prospect. I told him it may be difficult to get to the location with his walker but that didn't stop him. He came anyway with the help of his good friend and fellow amateur naturalist Ray Stevens. When we got there, I pointed out where to look and handed him the binoculars. I watched him as he searched and he had a look of disappointment on his face because he initially didn't see it. A short time later he spotted it. He had a big smile on his face, which said it all. For that moment the sense of wonder had taken over his consciousness again and he was one with nature.

We will always miss him dearly and are better Earthlings because we were lucky to know him.

- G.W. Gliba

### In Memoriam

### A Trip to Remember

In 2004 Doug Love sent out an email to ask if anyone from Greenbelt happened to be traveling to Indiana. He had driven to Indiana, his vehicle broke down there and he needed a ride back so he could retrieve his repaired vehicle. I did not know Doug Love except that I often heard of him and read about some of his activities in the Greenbelt News Review. I was feeling a bit adventurous when I offered to drive him to Indiana over the 4th of July weekend. Not only was it an opportunity to help someone but it was also an opportunity to visit my mother's relatives in Indiana.

I picked Mr. Love up at his house at 6 a.m. on the Saturday before the 4th of July and proceeded to drive north into the Maryland mountains. Our route took us briefly into Pennsylvania and West Virginia and then on to Ohio and Indiana. Along the way, he shared his enormous knowledge of the mountains. He pointed out how differences in stone colorations in the various regions affected the color of the road surfaces in which the stone was used. He talked about his

We took turns driving my little Corolla. Mr. Love drove most of the way through Ohio and into Indiana. Although I thought his driving was fine, apparently an Indiana State policeman did not. While Mr. Love was driving we were pulled over by a state policeman who kindly reminded the driver to mind his speed and then we were on our way again. We were reminded again of the dangers of speed when we witnessed a horrific accident on a winding Indiana road not long afterward.

We arrived at Mr. Love's destination, late Saturday afternoon. After introducing me to the couple who ran the camp, he took me on a brief tour of one of the caves on the property. Then, after promising to call Mr. Love early on Monday to be sure his vehicle was working, I departed the camp and headed to my destination 20 miles away. On Monday, I headed back alone to Greenbelt. Our paths never crossed again but I will never forget Doug Love and our 4th of July weekend adventure.

Lucinda Frend



Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:30pm Are Christianity and science mutually exclusive topics? Can one believe in Jesus Christ and the Bible while still pursuing an understanding of the world around us? Speaker, Keith Kauffman has a B.S. from the University of Maryland in the biological sciences and a Masters of Divinity from Capital Bible Seminary. He is employed at the National Institutes of Health.

> Please join us for the lecture followed by lively discussion. 101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301)474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

### **Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church** 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



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**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 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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### **Upcoming Events** At New Deal Café

Thursday, May 2 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, May 3 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then saxophonist Buck Hill returns with the Not 2 Cool Jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, May 4 the Robert Goddard Middle School Jazz Band and Electric Strings perform outside in Roosevelt Center from 4 to 6 p.m. in the first 2013 concert of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano, followed by headliners Willies Light with funk, reggae, Grateful Dead and more from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, May 5 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m., Kellianna and Jenna Greene play goddess and mythology-inspired folk music and chant.

### **NARFE Holds Monthly Meeting at Greenbriar**

The next monthly meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) chapter will be held on Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The speaker will be Nilou Mohazzabi, coach of the Ideal Your Boutique, Health and Wellness Education Seminar (cooking demo on fun and healthy eating). For directions, call the Greenbrian office at 301-441-1096, ext. 0.

### **Arbor Day/Pepco** Tree Giveaway

Applications are now being accepted for this, the third year of the annual joint endeavor of the Arbor Day Foundation and Pepco to provide up to two trees per residence. In exchange for the free trees, customers are expected to care for the trees and plant them in the location provided by an online tool designed to find the most strategic planting locations. The deadline for orders is loosely set at May 15, depending on demand and the trees will be shipped through May 30. Trees can be reserved at www.arborday.org/pepco.

### **Garden Club Holds** Sale in Beltsville

The second Beltsville Garden Club annual spring plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, in the parking lot of High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville.

The sale features annuals, vegetables and herbs in addition to perennials, shrubs and trees. Plants grown in the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse at James E. Duckworth School will also be available. Proceeds from the garden club's greenhouse sales go to help students at Duckworth.

The membership club, celebrating its 61st year, meets monthly with a gardening topic lecture and has several social events each year. It also has a tradition of gardening and philanthropic activities in the community.

For details call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit www. beltsvillegardenclub.org.



# City Information

### **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals Variance Application 13-0002

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on May 14, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Suite 200), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Ms. Halcyon Ahearn for consideration of a request for a variance from Section 27-120.1, Front Yards of Dwelling, waiver of parking area location, for the purpose of widening an existing driveway at 111 Periwinkle Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

### MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH!

Please join us for...

### Wellness Week 2013

Tuesday, May 14: Heart Health-Cardiologist with Doctors Hospital

Wednesday, May 15: Never Too Old to Play-Julia McFadden

Thursday, May 16: Healthy Skin Screening-Washington Adventist

ALL EVENTS begin at 1:00 pm in the dining room of Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

To RSVP, please contact Interim Service Coordinator, Narineh Abrahamian at 301-412-2480.

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 6-10

Monday, May 6 at 8:00 pm, COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Misc. & Other Funds and Capital Projects at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114.

Wednesday, May 8 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Safety at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



**Bike to Work Day** 2013 Friday, May 17th 6:30am-8:30am

Greenbelt Pit Stop at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center biketoworkmetrodc.org Register by May 10th

### SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 4th from 9 am- 12 noon (or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the regular trash.

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 240-542-2153

### HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

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(behind Police Station) Give us a call 301-474-6124 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. See all our pets on Facebook!



**Special Program Through May 11!** 

### **BARTER FOR BARKS:** DONATE TO ADOPT

Donate your time, dog biscuits, cat litter, animal food or any amount of monetary donation to take home a new best friend. You must qualify as an adopter prior to the animal going home. This includes an application, signing a contract and agreeing to a home check.

### AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, May 5 from 1-4pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road Junkman In Action: Performance & Junk Jam (3pm) Enjoy this unique, interactive musical experience featuring over 125 junk objects that have been recycled into musical instruments. Ceramics workshop (1-3pm) with Artists in Residence Mary Gawlik and Gina Denn. Contribute to a "crazy quilt" tile mural. Great project for the whole family! Open to all ages. Free; materials are provided. Artists in Residence studio open house,



at www.PartnersinPreservation.com! The Greenbelt Theatre is a finalist in a contest being sponsored by Partners in Preservation and American Express through May 10th.

PRESERVATION

Keep voting, all sites will receive some funding! PARTNERS Help the city win funding for the theatre renovation project by voting for the Greenbelt Theatre daily. That's right, VOTE EVERY DAY OF THE CAMPAIGN!

You can vote once a day. The Theatre will also gain points if you Tweet it @ cityofgreenbelt #greenbelt theatre, or post it at facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt or instagram it #greenbelttheatre or check in with Foursquare.

### JOIN US FOR A GROUP VOTE AT ROOSEVELT CENTER! Sunday, May 5 from 12-2pm

Songs from the movies sing-along with the Children's Choir from St. Mary's in Laurel! Free keychains! At 1 pm we will take an aerial picture of our Greenbelt Theatre supporters. Bring your smartphones. We will also have some computers on hand for you to vote on.

LET'S CROWD ROOSEVELT CENTER AND VOTE!

### FOREST PRESERVE **ADVISORY**

Please be advised that cutting wood, branches, trees, etc... in the forest preserve is against the law. If you observe any such activity, please report it to the Greenbelt Police at 301-474-7200.

To learn more about the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, download the brochure available at www.greenbeltmd.gov/ boards committees/ FPAB.pdf



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leafy greens adorned lines of display tables featuring information and healthy food, mostly of the green variety.

Business was booming in dehydrated kale chips – coconut pineapple, nacho and jalapeño pepper – and kale salads. Kale smoothies and kale ice cream cones were a big hit with kids, adults and even several canines in attendance. Why kale? According to Bob Pyle of Ellicott City, one of the event organizers, "Kale is the single most nutrient rich food. It is a symbol of good health."

Despite the light-hearted spirit

of the day, serious conversations could be overheard. More than 30 vendors and nonprofit vegetarian, animal rights and environmental groups, as well as "the largest group of vegan athletes in the area" dispensed information and coached people who were considering the switch to a vegan lifestyle.

"Changing yourself is the hardest part . . . . It's so much easier to find good vegan food nowadays . . . . It's not too hard to get used to . . . . You just have to break your cheese addiction. . . ."

Shankar Balasubramanian re-

cently moved to Greenbelt and volunteers for the Vegetarian Society of D.C. "I didn't know much about the environment when I became a vegan," he said, "but I've learned this is good for me, for animals and for the earth. I eat on the path of least destruction."

At the next table over, a woman leafed through a flyer on International Respect for Chickens Day (May 4). "I'm just appalled by the chicken industry," she said. "I'm definitely giving up eggs."

Tracey and Tommy Gill came from Baltimore to attend the event. "I became a vegan in

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January," said Tracey, carefully rearranging her necklace of collard greens. She had been having issues with digesting dairy products and then she read some studies on how "a vegan diet can really lower a woman's cancer risks," so she made the switch. "I'm surprised how good celery juice is!"

It didn't surprise organizer Bob Pyle that the Gills came down from Baltimore. "A lot of people from Baltimore came. We had some good speakers and the vegan community is pretty close," he said. Fellow organizer Cam MacQueen said that she had received calls from vegan groups as far away as Seattle wanting to know how they could organize a festival.

MacQueen gave an enthusiastic two thumbs up to the gathering. "I am delighted at the diversity here. At its heart, Greenbelt is a very diverse community. Today we've come together over the issue of healthful, compassionate food."

Information on how and why people consider a vegan lifestyle is available on the website of festival sponsor A Well-Fed World at http://awellfedworld.org/.



# **NEWS IN REVIEW**

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May 2, 2013

# GHI ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. Community Center Gymnasium

Elections for five (5) new Board members, Audit Committee, and Nominations & Elections (N&E) Committee members.

Anyone wishing to run for one of these offices should fill out a Candidate's Package (available online at <a href="www.ghi.coop/"www.ghi.coop/"www.ghi.elections">www.ghi.coop/</a>
<a href="content/ghi-elections">content/ghi-elections</a>
or by hard copy at the GHI office) and return it to the GHI management office or to a member of the N&E Committee no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

# Meet the candidates! Candidates' Forum Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

in the Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact anyone from the N&E Committee:

Henry Haslinger (chair): hdhaslinger@comcast.net
Paula Clinedinst: cotteyterp@comcast.net
Carol Griffith: carolagrif@msn.com
Mara Hemminger: bigsky\_3@hotmail.com
Sylvia Lewis: revs.lew@verizon.net

### WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.

Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.						
	Ma	у				
Sat	4	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation			
Wed	8	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee			
Thu	9	7:30 pm	Board Meeting			
Fri	10		OFFICES CLOSED*			
Mon	13	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee			
Mon	13	7:30 pm	Nominations & Elections Committee			
Mon	13	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee			
Wed	15	7:00 pm	Finance Committee			
Wed	15	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee			
Thu	16	7:30 pm	Annual Meeting (Registration at 7pm)			
Mon	20	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation			
Mon	20	7:00 pm	Communications Committee			
Tue	21	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee			
Tue	21	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee			
Wed	22	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee			
Thu	23	7:30 pm	Board Meeting			
Fri	24		OFFICES CLOSED*			
Mon	27		OFFICES CLOSED*-Memorial Day			
June						
Sat	1	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation			

\*Maintenance service is available - for emergencies only - outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.

(Dates are subject to change)

### **GHI Maintenance Projects for May**

Contractors will be working throughout GHI on the following maintenance projects:

# Concrete Sidewalk Repairs (JAC Construction) Gutter Cleaning (Gilbert General Contractors)

To protect your privacy, please remember to keep your blinds & curtains closed while gutter cleaning is in progress.

If you have any questions about these activities, please contact Rean in the Technical Services office at 301-474-4161, ext. 143 or email: rseecharran@ghi.coop.

### **Exterior Trim Paint Program**

GHI employees will begin the annual trim painting project soon. Over 300 units throughout GHI will be included. Affected members will be notified individually ahead of time via door-hanger.

### **Community Beautification Program**

Community-wide inspections began May 1. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact:

Herb Jackson, Community Beautification Inspector 301-474-4161 extension 139 e-mail <a href="mailto:hjackson@ghi.coop">hjackson@ghi.coop</a> or

George Bachman, Asst. Maintenance Manager 301-474-4161 extension 155 e-mail gbachman@ghi.coop

### GHI Guest House



Having guests this summer and don't have room for them? GHI's Guest House is a furnished apartment in the Parkway Apartments, with room for up to four (4) adults.

There are still dates available to rent the GHI Guest House. For more information, go to www.ghi.coop and search "Guest House" or contact Christine Gyemfi: 301-474-4161, ext. 147

cgyemfi@ghi.coop



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### **Pepco Pole and Line Work Progressing**

Pepco contractors are continuing to set poles and install replacement electrical transmission equipment in the area from 1 Ridge to Ridge/Northway and 1 Crescent to Crescent/Hillside.

Residents should expect increased truck traffic and parking restrictions during this period. Most work will take place in the City right-of-ways along major streets. Members will be given advance notice of parking restrictions inside court areas or any planned power outages.

For any questions please contact: Matt Berres, Director, Maintenance Operations, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. <a href="mailto:mber-res@ghi.coop">mber-res@ghi.coop</a> or 301-474-4161 x132.

# Interested in a GHI home? Attend a Pre-Purchase Orientation

Saturday, May 4 at 11 am or Monday, May 20 at 7 pm

For more information, Contact Bruce Mangum: 301-474-4161, ext. 146 contractprocessing@ghi.coop

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year's budget. Included are two Chevrolet Tahoes, four Ford Interceptor utility vehicles and one Chevrolet Impala police car. The two Tahoes, which provide necessary equipment space, will be assigned to officers in the commercial vehicle inspection unit. The Interceptors will be used for general patrol and for the crime prevention/public information officer. The one Impala will be used by detectives in special operations.

The Police Department looked at shifting from use of the Chevrolet Caprice police car to the Ford Interceptor because of long delays in delivery of the Caprices last year. Other advantages were that the Interceptors not only have higher ergonomic ratings but also would be \$3,800 cheaper per unit. Chief James Craze explained that the Interceptor is a crossover vehicle that is specifically designed and built for police work. At this time, there are still no alternative fuel vehicles certified for police emergency use. Craze confirmed that all the department's fleet must be certified for emergency

### **Operations Assessment**

In discussions last year for the FY13 budget, council directed that a request for proposals (RFP) be issued for a consulting firm to conduct an organizational assessment of the city's operations. The budget included \$50,000 for the study. Sparked by a vacancy in an assistant director position in the Recreation Department, this discussion arose regarding whether it was necessary to maintain the city's practice of having two assistant directors of departments. The council decided there was a need for an external operational alignment study to determine if the city had the right positions in the right departments to provide city services effectively.

Issued in December, the RFP generated responses from 15 firms. This number was reduced by the city manager and staff to four firms judged to have extensive experience in this type of work. Two were then identified as the top competitors: the Mercer Group and the Matrix Consulting Group, both of which submitted budgets just below \$50,000. Of the two, city staff recommended Matrix. Not only is the firm's focus exclusively on analysis of local government management, finance, staffing and operations but it has both extensive and recent experience in assessment in these areas. Councilmembers indicated general approval of the recommendation, which will return as a resolution for negotiated purchase on the agenda of the next meeting.

### **Support Letters**

On March 18 the NLC sent out a "call to action" to its members regarding pending federal legislation that could either cap (at 28 percent as proposed by the Obama administration)

or completely eliminate (as proposed by the Simpson-Bowles Commission) the tax-exempt status of local government financing, including municipal bonds. The NLC estimates that had such a cap been in place over the last decade, the cost to state and local governments for interest expenses would have been \$173 billion and it would have been \$495 billion if the exemption had been eliminated over that period. The city council agreed to respond as requested by the NLC and ask the city's federal delegation to support the continuance of tax-exempt financing.

Aaron Marcavitch, executive director of ATHA, gave a brief update on ATHA activities, including this year's War of 1812 Bicentennial events, the growth of bicycle tourism and progress on the Anacostia bike trail. Later on the agenda, council approved a letter to be sent to the Office of Heritage Planning and Outreach at the Maryland Historical Trust in support of ATHA's Fiscal Year 2014 management funding.

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> managerpost 136@comcast.net Contact Steve Messer

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Grocery	Bargains	<u> </u>	Grocery Bargains		
Knorr Assorted \$ 100 Rice-or-Pasta Sidedishes 3.8-5.7 oz.	Green Giant \$ 100 Canned Vegetables Corn/Peas/Green Beans 12-16 oz.		Ragu Assorted \$ 150 Pasta Sauces 16-24 oz.	Skippy Assorted \$200 Peanut Butter 15-16.3 oz	
Bumble Bee \$ 100 Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz.	Stroehmans Dutch Country Breads Asst. 20-24 oz.	Mother's Pay	All Liquid \$399 Laundry Detergent 50 oz.	Thomas Assorted BUY ONE GET ONE Bagels or FREE Mini Bagels 15-20 oz.	
Deli	Bakery	Natural & Gourmet	Health & Beauty	Beer & Wine	
Oven Roasted  Turkey Breast	Fresh Store Baked \$ 129 Italian Bread loaf	Vigo Yellow Rice 10 oz.	Prilosec \$929 OTC Tablets 14 pack	Ice House \$429 Beer 6 pk.–12 oz. cans	
New Yorker \$629 White American Cheese	Fresh Store Baked \$499 Mixed Berry Pie 8-inch	Olde Cape Cod \$ 199 Salad Dressings Asst. 8 oz.	Dove Assorted \$349 Shampoo or Conditioner 12-16 oz.	Jacob's Creek \$769 Wines 750 ML	

# **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.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Robbery

April 19, 7:49 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. Two men and a woman approached another person, brandished a knife and took the person's property. Both men are described as black, one 6'1" tall and the other 5'6" tall, with both wearing dark-colored clothing. The other robber is described as a pregnant black woman wearing a pink shirt. The person robbed was not injured.

#### Arrests

April 21, 12:07 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road. A 24-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$100 after being stopped in a vehicle displaying a W. Va. tag reported stolen through Howard County Police. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 22, 12:06 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. Two nonresident men were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and trespassing on posted property. They were released on citations pending trial.

#### Burglary

April 19, 1:58 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Nothing was taken.

April 22, 6:28 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Clothing and currency were taken.

April 22, 12:33 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics were taken.

### Dems Club Will March Sunday in CROP Walk

Sunday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. this year's local yearly Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Walk will start off at the Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, to begin the 1 to 3 mile route around Lake Artemesia in College Park.

Greenbelt's Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club will be represented with at least a dozen members participating with over 300 other walkers from 24 churches planning to participate.

Beneficiaries of the CROP Walk are Church World Service, with Help by Phone of Prince George's County receiving 25 percent. Walkers get pledges from sponsors, then turn the money over for distribution. Help by Phone of Prince George's County provides direct help locally without red tape through their eight food pantries.

The local CROP Walk began in 1981 and last year raised \$55,000. All are welcome.

### Christmas in April

The Roosevelt Club participated in the recent Christmas in April, where 85 county homes were rehabbed in a one-day blitz of activity by hundreds of county volunteers. Participating club members included Keith Bare, Emmett Jordan, Lyn and Bob Doyle.

The next meeting is May 17 and will include a report from Greenbelt's state Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Ann Healey, joined by new Delegate Alonzo Washington. That meeting will be in the Terrace Room at Greenbriar's Community Center and will include refreshments. All are welcome.

April 24, 6:32 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Electronics were taken.

April 24, 6:53 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Electronics were taken.

### Vandalism

April 24, 9:52 a.m., Braden Ballfields. The doorknobs of a storage shed were damaged.

#### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen, a 2001 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags taken from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive and a gold 2000 Dodge Intrepid with Md. tags taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A Jeep taken from the 6000 block Springhill Drive and a Dodge taken from the 6100 block Breezewood Court were both recovered by D.C. Metropolitan police the day after being stolen. No arrests were made in either case.

Three reports of thefts from autos were received: 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (three vehicles were broken into), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (rear Md. tag), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (iPod, set of rims and tires).

Vandalism was reported at Mandan Road at Mandan Court (several locks on a vehicle were damaged) and 7900 block Mandan Road (vehicle was scratched).



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of city activist Doug Love, 66, on Sunday, April 28, 2013.

Condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy Peters of Green Ridge House, who died on April 20, 2013.

### **Congratulations to:**

– Christina Doepel, a teacher at Greenbelt Middle School, who was named "History Day Teacher of the Year for Prince George's County" at the Maryland State History Day competition in Baltimore. She was at the competition with students Erin Delaney, Elizabeth Gardner, Tooba Malik, Theresa Ozga and Jamie Rogers-Sites, who presented a project on the Irish Potato Famine.

– longtime senior-exercise instructor Nancy Shaffer on the publication of her first book, "Accidentally on Purpose." The line of friends and students at her book-signing at the New Deal Café on April 26 was long and enthusiastic.

Several Greenbelters were among attendees at the weekend celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum on Sunday, April 28. Leonie Penney and her daughter Olga Garber, Jordan and Eva Choper and Jerry Dancis attended that evening's events, along with over 1,000 other invited survivors and World War II veterans. The Elie Wiesel award, presented to the veterans, was accepted on their behalf by Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Chopers returned on Monday for the final day of the anniversary cel-



Leonie Penney shown in front of the Holocaust Museum on Sunday, April 28.

ebration, which included speeches by former president Bill Clinton and Elie Wiesel himself, both of whom spoke 20 years ago at the museum's opening ceremony.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at news-review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

# **Explore Hypnosis For Weight Loss**

On Friday, May 10 the Explorations Unlimited speaker will be Erick Lundin – following the May 3 Explorations nutrition presentation by an exploration of another safe weight loss method – that of hypnosis and how it can assist with losing weight. Unlike diets, nothing is given up and no missing or craving can result.

Hypnosis offers an easy way to reduce the quantities consumed of enjoyed foods and satisfy appetite. Lundin, who was a registered nurse for 30 years in emergency rooms, ICUs and recovery also worked as chief nurse of a prison hospital in the Federal Bureau of Prisons until retiring. When he learned what hypnosis could accomplish he trained at Omni Hypnosis Training Center and became a certified hypnotherapist, then a National Guild of Hypnotists certified instructor, later joining College Park Hypnosis Center, LLC, formed in 2011.

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### Bike to Work – What's Not to Like?

by Jim Link

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Greenbelt's own pit stop is at the Aquatic and Fitness Center at 101 Centerway, from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. with the first convoy to leave at 7 a.m. for the College Park pit stop en route to Freedom Plaza. Coordinators are William Smith of Greenbelt Public Works, Greenbelt Human Resources Director Mary Johnson, Community Center Supervisor Di Ouynn-Reno and Stephen Park and Julie Magness of the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

"You'll get bagels from the Greenbelt Co-op; if you register to ride before May 10, you'll get a swag bag sponsored by the Anacostia Trail Heritage Area," Quynn-Reno said. "The Greenbelt convoy has 36 registrants (April 29).'

Moi: "What's in the swag

Di: "Stuff We All Get,' "get it? Pens, pads of paper, maybe an umbrella hat. Plus Arrow Bicycles in Hyattsville is providing a mechanic to get riders launched safely."

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Moi: "It's sort of a 'be there or be square' offer for bicyclists, right?"

Di: "Yup. Be round and bike to work, I guess."

Moi: "Or spherical or rhomboid or trapezoidal . . . ."

# in Center this Saturday

Music students from Robert Goddard Middle School in Seabrook will perform Saturday, May 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Roosevelt Center at a free outdoor concert presented by the New Deal Café.

The first in this year's series is part of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Concert Series, named in honor of Café volunteer and supporter Eileen Peterson. It is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), with support from the City of Greenbelt.

### Peterson Youth Concert Computer Club Meeting to Be Held May 9

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The Greenbelt Computer Club to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15

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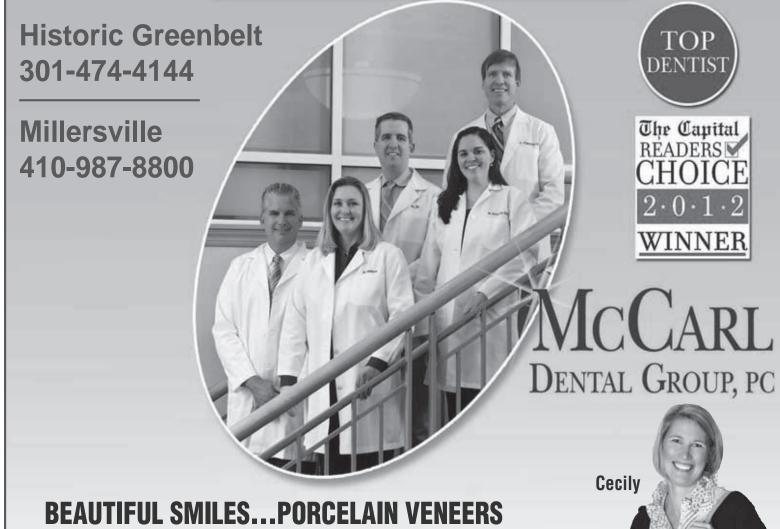
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trash collection fee for Greenbelt residents.

For some Greenbelt business accounts, however, proposed increases in refuse/recycling fees range from 10 to 100 percent depending on disposal costs for the city.

The Roosevelt Center budget is proposed to increase by \$6,900 over that of last year. This increase reflects overruns in the funds expended last year to deal with water and sewer and issues of building maintenance.

The proposed budget for Parks in FY14 is \$21,000 more than last year.

The budget for Traffic Control devices is proposed for a \$5,000 decrease.

Last year's combination fireworks and light display with accompanied music received mixed reviews, mainly because viewers felt the music was distracting. Many, however, could not readily hear the music, depending upon where they were located in the park.

The Public Works staff provided council with several alternatives, including a fireworks plus laser show. Councilmembers' feelings were mixed and although no final decision was made, staff will include a traditional firework display as an alternative proposal for submission at an upcoming council meeting.

### Electricity

Staff handouts provided comparisons for the city's contracted purchases of electricity. Currently (excuse the pun) the city contracts with Clean Currents for electricity by wind energy. City staff had contacted Washington Gas Energy Services (WGES) as an alternate supplier for the contract that expires in June 2013.

Clean Currents' latest quote is 7.98 cents per kilowatt hour, with WGES coming in 4 percent lower at 7.684 cents per kWh. Both quotes are for a two-year term with "100% wind renewable energy credits."

City staff estimated nearly \$15,000 savings for contracting with WGES. Again, no decision was made but the topic will be discussed at an upcoming council meeting.

### **Council Review**

Mayor Judith Davis led council through a page-by-page review of the Public Works budget. Individual councilmembers noted commentary on particular accomplishments during the past year and objectives for FY14.

### **Public Events**

When council reached a list of assistance items relating to public events scheduled for Roosevelt Center, Davis opined that, considering the effort that Public Works crews had put forth for sponsors of events in the Center, maybe the city should set some fee levels for services provided. McLaughlin gave a quick response, however, that those public events bring residents, customers and visitors to Roosevelt Center, which benefits the city and merchants in the Center.

It was also announced at the meeting that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Agency (WMATA) will rearrange bus stops at Crescent and Gardenway to improve the accommodation there of bus transfers. It is likely that up to five currently-available parking spaces will be lost in this transition, some on Crescent and some on Gardenway.

### **Sustainability Goals**

Several topics relating to Greenbelt's sustainability goals were discussed at the Public Works Department budget worksession on Wednesday, April 17. City Manager Michael McLaughlin pointed out that utilizing the greenhouse gas calculation methodology of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), the city has reduced Greenbelt's generation of greenhouse gases (carbon footprint) by 55 percent from 2005 levels.

McLaughlin said this calculation is well ahead of goals set by the State of Maryland and the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments. In addition, the city's total energy consumption has been reduced 13 percent from another 2005 baseline.

Still another accomplishment was a recycling rate of 56 percent of refuse collection in 2012, with an estimate that 58 percent will be achieved in 2013. Several councilmembers inquired about distribution of the larger recycling bins in other city neighborhoods beyond Boxwood and Greenspring. McLaughlin has not proposed buying additional totes for FY14.

Councilmember Leta Mach mentioned a pilot composting program. Apparently a push exists for such a program in Greenbelt, despite concerns about its applicability to neighborhoods where homeowner associations may have rules impeding its implementation.

Objectives for the coming year relating to sustainability include: reduce total city energy consumption by 15 percent by 2015; raise City recycling percentage to 63 percent by 2015; work with the City Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) in implementation of its Sustainability Master Plan to achieve Sustainable Maryland status; continue discussion with businesses and apartment complexes to promote recycling; and expand the recycling rolling cart program.

# **Heather Mizeur Meet And Greet Saturday**

On Saturday, May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Greenbelters Frank and Susan Gervasi, Michael Hartman and Lore Rosenthal are hosting a Meet and Greet with Delegate Heather Mizeur at the Gervasi home, 163 Research Road.

Not a fundraiser, Mizeur is eyeing a run for governor in 2014. Even though the election is not until next year, her views exemplify values that thrive in Greenbelt; she will share her vision for the state and talk with attendees, discussing their ideas.

Mizeur's legislative record includes efforts to expand health coverage, create high-tech and green jobs, promote marriage equality and protect the environment. The Baltimore Sun praised her as "one of the leading environmental advocates in the General Assembly." The Washington Post featured her plans on how to support K-12 education, create Maryland job opportunities and rebuild the transportation infrastructure.

# It Takes A Child to Build A Fairy Village at Green Man

by Richard McMullin

Much of the time we are distracted by all the Big Things going on around us. The symphony of urban life can overwhelm the senses. That is why finding a quiet place or a secret place where we can concentrate on just one thing can be so healthful and reviving.

Children know how to block out the world and play inside the bubble of their imaginations, which is something that they also know how to share with one another. With that in mind, several of the folks working on family activities for the Green Man Festival are planning to have a special workshop to help kids think up and build tiny houses and other buildings for a fairy village that will be a part of the festival this year.

Tom Goodridge, the Green Man actor, along with Joan Clement and Linda Jackson, have been collecting natural items such as bark, twigs, moss and stones from around Greenbelt for several weeks to use as building materials. The village will be located in a green space in Roosevelt Center for all to see. It will be later relocated to

### **Open House**

Sunday, May 5 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 1A Plateau Place

2BR, 2BA End Unit Call 240-381-3296 Come see it before we list it! a secret spot that only children can visit. Little builders may apply for fairy permits at the table right across from the New Deal Café.

Think small and act with imagi-

The Green Man Festival will be held May 11 and 12 at Roosevelt Center.

Richard McMullin is the Green Man Festival coordinator.

### WSSC Azalea Garden Now Open, Blooming

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) Brighton Dam Azalea Garden in Brookeville, renowned for its spring beauty, is now open after a cool March. Featuring five acres of more than 20,000 azaleas in various stages of growth, it now has about 10 percent flowering in a variety of dazzling colors.

The garden at 2 Brighton Dam Road is free and open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 301-774-9124.

# The Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series

presents a free outdoor concert featuring Robert Goddard Middle School!

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