

Clinton, Hoyer Win Greenbelt, Other Races Are Close in City

by James Giese

For each state election it becomes more difficult for News Review staff to gather Greenbelt election results. Volunteers have to go to the election precincts in the city after polls are closed. Election results are supposed to be posted on the door. This time, one set of results was posted so it could not be read through the door and another was not posted on an outside door. Neither the county or state provide election counts by precinct.

With a press deadline to meet, this story had to be written based on only partial city results.

Although not all Greenbelt precincts have been heard from, tallies from three of them indicate that Greenbelt voters, like state voters, strongly support Hillary Clinton as the Democratic presidential candidate. Voting results from precincts in Greenbelt East, West and Center all put Clinton in the lead, although not as strongly as state wide. While

Republicans constitute only about 10 percent of Greenbelt voters and that party's turnout was lower than that of Democrats, Greenbelters have made it a close race between Donald Trump, John Kasich and Ted Cruz with Trump slightly in the lead in the three precincts reporting at this writing. Statewide Trump was well ahead of the other candidates.

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Recreation Budget, Goals Reviewed by City Council

by Diane Oberg

The recreation budget accounts for roughly 16 percent of City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget with expenditures of \$4.36 million for Fiscal Year 2017. From that budget, the department operates four recreation centers (the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the Skate Park and Schrom Hills Park), the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Community Center. It also provides a variety of programs on arts, summer camps for kids, therapeutic recreation for seniors and those with special needs, and athletic and fitness activities for all ages.

The Numbers

On April 18 the Greenbelt City Council, McLaughlin and recreation and other city staff met to review the proposed budget. Although the official budget category is "Recreation and Parks," with a proposed budget of \$5.5 million, council held with its tradition of reviewing the budget by departments not budget categories. The Parks portion of the budget, which will be reviewed

at council's April 27 worksession, accounts for \$1.2 million of the budget category. Figures in this story will be based upon recreation expenditures excluding parks.

Even ignoring the parks account, recreation accounts for more of the city's proposed FY17 expenditures (16.1 percent) than any other area save public safety. The Aquatics and Fitness Center (\$1.1 million, 25.8 percent) and Community Center (\$860,900, 19.8 percent) are the two top accounts followed by administration (\$627,200, 14.4 percent) and the four recreation centers (\$612,300, 14.1 percent).

Program areas make up the rest of the budget, including Greenbelt's Kids (\$463,200 or 10.6 percent), Therapeutic Recreation (\$177,600, 4.1 percent), adult programs in Fitness and Leisure (\$107,800, 2.5 percent), Arts (\$206,400, 4.7 percent) and Special Events (\$176,200, 4.0 percent).

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Primary Election -- Greenbelt Precincts							
(Unofficial Results)							
Precinct Polling Place	21- 3	21- 6	21- 8	21-13	21-18	Total	Percent
	Community Center	Greenbelt Elementary	Springhill Lake	Eleanor Roosevelt	Turning Point**		
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY							
President of the United States							
Hillary Clinton	482	388	231	436		1,537	57%
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente	2	0	0	0		2	0%
Bernie Sanders	416	352	135	218		1,121	42%
Uncommitted to Any Candidate	17	13	2	8		40	1%
Total	917	753	368	662	0	2,700	100%
U.S. Senator							
Freddie Donald Dickson, Jr.	5	1	16	15		37	1%
Donna F. Edwards	334	252	216	363		1,165	44%
Ralph Jaffe	2	1	5	3		11	0%
Theresa C. Scaldaferrri	8	4	3	10		25	1%
Charles U. Smith	6	4	2	7		19	1%
Violet Staley	6	2	6	4		18	1%
Blaine Taylor	1	3	1	4		9	0%
Ed Tinus	3	0	0	0		3	0%
Chris Van Hollen	524	443	98	248		1,313	50%
Lih Young	8	3	5	5		21	1%
Total	897	713	352	659	0	2,621	100%
U.S. Congress - 5th District							
Kristen Beck	78	74	61	75		288	11%
Steny H. Hoyer	701	596	176	434		1,907	76%
Debbie F. Wilson	72	37	102	114		325	13%
Total	851	707	339	623	0	2,520	100%
Number Voting	917	755	368	663		2,703	
Unofficial Registration	1,931	1,432	1,741	1,877	1,946	6,981	
Turnout	47%	53%	21%	35%	0%	39%	
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY							
President of the United States							
Jeb Bush	1	2	0	1		4	1%
Ben Carson	1	2	0	4		7	2%
Chris Christie	0	1	0	0		1	0%
Ted Cruz	25	35	5	9		74	24%
Carly Fiorina	3	1	0	0		4	1%
Mike Huckabee	2	0	0	0		2	1%
John R. Kasich	32	45	5	15		97	31%
Rand Paul	0	1	0	0		1	0%
Marco Rubio	1		0	0		1	0%
Rick Santorum	1		0	0		1	0%
Donald J. Trump	33	66	4	18		121	39%
Total	99	153	14	47	0	313	100%
U.S. Senator							
Chris Chaffee	10	25	1	7		43	17%
Sean P. Connor	8	8	0	4		20	8%
Richard J. Douglas	5	11	0	3		19	8%
John R. Graziani	8	7	1	0		16	6%
Greg Holmes	3	10	1	6		20	8%
Joseph David Hooe	2	3	0	5		10	4%
Chrys Kefalas	7	10	0	1		18	7%
Mark McNicholas	3	6	1	3		13	5%
Lynn Richardson	7	10	5	2		24	10%
Anthony Seda	1	1	1	1		4	2%
Richard Shawver	0	0	0	0		0	0%
Kathy Szeliga	18	30	2	5		55	22%
Dave Wallace	4	2	0	2		8	3%
Garry Thomas Yarrington	0	1	0	0		1	0%
Total	76	124	12	39	0	251	100%
U.S. Congress - 5th District							
Mark Amess	44	75	7	26		152	63%
Charles Sam Faddis	28	44	4	15		91	37%
Total	72	119	11	41	0	243	100%
Number Voting	100	153	14	47		314	
Unofficial Registration	253	343	89	160	165	845	
Turnout	40%	45%	16%	29%	0%	37%	

** Despite valiant efforts by the editor, including a quick dumpster dive, no results were available at Turning Point. Totals are computed without including the voter base for the Turning Point precinct.

No 2016 Pulitzer for GNR

by Cathie Meetre

In January, the Greenbelt News Review submitted an entry for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Public Service. We have no history of self-promoting behavior and can scarcely be accused of operating on a global scale, but it seemed worth a try. The Pulitzer folks were generous in answering our neophyte questions and even letting us have a second crack at the submission when we did it wrong the first time. We thank them for their help and all those at the paper who contributed time and effort to putting together an intriguing, if unsuccessful, submission.

April 18 was the long-awaited announcement of the 2016 prizes. The News Review is unabashed to announce that we didn't win.

Yup, didn't even make the finals.

If you're thinking sour grapes, not at all – quite the contrary. The winning submission – a first-rate group of stories from the Associated Press (AP) about thousands of people held as slaves in Thailand to harvest seafood for export to the U.S. – makes us deeply grateful that Greenbelt doesn't provide the depth of corruption, depravity, human misery and exploitation that would make the cut. We applaud AP for devoting its resources and the reporters who risked their lives to address this evil. They are made of stern stuff.

We submitted our application on the basis that sustaining a

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 30

9 a.m. to noon, Shredding Day, Parking Lot Behind Credit Union

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Prescription Drug Take-back Day, Police Station

Monday, May 2

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession with CARES followed by:

8:30 p.m., Budget Worksession with Planning Dept., Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, May 3

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting, Police Station

Wednesday, May 4

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

Letters to the Editor

What is Economic Development?

The proposed Lakeside North highrise is not economic development; it is gentrification. Now, we are forced to wonder why it was necessary for the mayor and the city manager to meet privately with the developer and what assurances these two city employees gave the developer. Some of the councilmembers at the worksession seemed to applaud this project as economic development. Possibly to them, this development will increase the property tax base. However, the developer said that this project is a "tax shelter" – in other words, a way of hiding money from taxes.

All Greenbelters should have a say in what projects the city supports. I think that true economic development creates productive, well-paying jobs and improves our quality of life. For example, a casino, the FBI headquarters and retail are not economic development. Nor are "public-private partnerships" that transfer public resources to private control.

It is time for each councilmember to publish their specific economic development ideas that go beyond videos or slogans like "all in." In particular, how would the non-taxpaying FBI headquarters improve Greenbelt? It would require police and fire protection, cut off watershed access and change the civic environment. What ideas do they have to encourage economic activity around Goddard or to develop Greenbelt as a healthcare center? No further consultant reports are needed because, if consultants had a solution, every city would be using it.

Henry Haslach

Support Rather Than Complain

Concerning some of what Ashley Landreth wrote in her letter in the March 24 issue:

Quote: "How would someone who has a health condition and can no longer care for their dog feel if they later found out the pooch they entrusted to GAS (Greenbelt Animal Shelter) ended up being killed at the County shelter?" Apparently, seeking to depict shelter intake scenarios as more benign than they often are, Landreth misleads us. A more representative question would be: "How would someone feel who got rid of their dog at GAS, because it became grievously ill or dangerous, neglected or abused?"

Quote: "...Almquist gave one example of GAS sending a box of 5 kittens to the County Shelter - and county records support other documented cases of dogs and cats that GAS animal control

officers dumped at the county shelter, which is a high-kill facility." Landreth has misled us by placing this kitten incident in the context of dogs and cats taken to the shelter to be killed. Everyone involved with shelters knows that kittens are the most adoptable cats. Were these kittens actually killed?

Quote: "...when there is a shortage of space, true no-kill facilities transfer animals to other no-kill facilities or to specialized organizations that do not kill for space reasons." Landreth is simply misinformed here, since no resource panacea exists for unwanted animals, as any such space would tend to fill up instantly. The same pet animals that suffered from owners too busy to care for them at home will immediately be needing time-intensive care at the animal shelter.

Quote: "The responsible thing to do is to remove the description of no kill...until GAS and an outside unbiased auditing entity can review the city and county animal disposition documentation and come to the conclusion that the GAS is actually performing as a no-kill facility." I claim that any conclusion drawn by such an entity would be useless if it does not compare the performance of the Greenbelt shelter with that of the shelters within each and every other County jurisdiction. An honest survey would include the jurisdictions which have no animal shelter, since their effective kill rates would likely run well over 60 percent, since nearly all of their unwanted animals going to the County shelter. Greenbelt should be praised for its valiant efforts to insure the best hired, professional and voluntary care that can be accessed for unwanted animals.

Landreth and Almquist complaints damage the reputation of the shelter and might keep some persons from longer-term volunteering, thereby increasing the likelihood of actual closing of the shelter. The likely result would be the killing of about 200 additional animals per year.

Remarkably, in her depiction of shelter performance Landreth has omitted the best testimonials to its operating in the spirit of a no-kill shelter. What about Miss Kitty who was "queen of the Shelter" for six years before her adoption? What about the sweet and scary-looking dog that has been there since before January 2015? What about Outlaw, the 27-pound cat who was adopted only after many months? And, what about Fiona, the special needs cat paralyzed from waist down, but now sometimes outfitted with rear wheels, who will likely be there for years? (by the way, she sports the most beautiful black and white coat I have ever

seen) And what about the aggressive cats that are becoming more sociable only after many months of dedicated care? All of these animals would have been euthanized in short order had they found themselves in a facility programmed into the rapid dumping of less adoptable animals.

In lieu of misguided, obsessive attempts at rigid control, just join those who are actually caring for animals in Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights. This would be to work with animals in the existing shelter as well as to help plan and see to the construction of a modern, larger, cageless, tri-city shelter which would include among other things, restrooms, a separate story or wing for the dogs and finally a cat café which could accommodate a yoga class as does Crumbs and Whiskers in Georgetown. Presently such a shelter is only a dream of staff and shelter supporters.

Bill Norwood

Leave It Cleaner

In the April 25 Washington Post, there was a letter to the editor citing an interview during the 2014 World Cup where the interviewer mentioned to a Japanese citizen that their venues always looked so clean after events, to which the individual replied that the Japanese try to leave places

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SHOWTIMES
Apr 29 – May 5

A HOLOGRAM FOR
THE KING

(CCAP) (R) (97 m.)

Fri. 3:25 PM, 5:35 PM,
7:45 PM

Sat. 1:15 PM, 3:25 PM,
5:35 PM, 7:45 PM

Sun. 1:15 PM(OC), 3:25 PM,
5:35 PM

Mon. 5:35 PM, 7:45 PM

Tues. 5:35 PM, 7:45 PM

Wed. 3:25 PM, 5:35 PM,
7:45 PM

Thur. 5:35 PM, 7:45 PM

Cult Series:
A Prince Tribute:
PURPLE RAIN
(1984) (R) (111 m.)
Fri. 11:00 PM
Sun. 11:00 AM

Family Series:
ON THE TOWN
(1949) (NR) (98 m.)
Sat. 11:00 AM

On Screen

Hologram for the King Review

A Hologram For The King, starring Tom Hanks, directed by Tom Twyker (Run Lola Run), is coming to Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, April 29. Hanks plays Alan Clay, a middle-aged, divorced salesman at the end of his tether – once successful, he cannot even pay for his daughter's college tuition. Based on Dave Eggers' novel, AHFTK has echoes of Willy Loman's pathetic delusions and Waiting for Godot's existential drift. Will Alan Clay sell his holographic global technology to the Saudi Arabian King? Will he ever meet the King?

Running Time 97 min.

Rating R

- Jim Link

The Old Curmudgeon



"Remember... beauty lies in the eye of the beholder!"

Cartoon first ran on May 20, 2004

Correction

An item in the Our Neighbors column last week incorrectly stated that Donald Davis, who died April 10, had only one daughter. He is survived by two daughters.

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Community Events

Greenbelt Climate Action Meeting

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

Prince George's County is pursuing "waste-to-energy" (WTE) corporations to build new incinerators to replace the landfill in Upper Marlboro, which is scheduled to fill up by 2020. GCAN wants the county to pursue waste strategies that do not involve incineration, which will result in air pollution. Zero waste solutions are needed that encourage reducing, reusing, recycling and composting instead of burning.

Speakers will be Joanne Flynn, who will speak about the proliferation of power plants in the Brandywine area, community activism and the formation of the Clean Air Prince George's project, and Robin Lewis, a Suitland resident and community activist with Energy Justice Network, which was founded to help communities in Prince George's County organize against environmental injustices.

As always, the last portion of the evening will be local announcements and updates on Greenbelt sustainability projects. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

Contra Dance

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) are co-sponsoring another Contra Dance on Saturday, May 7 at the Greenbelt Community Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and welcomes beginners as well as experienced dancers. Beginner lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. Susan Taylor will be calling the music of Transatlantic Crossing. The entry fee is \$10 per person, \$5 for age 7 to 18, and ages 6 and under are free.

Contra dance is danced to live music, which can have an array of instruments depending on the band. There is a caller who calls the dance by doing a "walk through" before each dance. The pattern of moves repeats itself. At the beginning of each evening dance, there is a 30-minute lesson to go over all the basic steps that will be called.

Come on out and enjoy this fun and social dance. Call 240-542-2054 for more information.

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 28, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Board Room

Monday, May 2, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Candidates Forum, City Council Room

Thursday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, May 6, Office Closed, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Sunday, May 8, 9 a.m., Woodlands Committee Booth@ Farmers Market, Roosevelt Center

Upcoming Events At MakerSpace

A great big thank you to everyone who turned out for the Mini Maker Faire on Saturday. All had a great time. This week:

Friday, April 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. we'll see what our fermentation fans have been brewing.

Saturday April 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is our Lego build class, open to all ages. This week we'll be working on claws and grabbers. Adults are welcome as well as kids and there will be advice and guidance along the way.

Sunday May 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. our free animation workshop taught by local artist Ola Betiku continues.

Tuesday, May 3, Our Arduino class continues from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

On Wednesday May 4, Junior Lego builders will be working from 4 to 5 p.m. Knit Night, for knitters, crocheters and other fibers enthusiasts is from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 5 sees Lego Robotics Programming from 5 to 7 p.m. Class size is limited, some experience is required. Coder Dojo continues from 7 to 8 pm where kids from 9 to 14 are working on game design.

Friday, May 6 has our First Friday Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Join friends and neighbors in the kitchen playing games of strategy like Settlers of Catan, Fluxx and Dominion King.

Save the date and your broken items: Next Repair Cafe is May 14.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet May 3

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center to review an application from the Greenbelt Community Foundation for first-time Contribution Group status and funding during the city's Fiscal Year 2017. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, April 30 at the city observatory, located at Northway Fields. We'll start by looking at Jupiter, which will be high in the sky, and then turn again (as we have been doing) to objects in the vicinity of the Big Dipper that are very difficult to see from our area, such as the Owl Nebula and a number of galaxies. The moon will not be up, so it will be dark. Visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill. Mars and Saturn will be rising toward the end of the event.

Observing will begin around 9 p.m. and continue for about two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Astronomical Society Meets May 5

Dr. Cole Miller will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt on Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the H. B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd., Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). His topic will be Black Holes and Gravitational Waves. After giving an overview of some of the exciting aspects of black holes, he will talk about the remarkable inauguration of gravitational wave astronomy with the first direct detection of gravitational radiation.

A native of Michigan, Miller received his Ph.D. from Cal Tech. After a couple of postdoctoral appointments, he joined the faculty in the Astronomy Department at the University of Maryland, where his research has mostly been about high-energy processes associated with neutron stars and black holes.

All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

Campfire Program About BW Parkway

On Saturday, April 30 at 6 p.m. Greenbelt Park will offer a talk on the construction of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Opened in 1954, the parkway offers travelers an aesthetically scenic approach to the national capital from the north and the Maryland countryside.

Campground guests and the public are welcome to join in for a traditional National Park Service campfire program at the Campfire Circle at 6 p.m. Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

Sunday Walk In the Park

On Sunday, May 1, Greenbelt Park hosts a Children's Discovery Trail Walk. Join a park ranger for a children's half-mile Azalea Trail walk to explore the urban oasis of Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 10 a.m.

Bike to Work Day Registration Open

Registration for metropolitan Washington's 16th annual Bike to Work Day has opened. Last year's event drew more than 17,500 bicycle commuters and thousands are expected to participate in Bike to Work Day 2016 on Friday, May 20.

A total of 83 pit stops will celebrate Bike to Work Day across the region, welcoming bicyclists with refreshments, entertainment, and the chance to win great prizes, while supplies last. The Greenbelt pit stop will be in front of Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Additional information and free registration for Bike to Work Day are available at biketoworkmetrodc.org. All registrants will be entered into a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 15,000 to register will receive a free T-shirt to be picked up at the pit stop location of their choice.

Homeschoolers Meet To Share Curricula

Greenbelt homeschool families will host a Meet and Greet and Curricula Share on Monday, May 2 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center Multipurpose Room.

Bring any unwanted or unneeded homeschooling supplies (e.g., books, music, games) to give to a new family.

Community Yard Sale In Boxwood Village

Boxwood Village is holding a community yard sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a community picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. (rain date Saturday, May 14) at the playground at the corner of Lastner and Ivy Lanes. As an added attraction, customers can choose to have up to \$5 in change from their purchases at the yard sale returned in uncirculated Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) presidential one dollar coins.

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Week of April 29

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

Zootopia, PG
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 Criminal, R 9:40
 The Jungle Book, PG, 3D: 4:50, 9:45; 2D: 10:55, 11:30, 1:35, 2:10, 4:20, 6:45, 7:20, 9:15
 Ratchet and Clank, PG (!) 3D: 1:50, 9:15; 2D: 11:10, 4:20, 7
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 The Huntsman, PG13 (!)
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THURSDAY

Captain America: Civil War, PG13 3D: 7:30; 2D: 7, 8
 Zootopia, PG 11:20, 2, 4:30
 The Jungle Book, PG, 3D: 4:50; 2D: 10:55, 11:30, 1:35, 2:10, 4:20, 7:20
 Ratchet and Clank, PG (!), 3D: 1:50; 2D: 11:10, 4:20, 7
 Keanu, PG13 (!)
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 The Huntsman, PG13 (!)
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 Barbershop 3, PG13
 11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20
 Batman vs. Superman, PG13
 11:55, 3:30

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 April 8-30, 2016

by Matthew Barber
 directed Pauline Griller-Michell
 April 29 - 30
 Friday and Saturday at 8:00
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 KinK - May 20 - 29
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 The Eaton Woman - July 8 - 17

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Resident of 75 Years Saying Goodbye to Greenbelt

by Jack Chavez



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI PHOTOGRAPHY

Shirley Donkis (left) is presented with a replica of the Mother and Child statue by Mary Ann Tretler and Solange Hess in Grenoble Hall at Saint Hugh's Catholic Church on April 24, 2016. Donkis has lived in Greenbelt for 75 years and has been a longtime volunteer with the Ladies of Charity. A farewell party was held in her honor because she is moving to California to live with family.

After three quarters of a century residing in Greenbelt, resident Shirley Donkis is moving west.

Friends and family held a reception for Donkis at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church on Sunday, where her life and achievements were celebrated, and members of the community had the opportunity to wish her well before she embarks on the next phase of her life in California, where she will be closer to her family.

"I'm going to miss her. We did so many things together," longtime friend Solange Hess

said. "She was my right-hand man with the food pantry and the Ladies of Charity."

Donkis's Greenbelt days began in 1942, at the age of 7, when her family moved to the city from nearby Riverdale.

"You never had to cross a street, because of the underpasses," Donkis said. "Of course it was a new development back then. It was just the row houses, and we had the swimming pool and eventually the [Greenbelt] theater. I used to go see a movie every Saturday."

In a memorable exchange,

St. Hugh's Prefect Mary Ann Tretler presented Donkis with a miniature replica of the Mother and Child sculpture, which has stood in the Roosevelt Center since 1939.

Donkis worked for the University of Maryland, "where she spent decades!" Hess joked in a commemorative speech. Donkis was a versatile employee at the university, at times working in numerous different areas, including the president's office, the family and community development department, and the entomology department, in particular, where she spent nearly 25 years. She retired from the university in 2004.

Her job led her to meeting her future husband Bob Donkis, who had visited the admissions office where she was working at the time. They married in 1956, and had two sons, in 1959 and 1960. Donkis became a grandmother for the first time in 2010.

Asked what she would do first if she ever comes back to visit, Donkis joked, "I'd make sure my neighbors are still there. They may move after me!"

"[I'll miss] St. Hugh's, the people, my house," Donkis said about leaving the only town she's known over the last 75 years. "But [California] is where my grandchildren are, and that's where I want to be."

Jack Chavez is a University of Maryland student writing for the News Review.

Obituaries

Donald C. Davis

Longtime Greenbelter Donald Chester Davis, age 86, died at Howard County General Hospital on April 10, 2016.

Donald was born on a farm located in Howard County on Davis Road, named for his family, near the intersection with Route 108.

Mr. Davis retired from the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville. He was very proud of his work and the many achievements and awards he received while working for the department.

He enjoyed country music and

his favorite pastimes were playing his guitar and playing poker with his friends and neighbors.

Mr. Davis is survived by his daughters Sandra L. Roos of Ellicott City, Md. and Linda L. Davis of Columbia, Md., a brother Paul D. Davis; son-in-law Don Roos, Sr.; grandson Donnie Roos, Jr.; and former wife Shirlee Davis-Wolfe, the mother of his daughters.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 15, 2016, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columbia. Interment was at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

City Earth Day Celebration Attracts Many Volunteers

by Karina Gulanes

Thirty-six volunteers participated in the City of Greenbelt Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 16 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Most participants were local residents, but a family drove all the way from Alexandria, Va., and one couple came from Washington, D.C.

The volunteers picked up over 110 pounds of trash and recycled most of it. Some of the interesting items that were found include a basketball, soccer ball and a large number of tennis balls. In addition to the streamside cleanup, volunteers planted trees in the Greenbelt Food Forest, and organic fruits, vegetables and plants in the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden. Volun-

teers received zero waste reusable water bottles thanks to the city's partnership with TapIt, a water-bottle-refilling network of over 750 partners in D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

The event was sponsored by the City of Greenbelt in partnership with the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), the Alice Ferguson Foundation and American Rivers. Thanks to Starbucks and Bagel Place in College Park for providing refreshments. For additional information, contact Volunteer@CHEARS.org.

Karina Gulanes is a special events intern in the City of Greenbelt Public Works Department.



CRAB Pays Tribute To a Fallen Colleague

The Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) recently learned of the death of one its members, Jacquelyn Carrington from Greenbelt East, after a brief hospitalization. While we are shocked and saddened by this loss, we also celebrate her 15 years on the board, of which she was co-chair the past three years. Jacquie was a unique individual who served her city and our board well in her quest to find ways to help all of our citizens communicate and understand each other and live in peace and harmony. She truly supported and lived the community pledge. We are grateful to have had her innate sense of fairness and her perspective in our deliberations. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

- Members of CRAB

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



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301-474-4322



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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

Mishkan Torah Congregation



10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

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

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

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



May 1 10 a.m.

"Dancing the Elements"

The PBUUC Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director; with The Erika Thimey Dance & Theater Co., and Carol Boston, Worship Associate

A celebration of the divine that dances and sings through all of creation—the earth, the air, the fire, and the water in us all. A Multigenerational Service that will culminate in a Maypole Dance in the glen.

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor



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Community
of Greenbelt
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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7:00PM
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Greenbelt Baptist
Church
301-474-4212



Join us
for our
Open Mic
Night

Come enjoy
a night
of local talent.



Our sympathies to the family and friends of Jacquelyn Ann Carrington who died March 24, 2016.

Congratulations to Claudia Jones on Laurel Hill Road for passing her comprehensive exams. She graduates in May with a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from the Catholic University of America Department of Information and Library Science.

Congratulations to Martin Rosales, a Greenbelt Middle School student who will participate in the National STEM Fair. This is the first time in more than 30 years that a student from GMS has qualified.

At this time of year, we know many awards and accolades are presented. Please share your accomplishments, milestones, and news for the next Our Neighbors column. Send complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net. - Karen Yoho

CROP Walk Sunday

The CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 1 in the park east of the Ellen Linson Swimming Pool at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

This annual fundraising event brings together congregants from many area churches, including Greenbelt Community Church. Each participant raises funds to benefit the Church World Service CROP hunger relief program. The walk, which can be done at one's own pace, follows the Paint Branch pedestrian/bicycle trail to Lake Artemesia and after circling around the lake, returns on the same trail. This is a good time of the year to enjoy the beauties of these parklands and waters. Strollers, wheelchairs and wagons for little ones are welcome.

Greenbelt Community Church, under the leadership of CROP Walk Chair Martha Folk, has received the Holy Sole award in many past years for the number of participants (dogs are counted too) and amount of money raised. The church has also on occasion been one of the leading fundraisers in the country.

CROP began in 1947 when it was the acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with families in post-World War II Europe and Asia. The acronym was retained to commemorate the historic nature of the program.



Holy Cross Thrift Store
 Every Thursday
 10am – 4pm
 Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
 Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
 6905 Greenbelt Road
 Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF May 2-6

Monday, May 2: 7:30pm - **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/CARES**, 8:30pm - **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/PLANNING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv.*

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 111.

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Police Station, 550 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION with Contribution Groups**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

Bike to Work Day - Greenbelt Pit Stop
Friday, May 20, 2016 from 6:30am-8:30am
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center Parking Lot
 Join over 17,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work.

Refreshments, swag bags and raffles will be given away for those **registered at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org** and arriving by bicycle. The first 15,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt at their selected pit stop.

Greenbelt Animal Shelter Kitten Show

Sunday, May 15 12-4pm
Greenbelt American Legion 6900 Greenbelt Rd.
 Light Snacks, Mimosas, Raffles, games and **KITTENS!**

Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road or at the door. Info: 301-474-6124

We need: Cat Beds, Fleece Blankets, Towels, Kitten Food (both dry and wet), Kitten Replacement Milk, Kitten Bottles, Toys, Heating Pad, Kitten/Cat Collars, Pine Fresh Litter, Litter Pans (smaller the better), Cat Carriers, Cat Trees, Dish Detergent (Lemon Joy is best), Canned Pumpkin, Mineral Oil, Feliway, Cat Nail Clippers and Monetary Donations.

WELCOME PACKETS

The City of Greenbelt is now collecting materials for the next round of Welcome Packets! All businesses, organizations, etc are invited to participate. We will need 300 flyers, coupons, brochures or anything else that you would like to have included by Friday, May 13th at 5pm. Please deliver your materials to Beverly Palau at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Info: 240-542-2026.

PACKET STUFFING PARTY
Thursday, May 19 from 6-8pm at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
 Come out and help stuff 300 new Welcome Packets for new residents. Light Refreshments will be served!

Help Us Zero Waste the Green Man Festival
 Join in the fun and help us make a difference!
 Zero Waste volunteers will be trained to help festival participants sort their trash correctly. Our compostables will be collected by My Organic Market and our local Greenbelt Compost volunteers! We hope to not send any organic waste to the landfill.
 We also need help in the booth to engage the public in zero waste games and educational efforts. Service Hours available! The dates are Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8. You can choose the hours that are best for you.
 To sign up you can go to Sign Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaaf2-zero1>
 Or Contact: Tom Taylor tomtaylor0401@gmail.com 301 513 9524
 Or Susan Barnett susbarn@earthlink.net 301 474 7465

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SHREDDING DAY

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Saturday, April 30th from 9am to 12pm (or until truck is full) Behind the credit union, 112 Centerway

Personal Paper only!
 Contaminants, Batteries, Plastic or Binders, Magazines, Newspaper, CDs or Floppy Disks, Phones, Hard Drives, Hanging File Folders, Accordion Files, Cardboard, Binder Clips, Divided Folders, Tyvek/Fedex Envelopes, or Businesses. 5 Box Maximum. All shred material is recycled. Unattended paper will not be shredded.
 Info: 301-474-5900 or memberservices@greenbeltfcu.com
 View our website at greenbeltfcu.com

DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

April 30, 2016 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
GREENBELT POLICE STATION
550 Crescent Road

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.



www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback

Artist's Studio Space Available

Greenbelt Community Center
 24-hour access. \$180.00/month.
 Apply online now through May 1 for the Artist in Residence Program www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee – Adult Member
For information call 301-474-8000.

EXTRA LARGE FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, May 5 2:30-3:30pm
Springhill Lake Elementary School
6060 Springhill Drive
Outside at the right side rear entrance of the school. Please come to the school no earlier than 2:15 pm.

TANDEM CYCLING EXPERIENCE
Saturday May 14, 2016
1-4pm
Community Center Room 103
 Designed for individuals who are visually impaired but ALL are welcome!

Have you ever wanted to experience a Tandem Bicycle?? Then Come Check It Out!

Registration is required
 Activity # 252505-01
 For More Info Contact:
 Karen Raseley
kraseley@greenbeltmd.gov or (240)542-2054

- *Must be ages 16 & up
- *NO loose fitting clothes
- *Closed Toe/Soft Sole Shoes
- *Dress Comfortably
- * Tandems provided, bring your own helmet if you have one

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Expenditures are partially offset by nearly \$1.7 million in revenues including pass and class fees, community center rentals (although this includes a sizeable rent paid by the city for the space occupied by the Department of Planning and Community Development) and grants. All told, revenues account for 30.5 percent of proposed recreation expenditures.

Issues

Councilmember Edward Putens argued for giving resident families a break on recreation fees. Although the department has a financial aid process, Putens argued that families who had to take lower paying jobs following the recession would not apply for aid. In addition, some families, particularly those with several children may earn too much to qualify for aid but not enough to afford the classes or camps for their children. Councilmember Leta Mach asked how the city would know who needs help if they do not apply and Councilmember Judith Davis cautioned that not every family was in this situation and granting assistance too broadly could require the city to raise taxes in the future.

There was also discussion of whether the rates for nonresidents should be raised relative to resident rates. However, no consensus among the councilmembers was apparent.

Staff

With lifeguards, camp counselors, instructors and more, the Recreation Department has a large number of non-classified employees who will benefit from the county-required scheduled increases in the minimum wage. In addition, the Human Resources staff will be evaluating the city's personnel structure. One of the issues it will examine is whether some current non-classified positions need to become part-time classified positions. The Affordable Care Act and other legislative requirements set forth different criteria for number of hours worked. The city has some non-classified staff who may work in multiple positions during the course of a year, which could put them over the limits for not receiving certain benefits, such as health insurance.

The city must also meet new licensing and certification requirements for its instructors. The Mom's Morning Out program, for example, lost a semester while the instructor was obtaining the necessary license.

McLaughlin is not proposing any changes to staffing levels for the new year.

Pool

McLaughlin is proposing to leave the pool fees at their current levels. Although at a previous worksession there was discussion of changing the policy to permit nonresidents who are not members to use the pools on summer weekends, McLaughlin did not include that recommendation in his budget.

The indoor pool will celebrate its 25th anniversary in September. (The Fitness Center opened two years later.) The Aquatics and Fitness Center was spruced up over the last year with a new roof, upgraded locker rooms, new fitness equipment and the addition of free weights to the exercise options. Staff will be holding training on the new equipment, probably on a monthly basis,

according to Assistant Director for Operations Joseph McNeal. However, Councilmember Silke Pope noted that she is still hearing frequent complaints about the cleanliness and temperature at the facility.

The councilmembers raised other areas they felt needed improvement such as the lifeguard stands, especially those outdoors, and the condition of the staff locker room. Putens wants staff locker room renovations to be funded in the final FY17 budget.

There was also a brief discussion of bathroom signage. McNeal said that the department's policy is to require people to use the restroom corresponding to their anatomical gender. The city's legal counsel has approved this language but the policy can be revisited if issues arise.

McNeal described two options the department is exploring for addressing the complaint that the pool is boring. The Wibit is an inflatable modular water sports playground. It would not be a permanent fixture but possibly could be deployed in the outdoor pool one day a week and once or twice a month in the indoor pool when the outdoor pool is closed. For younger folks, the department wants to explore the feasibility of replacing the baby pool with a splash pad. Users would be on a solid surface, not in water, but would be sprayed with water from jets. McNeal asked for \$5,000 to conduct further design work to refine the estimated cost (\$200,000 to \$300,000) and determine if the existing plumbing can support this feature.

Schrom Hills Park

The outdoor fitness center at Schrom Hills Park recently opened and proved popular even before the official opening. Classes using the facility will be offered in the summer recreation brochure.

Objectives

Each section of the budget lays out management objectives for FY17. Some of the more notable ones are described below.

Administration – improve the department's ability to communicate with non-English speaking clients. This could involve development of a language line similar to what the police department already has.

Recreation Centers – explore partnerships to replace the computer lab laptops (now five to six years old) at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The department is exploring other partnerships including one with the library for a summer reading program and a math program in late spring or summer and will continue partnering with Proteus Bicycles and Bike Maryland to host additional bike rodeos and possibly offer more bike classes.

Community Center – upgrade the heating and cooling system. The work will be done this fall between the cooling and heating seasons.

Greenbelt's Kids – work with Springhill Lake Elementary to enhance after-school programs, promote programs with elementary and middle schools and expand soccer camp to two weeks.

McLaughlin is proposing a 2 percent increase in camp fees. Fees increased 3.7 percent last summer.

Therapeutic Recreation – work to expand the Walk with Ease program geared towards but not limited to people with arthritis; partner with the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre to coordinate afternoon matinees for seniors; and offer physical activities for people with special needs.

Fitness and Leisure – offer outdoor recreation programs, perhaps in partnership with Greenbelt Park; promote Healthy Eating Active Living goals by offering classes in cooking or outdoor fitness. Kayaking outings or classes are also being considered.

Arts – oversee installation of public arts projects; provide visual and performing arts programming.

Special Events – continue the Moonlit Movie series with films in the fall.

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healthy community newspaper is a high form of public service. By shining a gentle but consistent light on government and the community, week after week and year after year, we prevent the kinds of excesses and abuses that result in dramatic reporting. We build a strong community. Prevention isn't dramatic and doing the right thing in our mostly unheralded

way doesn't result in poignant photography and heartbreaking stories. And that's fine with us.

Our entry was, however, an important statement of belief. And though we didn't win a Pulitzer, every day is a win when you wake up in a community which is safe, generous in spirit and conducts itself with honesty and principle.

Conservation Volunteer Day of Service

Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 30 by joining the Student Conservation Association volunteers in helping Greenbelt Park with over fifteen projects.

Register and get more information at findyourparkscadec.eventbrite.com. Registered participants will meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m. ovided to all registered volunteers.

Shredding Day Set for April 30

Shredding Day is scheduled for April 30 from 9 a.m. until noon (or until the truck is full). Sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, the service will accept personal papers only. The truck will be located in the parking lot behind the credit union. Shredders will not accept any binders, magazines, newspapers, hanging file folders, cardboard or FedEx envelopes. Unattended paper will not be shredded and there is a five-box maximum. For more information, visit greenbeltfcu.com or call 301-474-5900.

Promote Zero Waste

The Zero Waste Circle of Greenbelt will be helping to reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill at the Green Man Festival May 7 and 8 and is seeking volunteers who would like to help. Go to Sign Up Genius at signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-zero1 or contact Tom Taylor at 301-513-9524.

Experience North Tract on a Bicycle

On Saturday, April 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. those age 10 and over can enjoy a pleasant family-oriented bicycle outing on the North Tract of the Patuxent Refuge and experience the beauty of this natural area on two wheels. Discover local wildlife, plants and historical sites. Learn the importance of reducing a footprint and leaving no trace on this five-mile guided bicycle ride.

Bring a bike (wide-tire hybrid and mountain bikes only – narrow-tire road bikes are not suitable for several of the trails), water bottle and helmet. The ride is weather dependent.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Take Back Drug Day Saturday, April 30

On Saturday, April 30, the Greenbelt Police Department will host National Prescription Take-Back Day. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., people may bring expired or unused prescription medications to the police station to have them disposed of properly. Flushing drugs or putting them in the trash allows the chemicals to eventually migrate into streams and groundwater.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA for REGULAR MEETING
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 Thursday, May 5, 2016
 GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Finance Committee Recommendations re: Proposed Fees for Services that GHI Provides for Selling a GHI Unit that a Member Assigns to GHI
- Board of directors' Sum-committee's Recommendation re: Revisions to GHI's Parking Rules
- Review Mutual Ownership Contract Addendum re: Maintenance and Replacement of HIP Optional Items
- Contract for 2016 HIP Attic Improvements, 2nd Reading

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



To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://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).

GHI Community Beautification Program

Inspections begin on May 2nd, beginning at 1 Court Ridge. Inspection reports will be left on serviceside door knobs.
 More information: <http://www.ghi.coop/content/community-beautification-program-overview> or call 301-474-6011.

How to Improve



- 1

Attend the Annual Meeting
7:30pm Thursday May 12
 at the Community Center
- 2

Vote May 12-13
 Vote for GHI's leadership
 after Thursday's annual meeting, or
 Friday at GHI's office 7-10am & 5-8pm
- 3

Attend the Candidates' Forum
 Tuesday, May 3 at the Municipal Building
 Bring questions!
- 4

Run for office!
 Candidates Needed! Final Deadline for
 Candidacy Petitions: 5pm Tues May 3

For more info see <http://ghi.coop/election>
 email GHI.NominationsAndElections@gmail.com
 or call N&E Chair Tom Jones at 301-474-6001

Council Uses New Process For Review of Police Budget

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council has changed its budget review process in an effort to reduce the amount of time it spends in review. More than one major budget is reviewed at a single work-session. Gone are the lengthy staff slide show presentations. Councilmembers are asked to raise their questions concerning budget proposals ahead of time.

Review of the Police Department budget at an April 6 work-session was the first test of this new process. A variety of nine related small budgets were first reviewed at a meeting that began at 7:30 p.m., a half-hour earlier than normal. Scheduled last, the police budget, the city's largest departmental budget, was set for review at 8:30 p.m., but began much later and lasted only about an hour.

The review consisted of council discussing various specifics of the department's operations with Police Chief James Craze; Captains Tom Kemp, Special Operations Division, Marie Triesky, Administrative Services; and Lieutenant Tom Moreland, Patrol. Also present was Lieutenant Gordon Pracht, the latest addition to the command staff according to Craze. He will replace Triesky who will retire next month.

Specific budget items were barely touched upon and councilmembers expressed no concerns other than a request by Councilmember Leta Mach for council to consider increasing the number of police vehicles to be replaced, noting the large number of vehicles with high mileage.

While the review process has changed, the budget document submitted by City Manager Michael McLaughlin and his staff remains as comprehensive as ever. The single best source for information about the City of Greenbelt, its numerous activities and programs and financial structure continues to be this annual document.

Police Budget

At just over \$10 million, the budget constitutes 37 percent of the total general fund budget proposed for the city government. However, it is only \$5,000 greater than for the previous year and some \$85,000 less than that of two years ago. This is in part due to staff turnover, often due to retirements, with replacements earning less pay. Also, cost savings occur while positions remain unfilled.

Craze told the council that the department had lost 35 percent of its personnel in the last three to four years. Presently, according to Moreland, the department has 48 of 53 authorized officers on its roster with two recruits now undertaking training at the Police Academy. Senior officers other than Triesky are either approaching or already eligible for retirement.

Moreland told council about the current recruitment process. There was a list of 250 potential candidates, of which 60 took the test and 30 passed. However, there are now only 17 remaining eligible and further background checking is underway. Similar statistics were later put forth for the position of police dispatcher.

Over 80 percent of the budget is for salaries. Included is a 1.9

percent pay increase. There is no change proposed in number and kind of positions authorized. The department roster will be increased due to the transfer of one and one-half parking enforcement positions from Code Enforcement to Police as well as their responsibilities.

Also, 85 percent of the department's operations is funded out of city raised revenues, primarily from property and income taxes. State grants help pay for about five percent of costs and fines from red light cameras and speed cameras help pay for about eight percent.

Funds are budgeted to replace seven patrol vehicles.

2017 Objectives

Another \$47,000 is budgeted for body cameras. These funds were included in the current budget, but only a trial amount was purchased. The department is awaiting state guidelines now being established governing the equipment to be purchased and procedures for its use. Implementing this program is a budget management objective.

Another management objective is to establish a Police Explorers Program for youth in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America.

City set asides in the Replacement Fund are proposed to be used to replace all department hand guns at a cost of \$32,000.

The department has been complying with the requirements of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. and in 2015 received a top-of-the-line Gold Standard accreditation. While continuing to strive to meet these standards, the department will also strive to meet the recommendations for best practices and action items set forth by the Presidential Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In response to recent events exposing rifts in police-community relationships, President Obama established this task force to identify and recommend best policing practices to promote effective crime reduction while building public trust.

Accomplishments

One member of the Administrative Division has become a certified instructor to conduct all required user training in-house and three officers have completed instructor training.

Simulation training equipment was acquired to allow officers to undergo realistic and advanced training in the areas of force and decision making.

The department has an in-house child safety car seat installer who installed and checked 1,000 car seats and participated in outreach events.

Although the unit is short-handed, five communications specialists received commendation for calm and professional performance during stressful situations.

The records unit underwent and successfully completed two state audits for collection, accuracy, retention and security of records.

The office of professional standards conducted 480 random surveys of victims of crimes and individuals stopped for minor traffic violations to enable citizens to provide their perception

of how officers interacted with the public and voice concerns about the department or issues in the community. Although the number of responses returned was low (about 15 percent), the support was above 90 percent in the categories of timeliness of response, courtesy of officers and staff and presentation of a professional appearance.

Patrol Division

The vast majority of patrol officers also perform special duties as members of the Emergency Response Unit, Crisis Negotiation Unit, Collision Analysis Reconstruction Unit, Homeland Security Unit and Honor Guard.

Officers conducted 6,653 car stops yielding 477 traffic arrests, 30 criminal arrests and 62 outstanding warrant arrests. Also, 165 impaired drivers were removed from city roadways with three officers making sufficient arrests (more than 20) to receive recognition from MADD/MHSO.

Using electronic ticketing devices that immediately enters the data into court records systems, officers issued 3,997 citations and 7,171 warnings and equipment repair orders. The data is also entered into a departmental program designed to compile and track bias-based profiling data.

With four scanners, over 1,000,000 license plates were read during routine and targeted patrol, resulting in 2,011 alerts and 43 arrests.

Eight technicians conducted 158 intoximeter tests. Operators are required to take a 40-hour basic training course and eight hours of annual retraining.

The department participated in various traffic safety campaigns. The newest campaign is for distracted driving enforcement.

The department's three drug recognition experts conducted 20 drug evaluations.

Two officers maintained certification training for commercial motor vehicle enforcement and inspected 136 commercial vehicles, issuing 282 citations, warnings and equipment repair orders.

Even though the Collision Analysis Reconstruction Unit lacked work because fortunately there were no serious crashes in 2015, two officers served on a Maryland Crash Reconstruction Committee that sets training standards, another officer is undergoing training to bring the unit to five members and the four current members and two evidence technicians attended training to use

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Washington EAR Budget

by James Giese

In a \$27 million City of Greenbelt budget, what's \$1,000? A lot to someone blind who wants to keep up-to-date on news and events and relies upon the Metropolitan Washington EAR, Inc. That includes 14 Greenbelters.

At its April 6 budget work-session, the Greenbelt City Council took the time to meet with Neally Opplinger from EAR to describe the organization's program to service the blind. The organization's total 2016 budget is \$68,000. Councilmembers continue to be supportive of the city helping to fund this program.

Washington EAR is a special radio service available to all seeing impaired. It utilizes volunteers to read four major news-

papers: Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Washington Times. Opplinger also noted that information is obtainable on touch-tone phones. She noted that Greenbelters participate in the readings and volunteers are always welcome. Also, one volunteer reads the News Review weekly.

Another EAR offering is descriptions of live theater performances from over 20 venues. Reporters do not interpret these events but describe scenery, costumes and staging.

Persons interested in receiving EAR services or volunteering may do so by contacting washear.org on-line or by telephone at 301-681-6686.

Challenge Basketball Game To Benefit the Lady Angels

by Carol Shaw

Saturday, April 30, from 3 to 6 p.m. is the date for a challenge basketball game at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center between the Lady Angels, four-time champions of their league, and city employees. It is the second event of 14 to highlight the impact the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) has had on Greenbelt during its first 10 years. The event will raise funds for the team's travel and accommodations to play in tournaments on their way to winning a fifth M3 Canadian Basketball League championship. There is no entry fee for the game but donations will be expected.

The Lady Angels are part of this international league that plays in the U.S. and other countries. The championship games are played in Montreal later in the year.

Herbert Allen coaches the team. He started it in 2010 when a young woman came into the recreation center and asked him if they offered basketball for women. They didn't. Allen saw potential in creating Greenbelt's first women's team and an opportunity for local young women to see and play with great role models. Allen has since supervised a women's open basketball night every Thursday from 8 to 9:45 p.m. Young women from the community can practice with the Lady Angels.

Allen, a native of Cheverly, has worked for 13 years as a coach and supervisor for the Greenbelt Recreation Department. He started coaching 40 years ago when asked to form a

Red Cross employee team. Over the years, he has coached church teams, community leagues and Boys and Girls Club teams. His coaching has been focused on making a difference in the lives of kids by keeping them off the streets, keeping them busy with basketball and hoping that they can eventually give back to their communities. He says the secret to being a good coach is being able to deal with less than perfect attitudes in order to help set kids on the right path. As an example of the power of sports for young people, years ago as a coach for a church league, Allen and his pastor supported a young teenager recently released from jail. That young person is now a police officer.

The GCF funded a mentoring program with the Lady Angels enabling them to host workshops to empower the youth of the community and to help them develop leadership skills. Individual youngsters were also paired with a team member for mentoring and support.

The Greenbelt News Review along with Paradyme Management, Beltway Plaza and McNamee Hosea are sponsors of this campaign. To find out more about this event and other GCF Explore Your Greenbelt activities, visit greenbeltfoundation.net/explore.



Weaving Workshop at May 1 Art Drop-In

The Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program welcomes visitors of all ages to a Community Art Drop-In on Sunday, May 1 at the Community Center. Artist Karla Lawrence will lead a free weaving workshop from 1 to 3 p.m., teaching easy techniques for creating a woven vessel with recycled materials. Attendees will also make components for inclusion in an upcoming "yarn bomb" public art project. Reservations are not required, and materials will be provided while supplies last.

The Community Center art gallery is hosting a new exhibit featuring the work of two collaborating artists on the faculty of the Howard University art department. Ronald Beverly presents unique nature photography for the digital age. Beverly transforms his images of natural and cultivated environments into complex, panoramic compositions giving the appearance of old-world textiles. Fiber artist Elka Stevens has incorporated some of Beverly's photographs, printed on different fabrics, into unique garments and totes. Some of Stevens' work shares Beverly's focus on a meticulous aesthetic engagement with nature, while other works adapt his imagery into a new and poignant context of cultural memory. Stevens' Stowage Coat and Cotton skirt, for example, combine historical imagery of world slave trade route maps and infamous vessel diagrams with Beverly's imagery of lush cotton plants against a bright sunny sky. This exhibit continues through June 10.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 301-397-2208.

Improving Bicycling Traffic Skills

by Joseph Foley

Cyclists fare best when they are treated as motorists on the road.

This was the main theme of the Bicycle Traffic Skills 101 workshop in the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday night, April 22. The League of American Bicyclists ran the course, led by certified instructors Alison Longworth and Laurie Lemieux. The League's education program is the only nationwide bicycling instructor certification program.

A wide variety of bicyclists came. From bike racers to others looking to get back into bicycling for the first time in years, the course teaches everyone how to improve their traffic skills.

Nick Sterne, a bike mechanic at the Cycle Mill in Ellicott City, took his first step in becoming a league-certified instructor. "I want to be an LCI so I can put on clinics through my bike shop and teach kids and people how to ride safe," he said.

Some of the most important things you can do as a bicyclist are wear a helmet, ride in the right lane, and use hand signals to turn, according to certified instructor Longworth. Always use your left hand to signal a turn, since it's easier for motorists to see. Stick your arm straight out for a left turn, or make a ninety degree angle down at your elbow for a right turn.



League-certified Instructors Laurie Lemieux, left, and Alison Longworth, right, teach the class the basics of how to mount and control your bike.

"Teaching safe cycling and confident riding helps everybody out on the road," said Longworth. "We have to share the road and knowing how to communicate with motorists makes things much easier."

The program includes a classroom portion followed by a hands-on road skill portion the next day. Attendants are given a "smart cycling" manual that covers basic principles, including what to wear, riding on trails vs. the road and how to avoid crashes.

"Bicycling is an activity that provides a happier and healthier lifestyle for people," said Longworth.

Through safer roads, stronger communities, and a bicycle-friendly environment, the League of American Bicyclists works to celebrate and preserve the freedom of bicycling, according to the League's website. Upcoming safe riding courses in the area can be found on the league's website, bikeleague.org.

Joseph Foley is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

Youth Baseball Offers Cliffhangers and Homers

by Matt Elliott

Greenbelt Youth Baseball Major League action continued this past week, with a game featuring the Cardinals against the Tigers on Tuesday, April 19. The Tigers captured a 17-7 victory.

The following night's game was between the Indians and Orioles. The Indians prevailed by a score of 11-9.

Thursday's match up was the Cardinals against the Giants. The Giants captured a 10-7 win.

On Friday evening, the Cubs took on the Indians, with the Indians taking home a 6-5 win. The Indians were down 5-1 early in the game. However, they chipped away at the lead and eventually tied the game. They captured the win with a double by Marquise

Guthrie in the bottom of the sixth inning, driving in Justin Forster with the winning run.

In spite of rain early in the game, the Orioles and Tigers locked into a back-and-forth affair at mid-day Saturday. The result wasn't settled until the Tigers scored 5 in the last inning and then held the Orioles scoreless to capture a 14-9 win.

The Tigers were in action again on Monday, April 25, this time against the Cubs. The Tigers continued their early season success with a 13-7 win, featuring a home run by Mark Franklin that cleared the fence and an inside-the-park home run by his brother Antoine later in the game.

Craig Scholarship Applicants Sought

The David Craig Scholarship Fund is seeking college-bound seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to apply for a scholarship of \$10,000, to be paid at the rate of \$2,500 per year over a four year period. The application deadline is April 30.

The Craig Scholarship tradition began in 1986 as a tribute to David Craig, a 1978 ERHS graduate whose tragic death in 1984 sparked a desire by his family and friends to establish a lasting memorial by helping deserving students with education expenses.

To learn more about the scholarship fund, visit davidcraigmsf.blogspot.com or call Douglas Mangum, president of the Fund at 301-474-7874.



Wyrd Sisters Coming Soon To NASA's MAD Theater

Watch out for witches. The spring show at NASA's Music and Drama club will be Terry Pratchett's "Wyrd Sisters," adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs, and the witches will be conjuring up a lot of special effects for those who come out to the show in May.

In Wyrd Sisters, popular British fantasy writer Pratchett takes Shakespeare's tragedies and twists the plots, characters and lines to great comic effect. It's all in there – a wicked duke and duchess, a wise fool, the ghost of the murdered king, dim soldiers, strolling players and a land in peril. Standing between the Kingdom and destruction are three witches: Granny Weatherwax, Nanny Ogg and Magrat Garlick. Destiny is at work, but where will it all end up?

The cast and crew are made up of NASA employees and their families, as well as members of the local community, many of them Greenbelt residents. For added fun, this play will be performed in the round, which means the stage will be in the center of the room, with the audience seated around in a circle. This allows the audience to be very close to the action – and there will be plenty of action!

The show, directed by Greenbelt Jon Gardner and produced by Dave Buckingham, will run May 6 through 21. Fridays and Saturdays are at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. in NASA's Barney and Bea Recreation Center, 10000 Good Luck Road. For ticket sales and more information visit www.madtheater.org or call 301-966-2623. Check out the discounts on opening weekend.



The three witches are played by Linda Pattison, Margaret Hudson and Anne Hall.



Male wood duck at Buddy Attick Park.

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Mini Maker Faire Attracts a Crowd



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William Smith of Greenbelt enjoys an afternoon out with his twin daughters Makayla (left) and Jasmine, 9, at the Mini Maker Faire in Roosevelt Center on April 23. The twins are third graders at Greenbelt Elementary School.



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

The third annual Greenbelt Mini Maker Faire hosted by the Greenbelt MakerSpace took place at Roosevelt Center on April 23.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

The third annual Mini Maker Faire attracted a crowd to Roosevelt Center on Saturday April 23. Faire-goers built with Legos, learned knitting, extracted DNA, raced handmade cars, created planters, and much more. Music on the center stage helped with the festive atmosphere even as rain threatened in the morning. The Mini Maker Faire was sponsored by Greenbelt MakerSpace.

Left: Fourth-grader Andy Garcia and fifth-grader Chiamaka Ahaghotu build a vertical planter. The pair is from the James McHenry Elementary School STEAM team.



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Bianca Baker (right), age 8.5, works with Ellen Hoch on a yarn bracelet.



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Greenbelt Voters See Primary As First Step to Change

by Joseph Foley

Primary day is the first chance for voters to get out to the polls and give their individual input about what candidates they want in government.

In Greenbelt today, April 26, voter turnout was steady. However, there weren't lines out the door. Most residents made it to their precinct location, voted and left without much time wasted. Albeit a national election year, the turnout seemed a bit low according to Councilmember Judith Davis.

Davis was at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the voting spot for Precinct 13, where there are approximately 2,000 registered voters. At 3 p.m., 380 voters had voted, with 348 being Democrats and the other 32, Republicans. Greenbelt is mostly Democrats, but Davis said the Republican turnout still seemed lower than normal.

"There are Republicans in Greenbelt. Maybe they don't see much of a point since Donald Trump seems to have it," said Davis.

There were still plenty of voters eager to give their input. Alonzo Washington, a delegate in the Maryland House of Delegates, was excited to vote for both Hillary Clinton and Donna Edwards.

"Whether it's affordable college, putting food on the table, paid sick leave; things of that nature are what we need to help our community. Edwards is a resident of Prince George's County and Clinton knows Maryland pretty well, so I feel both those candidates will have a positive impact on cities like Greenbelt," said Washington.

Many residents brought up the importance of education. Camille Davis, an educator, said she hopes the candidates she selected put a focus on early childhood education and the importance of keeping children in school throughout their youth.

There was a mix of voters that wanted to see change in the establishment vs. traditional establishment candidates. It's clear that there is a variety of candidates, specifically at the national level, who are on extremely opposite ends of the spectrum.

Russell Wilbur, a senior call center operator, said, "I voted for someone who I thought would truly represent change, not someone in the establishment. The country is at a crossroads, and I think the candidates I voted for will help us move in the right direction."

Amanda Bachert, an English professor at the University of Maryland, is hoping for a candidate that isn't based on racism and hate, but focuses on bringing communities closer together. She said she selected candidates with experience that have been within the establishment.

There was also a change to voting procedures this year. Instead of the touch screens that have been used for past elections, Maryland moved back to paper ballots. According to Judy Birkenhead, this decision helps in the case of a tight race where a recount may be necessary.

"It's not so [much] about the accuracy being bad with touch screens, but with a paper ballot, you have actual ballots to count by hand if it's contested," said

Birkenhead.

It's good to remember how important voting is to U.S. democracy.

"We can get complacent, and it's sad that a lot of people don't vote," said Wilbur. "There are people in other countries that die trying to get to the polls, and if you live here it's a tremendous right to have."

Birkenhead recalled going to the polls as a child with her mom, something she says she'll never forget. "It really makes me happy when I see parents bring their kids with them to vote. It gives me hope that future generations will understand the process and use their right given to them," said Birkenhead.

Maryland voters will return to the polls in November, with the presidential, senatorial, and other local elections moving to the general election phase. These are not closed, as the primaries are in Maryland, meaning members of all political parties can cast their votes. Remember to use your voting rights and voice your opinion on the changes you want to see in the community and government.

Joseph Foley is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.



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race could go either way in Greenbelt, with Donna Edwards receiving 48 percent of the three precinct vote and Chris Van Hollen 46 percent. In the county, Edwards appears to have a two to one lead, while state wide, Van Hollen was leading by a 15 percent margin.

On the Republican side, Maryland House Minority Leader Kathy Szeliga appeared to be the leading senatorial candidate, as she appears to be state wide, but county wide, Chris Chaffee was leading.

In the race for member of Congress, incumbent Steny Hoyer was in the lead with over 70 percent of the Greenbelt Democratic vote and 76 percent of the Democratic vote in the Fifth Congressional District. Mark Arness appeared to be the Republican winner district and city wide.

At the time of writing the six person race for four judges of the Circuit Court positions was too close to call. Former county councilmember Ingrid Turner appeared to have a chance to unseat sitting judge Erik Nyce and was leading all other candidates in Greenbelt.

City precinct election results do not include those residents who early voted or voted absentee. It appears that about one in four voters did not vote at the precincts. Even so, those who did turned out in greater numbers than four years ago when 19 percent of registered Democrats and 14 percent of registered Republicans voted at the polls.



Election judges at the Community Center are from left, Oscar Murphy, Alexander Barnes, Lisa Square, and Leslie Copelin.

Photos by Eric Zhang



Voters fill out paper ballots in the Community Center gym.

Paper Jam Slows Voting In Community Center

by Amy Hansen

Voting slowed down in the middle of the day in the Community Center, when a voter was told to put a slightly torn ballot into the scanner and the scanner jammed.

Chief Judge Alan Huff said it took a half an hour to get the technician to the community center, and then a while longer for the technician to learn how to fix it. The scanner was down for about an hour.

While the scanner was down, voters put their ballots in the emergency box and were scanned by the two chief judges after the polls closed.

Huff said that for the fall election they planned to have a technician on site full time.

For the rest of the day, the voting process had no problems, said Huff. Approximately 1035 voters came through during the day.

Judge of the Circuit Court -- Greenbelt Precincts							
Precinct Polling Place	(Unofficial Results)					Total	Percent
	21-3 Community Center	21-6 Greenbelt Elementary	21-8 Springhill Lake	21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt	21-18 Turning Point**		
April Ademiluyi	338	248	153	227		966	13%
Herman Dawson	317	339	114	252		1,022	14%
Dorothy Michelle Engel	511	514	145	306		1,476	20%
Karen Holliday Mason	493	495	153	314		1,455	20%
Erik Nyce	340	377	84	195		996	13%
Ingrid Turner	491	399	201	430		1,521	20%
Total	2,490	2,372	850	1,724	0	7,436	100%

At the Library

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes: Wednesday, May 4, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, May 5, ages 1 to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages birth to 1, 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Early Literacy Information Session: Thursday, May 5, 11:45 a.m., adults (ages 18+). Children begin learning literacy skills right from birth. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write. Parents, grandparents, childcare providers and other care givers are all welcome for an informative session about the importance of early literacy development and five early literacy practices.

Crazy8! Season 2: Tuesday, May 3, 4 p.m., for grades K to 2, limit 25 students; 5 p.m., for grades 3 to 5, limit 25 students.

Spring 2016 African History and Culture Lecture Series: Tuesday, May 3, 7 p.m. Toward The New Jerusalem: The Era of Reconstruction in D.C., Maryland and Virginia will be the next session of the Spring 2016 season in this audiovisual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, renowned historian of the African diaspora.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, April 28, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW OPEN MIC hosted by Lynn Hollyfield from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 29, John Guernsey plays piano music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Ursula Ricks Project offer up soul and blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, John Guernsey plays piano music from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Orchester Prazevica perform Slovak and Gypsy Jazz music from 8:30 to 11:30 pm.

Sunday, May 1, please join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The New Deal Cafe Annual Membership Meeting runs from 1 to 4 p.m., attend and help support your local cafe cooperative. In the evening, Scott Slay and the Rail featuring Sammy Shelor on banjo from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3, The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers from 7 to 9 p.m. Old songs, new songs and featuring special guests.

Wednesday, May 4, singer/songwriter Tom Gleason performs originals and covers from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 5, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.



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cleaner than when they arrived in a conscious effort to be considerate of others.

Today, as I was walking around Buddy Attick Park I noted how very far removed we seem to be from that mindset. There's always a fair amount of litter at the park, particularly after the weekends when so many families have get-togethers there, but this was worse than usual.

In addition to the usual litter there were empty water bottles strewn all around a grassy area close to a multi-picnic table spot. I was about to leave when I realized that if I just walked away I was contributing to the problem, so I started collecting as many of the bottles as I could find. I must have picked up seven or eight bottles all of the same brand. Certainly some of the litter that we see is the result of birds and other wildlife getting into the trash bins and spreading things around, but there's no explanation for those water bottles other than human activity.

Buddy Attick Park has conveniently located trash receptacles and separate ones for recycling in the picnic areas. It's my fervent hope that people visiting our lovely park will remember to use those receptacles and encourage their friends and family to do so as well.

I know it's unrealistic to hope for a pristine communal area, but try to imagine what it would look like if everyone using the park left it in as good a shape as they encountered it – if not better – as do the citizens of Japan.

Catherine Hardy

Questions Highrise

Like many other longtime Greenbelters I was surprised and shocked to see on the front page of the April 14 issue the photo of the 25-story leaning-tower-like building proposed for a small triangle of land in a corner of our town. It looked so out of place. Furthermore, learning that many of the county "powers that be" had already seen the proposal and approved the idea, was hurtful.

Then last week's front page featured that beautiful color photo of the eagles' nest quite near that same location, on the grounds of the Beltsville "farm," and I couldn't help wondering if the eagles would still be here if that behemoth is built.

Now, however, I have re-read Mr. Giese's article about the worksession with the builder and

have calmed down a bit. I was impressed with the comments made by all our councilmembers. I trust them to push for investigation into all the environmental, traffic and road issues before approving such a project. Most of all, I'd like to see a detailed map of the area.

Kathleen Scott McFarland

Editor's Note: The eagles' nest is about a mile from the site of the proposed apartment building, as the eagle flies.

GIVES Lives

In response to the article written by Kyla Hanington in the April 21 issue of the Greenbelt News Review:

Again, let one say that a program called the Greenbelt Time Bank is unnecessary. Such a program exists already and has for many years.

GIVES, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, was adapted from a book by Edgar Kahn, written many years ago. It was called Time Dollar.

We three friends wanted to develop a program that was free, no money exchanged.

Professional assistance came from an organization in D.C. that had started a similar program, Cooperative Caring Network.

We worked together to draw up bylaws that would fit our needs and to develop an orientation book for all members.

The city gave us space to set up an office in the senior lounge. A telephone line was brought in. Metal shelves provided a wall and storage space and a filing cabinet held the names of volunteers, a way to reach them and what services they would provide.

The family of one of our organizers came up with GIVES – Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service.

Volunteers were from all ages, willing to garden, mend and launder, take someone to shop for food or to visit doctors.

Eventually other needs occurred. At board meetings we discussed what needs we could not provide.

So we are here still – no need for another Time Bank; no need to plan new programs we have had for many years.

It puzzles me that there are people new to Greenbelt who desire to redo Greenbelt rather than enjoy what is here already, and has been since Greenbelt started.

Our Recreation Department fills the needs of young and old

who like sports, those who like to swim, exercise in water and in the Fitness Center, skate boarders.

Our Youth Center is inviting to Greenbelt's young people. Sports teams and summer camps fill up quickly.

In the Community Center one can find the Golden Age Club, artists, discussions and lectures of interest at Explorations Unlimited.

So, newcomers, relax. We already have what you are proposing; relax and enjoy with us. It's our gift to you.

GIVES will be happy to enroll you. Just call any weekday morning – 301-507-6580.

Janet Jacobs-Parker

Right to Know

The council worksession with Lakeside North Apartments (held April 4) advertised in the March 31 News Review did not include any reference to the major agenda item: the proposal presented by David Hillman, president of the Southern Management Corporation (SMC), to construct a 25-story upscale apartment building beyond the Lakeside North Apartments along Kenilworth Avenue.

Because the notice in the newspaper gave no mention of this proposed high rise project, the public was left out of the loop. Greenbelt residents had no way of knowing this would be on the agenda and thus could not voice any concerns or objections to this proposed project.

The editor's note following Brian Almquist's letter 'Stop the Development' appears to evoke transparency. It states that Mayor Emmett Jordan and City Manager Michael McLaughlin met with Hillman and his attorney and then presented a report to council in February to be followed up with this proposal presented at the upcoming April 4 council worksession, but again there was no reference to notifying or involving the public.

The Greenbelt public has a right to be notified of any development issue this important to the community.

Robert Snyder

Editor's Note: The worksession was a presentation of a proposal. It was referred to staff for comment and review. When this is done, the matter will be presented to council for consideration at which time there will be ample opportunity for public comments.

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the department's new laser mapping device which can be used both for documentation of crash and crime scenes and for speed enforcement.

Special Operations

PFC Carlos Torres worked as the Franklin Park public/private partnership officer, meeting weekly with the apartment's management to establish proactive responses to crime trends. He also organized, with the assistance of Franklin Park and the Beltway Plaza, a National Night Out event deemed a great success by residents and merchants.

The K-9 unit is short one team currently. The other three officer-dog teams conducted hundreds of searches, finding 29 pounds of marijuana in one case, 16 ounces of liquid Codeine and 2.2 kilos of marijuana in another. They found 21 suspects in criminal searches, three missing persons with suicidal tendencies and provided numerous public service demonstrations.

The two-member evidence technician unit processed crime scenes for vital pieces of evidence such as DNA.

Charles Wooten, is undergoing training as the new SRO for Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A long standing part of the community policing program, the SRO works closely with Eleanor Roosevelt High School staff, school security and students. In addition, Wooten will interact and coordinate enforcement services in the adjacent neighborhoods and patrol the Spellman Overpass.

Crime prevention/public information liaison facilitated training to establish the city's newest version neighborhood watch – the Dog Walker Crime Watch. He also conducted neighborhood watch training for Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

The department participates in the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force which provides added resources to the department in narcotics investigations and all vice type crimes such as gambling and prostitution.

Craze told the council that while the use of cocaine is dropping, the use of and dependency upon heroin and related codeine substances are increasing. He reported that 10 percent of the Baltimore resident population is addicted and that is not very far from Greenbelt. While there were three known overdoses last year, the actual number is unknown because of the use of prescription drugs and medical

treatment not always being reported to police.

Drug Task Force investigators also teamed up with patrol officers to investigate a number of prostitution businesses in the city with several charges being made.

The emergency response unit trains monthly to respond to and resolve any extraordinary incidents that may arise. While there were none in Greenbelt, the unit assisted during the civil unrest in Baltimore and also aided the Laurel, Hyattsville and Bladensburg police departments.

The crisis negotiation unit has six members of which three are Spanish speaking. They train monthly to remain ready for any potential incidents.

The homeland security unit prepares for potential terrorist events and receives, reviews and analyses public domain, private industry and law enforcement sensitive information concerning terrorist threats, health-related events such as pandemics and other medical issues while critiquing mass-casualty events, trends and training world-wide.

The honor guard unit presents the flags at ceremonial occasions such as openings and funerals.

Green Man Festival Celebrates Flowers

The 12th annual Green Man Festival celebrates the buds, blooms and blossoms of flowers. The festival will be held Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Roosevelt Center.

The Green Man invites all to join in recognizing these delicate, vibrant, subtle and gregarious expressions of the rooted ecosystem. Flowers call out to the eye, surprise the nose, and announce the spring and the hint of things to come. They are fleeting, but not soon forgotten...and always promise to return. Though they may seem frivolous, flowers are essential to the thin carpet of life on this planet. And so we celebrate them, one and all.

The Green Man Festival is a project of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), a non-profit organization dedicated to the health of all who share the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, with support from the City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Foundation, and the Adelphi Friends Meeting. For more information, visit greenbeltgreenman-festival.org or chears.org.

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Police Blotter

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

Carjacking

April 14, 5:24 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Two men wearing ski masks approached a woman sitting in her vehicle and told her to get out. She refused and the men fled on foot.

Assault

April 14, 6:15 p.m., 7400 block Frankfort Drive. A teen reported that she was challenged to a fight by a juvenile she knew from school. During the fight a second juvenile joined in. The first juvenile displayed a knife and threatened the teen, who ran away. An investigation is continuing.

Theft

April 14, 7 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A suitcase was taken from an office suite.

April 18, 9:01 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man agreed to purchase a cell phone over the internet and meet the seller in the 6000 block Springhill Drive to complete the transaction. After he gave him the money, the seller fled with both the money and the cell phone. He is described as black, 18 to 22 years old, 5'5" to 5'7" tall with a dark complexion, black hair in short twists, wearing a white shirt, black jeans and a white hat.

April 20, 3 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A wallet was stolen from a shopping cart inside Jo-Ann Fabrics.

Burglary

April 14, 7 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Cell phones, a laptop computer and a purse containing debit cards were taken from a residence after entry was gained, possibly by way of an unsecured window.

April 14, 10:24 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 50-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with burglary and trespass after he was found in a vacant apartment. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

April 18, 9:17 a.m., 5900

block Cherrywood Lane. A 21-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with burglary after she was located inside a vacant apartment. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crime

One vehicle was stolen, a silver 4-door 2012 Hyundai Sonata with Md. tags 3BP0584 near Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road.

Nine thefts were reported. Four occurred in the 9100 block Edmonston Road on different days (bottles of drinking alcohol from a locked car; cell phone after breaking a window; clothing from the car trunk; suitcase from a trunk). Four occurred in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (two Md. tags 8BF0012), 13 Court Hillside (front tag), 11 Parkway (purse from unlocked car) and 9100 Edmonston Court (gym bag).

Two events were reported in the 9100 block Springhill Court on the same date. A stereo system was taken from a locked vehicle and another car was vandalized when a rock was used to break a window.

Two other acts of vandalism occurred. A tire was punctured in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway and a rear windshield was broken out in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Sobriety Check Point May 5

Greenbelt police will conduct a sobriety checkpoint on Thursday May 5 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road. The objective is two-fold, to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired.

Contact MPO Scott Yankoway at 240-542-2114 or syankoway@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Interns Will Reach Wider Greenbelt Community

by Cathie Meetre

Last fall, the News Review applied for and won a matching grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation to fund three interns to improve our connection with Greenbelts East and West. The News Review thanks the Foundation and its contributors for this visionary award.

One intern will be assigned to Greenbelt East and one to Greenbelt West while the third is to specialize in reaching out to our growing Spanish-speaking population, primarily in Greenbelt West. The News Review's vision is for them to tap into their respective communities to seek out stories that will resonate with residents. They will use available opportunities, for instance PTAs and community associations, to increase residents' awareness of what the paper and online versions of the News Review offer them – while seeking to understand how to improve the paper's relevance to those communities.

The News Review began its existence in Greenbelt's core when that was all there was. As Greenbelt grew, the composition of the paper – its volunteers and its focus – didn't keep pace with the different demographics of the outer areas. The populations of

Greenbelts East and West remain, on the whole, more transient and are younger and more likely to have young families than are those in the core – although initially old Greenbelt itself was brimful of small children and their families. The East and West are also more likely to have Spanish as a first language.

The paper would like to create more interconnections city-wide by attracting more volunteers and reaching more people and looks to the interns to push that small snowball down the hill so that it grows and gathers momentum.

Traditionally, interns are thought of as students but in keeping with the breaking of the Center-focused mold, the News Review is instead looking for interns who are established members of the community and who have a commitment to living long term in Greenbelt. They will preferably reside in the areas they serve. Perhaps they are stay-at-home parents or recent retirees looking for active involvement in the community. Perhaps they already have a part-time job but are interested in a career in community activism. One intern will focus on the Hispanic community and should have native fluency in

written and spoken Spanish and the ability to translate English to written Spanish.

The internship will provide a stipend for a six-month commitment. It will require that the intern submit a story for publication (with photographs) on a topic of relevance to their assigned community on average once a month during that period and also that they conduct a pre- and post-internship survey of attitudes and readership of the paper among their target population. Interns are expected to research their communities to identify items that should be featured in the paper and to work with the editorial staff to integrate new ideas and topics. The Spanish-speaking intern (whose stipend is larger) will also translate some articles and write at least some original articles in Spanish.

The paper is looking for creativity and insight from the interns and welcomes original ideas and strategies to involve their respective communities. Applications for these positions or suggestions on possible strategies from readers are welcome. Email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com to contribute to this discussion and mention Interns in the subject line.

Volunteers Aid Recycling Through TerraCycle



by John Chavez

The City of Greenbelt is teaming up with recycling company TerraCycle to implement several programs aimed at improving the efficiency of recycling in the community.

TerraCycle, which was founded in 2001, focuses on providing solutions for all forms of recyclable waste and some individuals have decided to bring the benefits of TerraCycle to Greenbelt.

"When I saw photos of ocean dead zones and went to pick up trash in local streams, I was very disturbed," volunteer Marjorie Gray said. "Then I saw the TerraCycle logo on packaging and checked out their website. Individuals as well as groups and organizations can join collection brigades."

Some people may be surprised to learn that many items that commonly end up in the recycling bin aren't actually recyclable, according to Public Works Sustainability Coordinator Luisa Robles. This is where TerraCycle comes in. Any product that has Mylar, a type of stretched polyester film used in making heat-resistant packaging, is one example. Some products with Mylar

packaging include chip bags, energy bar wrappers, baby food pouches, and drinking pouches, such as Capri Sun.

"For items that aren't recyclable curbside, TerraCycle provides an outlet to recycle those things," Robles said. "What we want to achieve by TerraCycling is to keep materials out of the landfill, to upscale, and to recycle those materials. We want the materials to be reintroduced into the economy cycle, instead of just being buried in a landfill."

Several other recycling programs and events are already in place:

Four times a year, the city collects electronics and block styrofoam for recycling at the Public Works Department at 555 Crescent Road. The next collection will be held on July 23.

Twice a year, the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union with the city's help organizes a shredding event.

Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, the Purple Heart's Green Drop program, which specializes in small household items like pots and pans, accepts donations behind Green-

belt's Municipal building in the parking lot.

A recycling center at Buddy Attick Park takes household items such as cans, bottles, paper bags and newspapers and also specializes in motor oil, filters, car batteries, and anti-freeze. All other hazardous materials must be taken to the County facilities in Upper Marlboro.

On May 7 and 8, the 12th annual Green Man Festival will be held at the Roosevelt Center. The event is rain-or-shine and will feature vendors, music, arts and crafts, and other family-friendly activities. Festival goers are encouraged to bring recyclables materials for TerraCycle such as Brita filters, energy bar wrappers and drink pouches.

More information regarding city programs is available at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Information about the Green Man Festival is available at www.greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org. Information about Terracycle is available at www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades.

Joseph Foley is a University of Maryland student writing for the News Review.

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.

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France is the quintessential market-goers paradise. Traditional street markets flourish in every small town and all over Paris – with garden-fresh produce and every possible product. But why not save the travel budget because Greenbelt ain't playing no deuxième fiddle. The Greenbelt Farmers Market announces its ninth year of operation starting Sunday, May 8 – Mothers' Day – from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot between the Community Center and Roosevelt Center. The market runs every Sunday until the Sunday before Thanksgiving – with the exception of Labor Day weekend when the Festival takes over. An additional market is held to synchronize with the Festival of Lights in early December.

There are exciting new vendors this year. By increasing the number of rotating vendors who come on a schedule but not every week, this year's market provides an ever-greater variety of products in its restricted space and several new vendors make their debut in this category. Of particular interest is Caprikorn Farms, which will add a component much sought to these several years – cheese. Caprikorn will come to the market the second and fourth Sunday of the month. A new specialty vendor is King Mushroom – they'll alternate with Caprikorn, first and third Sundays and offer a wide selection of mushrooms – market-goers will think they were magically transported to France where no self-respecting market is sans a specialty mushroom vendor. Also making their regular season market debut is Meatrafters – whose sausages were a big hit at the Holiday Market last year. They'll set up in Glade-Link Farm's spot for at least the first three markets in May (Glade-Link won't return until the end of May or beginning of June when their crop is ready) then alternate with Jack Creek Plants thereafter (start-

ing in June: first and third Sundays for Meatrafters, second and fourth for Jack Creek). Meanwhile, Barnola – a locally-based producer and vendor of granola and grain products – will be attending on a space-available basis.

This year's market will have many returning vendors, welcoming back familiar faces Shlagel Farms, Pleititz, Three Springs, Pat Hochmuth and Patty's Garden who team with last year's new vendors Primaterra and Woodland Harvest to bring a variety of fresh vegetables and fruits to the market. Glade-Link Farms and Jack Creek round out the offerings of flowers and plants. Number 1 Sons will be back with its pucker-up zesty pickles and slaws.

Brunch aficionados will be delighted to hear that they'll be able to get crepes and perhaps tacos from Miguel's new venture – El Taco Loco and Crepes – and it's hard to beat last year's popular Indonesian specialties from Roy and RT. Two Oceans and Ferguson Family Farm will be back for the omnivores with smoked salmon and grass-fed meats respectively. Mouthwatering items from Heavenly Created Desserts (first, third and fifth Sundays, alternating with Clean Bee Soapworks) and Tiffany's Oven cap it off especially when combined with a big dollop of Simple Pleasures ice cream and a great cup of Joe from Zeke's to wash it all down. For those who tingle, Maryland wineries Knob Hall, Elk Run, and Romano will be taking turns throughout the season – offering tastings and advice on wine pairings. Baked goods are well represented by long-time vendor Stone Hearth Bakery - their asiago baguette is ambrosial and their pies mouthwatering. Rounding off the market are Clean Bee's bee-based products including soaps and honey and Mystic Water's natural-based skin care products.

New this year is our "Need a Bag" campaign. Committed to decreasing the use of plastic grocery sacks, the market secured a donation of several hundred new reusable fabric tote bags from Maryland Farmer's Market Association to be given away free

(while supplies last) at the information table and at individual vendor booths. The market is also collaborating with Greenbelt's Zero Waste Group to increase composting and recycling at the market.

Behind the scenes, the market's volunteer board of Terry Kucera, Anne Marigza, Lynn White, Stacy Brooks and Cathie Meetre has been working with Market Master Nancy Solomon to line up vendors and do the paperwork required to open the market. No small task. Perhaps Greenbelters take the market for granted after seeing it there year after year, but it only happens because a small group of dedicated volunteers work year round behind the scenes. Consider joining them.

The market is grateful to its sponsors – Cultivating Health, Author Kim Kash, Freedom Realty, Proteus Bikes, Doctors Hospital and the New Deal Café who help underwrite the activities of the market. Thanks also are due the City of Greenbelt, which allows use of the parking lot and provides invaluable infrastructure with traffic cones, trash pickup and overall support.

Donations are splendid but money isn't everything and the market can't function without volunteers. Money covers insurance and other direct market costs but there is much to be done. As well as hands on assistance at the market itself, there are many other activities with which volunteers can assist and which aren't tied to Sundays. This includes visiting farms or producers to ensure that products originate as specified, organizing special events, assisting with sponsor relations, posting on social media, complying with multiple regulatory bodies and overall planning and administration of the market. Consider volunteering so this valuable community endeavor can continue. The commitment can be anywhere from a couple of hours a month upwards, in alignment with the volunteer's own schedule.

To find out more or to offer to volunteer or donate/sponsor, see GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org, write email to info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org or call the market's phone number 240-476-8769 and leave a message (only monitored in real time on market days).

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