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### News Review Closed Monday

The News Review office will be closed on Monday, May 28, honoring Memorial Day. The ad desk will be open on Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 5 and 8 to 10 p.m. All articles and advertising for the May 31 issue must be submitted by 10 p.m. May 29, at the latest, sooner if possible.

Thursday, May 24, 2001

plication. He said that when an

organization contributes substan-

tially to the community, he wel-

comes it as a Greenbelt organiza-

tion, even if only 10 percent of

the members are Greenbelters.

Mayor Judith Davis felt that a

strict numerical standard did not

have to be applied. She encour-

aged the club to increase its

Greenbelt membership through

attracting younger members, per-

haps as non-voting junior mem-

Club Vice-president Doug

Love, a Greenbelter, said that the

club had already raised its mem-

bership to 62 percent from

Greenbelt through a recent mem-

bership drive. He cited the

unique contributions the As-

tronomy Club can make. There

are only three astronomy clubs in

the entire Washington metro area,

he said, adding that Greenbelt

should be honored to host a club

as well as the club's benefiting

from being a Greenbelt organiza-

tion. However, he said that the

club is open and would continue

to attract members from neighbor-

ing communities who have an in-

terest in astronomy. Love also

mentioned the club's participation

in the Labor Day Festival and its

holding events to bring attention

to the night sky (the natural sky

with minimal man-made lighting).

stepping into a mine field and

recognized that the Astronomy

Club had and would contribute to

the community. Putens insisted

that "there had been no opposi-

Greenbelt's Park and Recreation

Advisory Board had approved the

club's application. In a final

vote, so did all the council mem-

just clarification."

Davis apologized to Settle for

## **Council Juggles Several Issues Both Ordinary and Eclectic**

#### by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt City Council gave conditional approval to eliminating garages in the Lakes of Greenbelt Village development, held a first public hearing on the 2002 budget and set a work session to review proposals for visual arts programming in the city. Council also set in motion a plan to utilize a grant to further naturally occurring retirement communities and presented proclamations on honoring Police Memorial Day and Public Works Week. Greenbelt's legislative team attended this meeting and gave a legislative wrap-up.

Many citizens appeared to be there to discuss the results of a request for proposals (RFP) to provide visual arts programming at the Community Center. The city's current Cooperative Agreement and License Agreement for Facility Use with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) will expire this year on June 30.

To determine the options for visual arts education for the next fiscal year, the city has issued a request for proposals, to which ceived. One came from GAVA and the other from Greenbelt Pottery. In response, the city recommended that the program be consolidated within the Recreation Department and that a ceramics studio manager and arts specialist to assist with the rest of the programming be hired. This approach was supported by Greenbelt Pottery.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull suggested that the issue be taken up in a special meeting so that members would have time to study the several hundred pages of backup material; he thought that the timetable was too compressed. In deference to those who were there to discuss the issue, council did move up the item on the agenda and heard some comments.

The Arts Advisory Board recommended an alternative scenario, choosing to hire a ceramics studio manager and have GAVA manage the rest of the visual arts program. However, two members of the Arts Advisory Board, Dennis Jelalian and Robert Schafer, spoke against the staff recommendation

two viable responses were re- of hiring a ceramics studio manager. Jelalian said that the system where GAVA operated both pottery and other arts education worked well since it was beneficial to have these programs coordinated. Schafer thought that there had not been sufficient opportunity for citizen input.

Councilmember Thomas White thought that the RFP process was flawed and had started too late, given that the arts classes and programs needed to begin in July. Councilmember Edward Putens asked and was told by City Manager Michael McLaughlin that the RFP process met the established requirements, in terms of announcing the RFP and period of time allowed for bids.

Further discussion was then postponed and a worksession on the issue scheduled for May 21. The topic will be taken up again at the May 29 regular council meeting.

At the first of two required public hearings on the 2002 budget, held on May 14, several citizens brought issues before the See COUNCIL, page 10

### **Council Set to Raise** Tax Rate by 3 Cents

#### by James Giese

## **'02 Budget Funds Parkland And Building Improvements** by Betsy Likowski

During the next fiscal year, the city could begin replacing windows in the Community Center and purchase the Sunrise property for parkland. In addition, a state grant has been received toward the expansion of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. These were just some of the possible projects involving city parks, streets and buildings discussed at a city council worksession on Wednesday, April 11 as part of the council's review of the budget for fiscal year 2002 (FY02) for the Capital Projects Fund.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin's budget proposes total capital project expenditures of \$1,777,500. To pay for this, \$380,100 would be transferred from the city's General Fund, \$1,025,000 would come from grants, and \$25,000 from interest, for a total of revenues of \$1,430,100. The remaining money would come from the existing balance in the fund, which carries over from year to year.

advised them that all the items on the Capital Projects list are for consideration only - sometime this summer, council will meet to decide which projects will be funded

McLaughlin proposed spending \$625,000 for land acquision. The funds are from Program Open Space funds that the city has gotten in past years.

Council has been seeking to acquire the Sunrise property, located off of Hanover Parkway near the Holiday Inn, and these monies in the budget would allow council to purchase the property if the opportunity presented itself. At its February 12 regular council meeting such a purchase attempt was discussed. Sunrise property owners, Peterson Companies, also own a parcel on which council would like to see the new post office built. So council has been working on both issues. The price for Sunrise had been discussed at \$624,000. Improvement to city playgrounds is slated at \$102,000 in FY02. A proposed wetlands education facility at the Buddy Attick Lake Park would need \$5,700 in city funds to match funds from grants. Funds are set aside (\$7,000) if agreement is reached expanding the city trail system from Greenbrook to Schrom Hills Park.

At its final budget work session on May 22, the Greenbelt City Council tentatively agreed to a three cent tax rate increase (based on the old system of assessed valuations). Under the new system, where property assessments are at 100% of real value, instead of the previous 40%, the tax rate increase will be 1.2 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. This represents a two cent (.8 cent) increase above the one cent (.4 cent) increase proposed by City Manager Michael P McLaughlin. The council added \$85,500 in revenues and \$200,100

in expenditures to the manager's budget (see box on page 6). Council will hold a second

## **Astronomy Club Achieves Recognition by Council**

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#### by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club's application for recognition as a contributions group-receiving support from the city-received unanimous approval from the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting on May 14. However, earlier in the evening that did not seem to be the direction council was taking. Instead, the request seemed to fall into a debate as long-standing Councilmember Edward Putens expressed concern about groups that don't have a majority Greenbelt membership but present themselves as Greenbelt groups. He recited the past history of organizations that sought the Greenbelt label but were not part of the Greenbelt community.

The Astronomy Club application indicates that 55 percent of the members are Greenbelt residents, while guidelines for becoming a contributions group call for two-thirds of the membership to be Greenbelters. Putens said if the club is half from Greenbelt and half from Bowie, he would expect Bowie to provide support as well. Councilmember Rodney Roberts echoed Putens' concerns and asked what the Astronomy Club would do for Greenbelt citizens to warrant taxpayer support.

In answer, President John Settle mentioned a number of educational programs. He reminded council that the Astronomy Club was coming to the city with a gift, the observatory. He said that the support needed primarily was meeting room space and assistance in placing the observatory in a suitable location in Greenbelt.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull spoke in support of the club's ap-

## **Metroland Tract Subject To Conflicting Opinions**

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bers.

by Virginia Beauchamp No one is exactly reading tea leaves, but lots of folks are peering into a clouded future concerning the so-called Metroland tract where the future Greenbelt Station development is soon, or eventually, to rise. To representatives of the developers, when they get the okay from the governmental agencies involved, the clouds will disperse - to reveal a golden age to come. But to the set of consultants hired by the cities of Greenbelt and College Park to examine the developers' Conceptual Site Plan, that future is murky at best and based, they say, on flimsy, or missing, assumptions. Both points of view were exposed before the Greenbelt City Council in a worksession on Tuesday, May 15. Norman Rivera, an attorney for the developers, and Greg Ault, a planner with the firm of EDAW, Inc., that had drawn up two possible scenarios for use of the site, be-

gan the meeting by setting forth their vision for the future upscale, mixed-use development. This

#### Parks

Work should begin on the long-awaited restrooms in the Buddy Attick Lake Park during the upcoming fiscal year. Construction and installation of a security camera with connection to the police department are estimated to cost \$119,000.

Citizens interested in the dog park showed up at the worksession. So council added \$15,000 for lights at the dog park to the list of projects. Councilmember Thomas White

#### Streets

A total of \$100,000 is allocated for street resurfacing. A portion of Ora Glen Drive will be resurfaced and at the same time See CAPITAL BUDGET, page 6

public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, May 29 at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Final adoption is scheduled for later that evening. As one councilmember said, after wrestling with budget figures for almost five hours, "Nobody has told us not to increase the tax rate. If they don't like it, they can come tell us at the public hearing."

### What Goes On

Mon., May 28 Memorial Day, city offices closed 10 a.m. American Legion observance at Roosevelt Center Tue., May 29, 8 p.m. Regular Council Meeting and Second Public Hearing on Budget, Municipal Building Wed., May 30, 8 p.m. Worksession on compensation study, Community Center

was the rosy view. No one was present to represent Westfields, the developer of a retail mall near Annapolis, which is contract purchaser for the retail portion of the site.

These two speakers were then followed by Brian Collins, who analyzed the traffic study previously submitted by the developers in support of their proposal, and, by Mark Burchick, representing Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA), which had carried out a similar study of the environmental impact of the projected development.

Unable to attend the meeting was a spokesperson for ZHA, Inc., which submitted a written report of its economic analysis of the proposal and how completely it adhered to the terms of county ordinance CB-47-2000, which had been passed specifically to SeeMETROLAND, page 6

# Letters to the Editor

### Letters to the Editor

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Every now and then the News Review receives a letter to the editor which the author, for one reason or another, has neglected to sign. Some of these letters present valid points of view, worth discussing in the public forum which this newspaper provides to the community. Unfortunately, we cannot publish such letters unless we know who wrote them. We may, if circumstances warrant, withhold the name of someone who wants to preserve his anonymity, but we must know the author in order to honor such a request.

### THANKS

On Monday, May 21, we had a medical emergency, early in the morning, which required a call to 911 for an ambulance. Praise be to our wonderful volunteers and paramedics. Not only did they respond immediately, but the young woman who was the first on the job, and the gentleman who accompanied her, began emergency treatment with care and calmness.

A second ambulance arrived soon after with two others of our finest professionals, Mr. Tourquette (I believe) and Mr. Martin, who continued the emergency treatment.

All involved carried on their duties, under some difficulties, so professionally and so calmly that at no time was there panic.

I'm sorry I don't have all the names of those wonderful people, but I thank them profusely. They are one more reason Greenbelt is such a wonderful place in which to live.

Janet Jacobs Parker

### An Open Letter To Councilman Putens

I wish to make it clear that the following is my personal opinion, for which I am solely responsible. Councilman Putens

I am deeply saddened by the way you chose to behave toward me and the organization I represent at the city council meeting of May 14, 2001. Why you choose to vilify an organization such as the astronomy club, which has only done good and gentle things for the City of Greenbelt, is completely beyond my comprehension. I do now, however, have a better understanding of why many of the longtime Greenbelt residents I am honored to call my friends avoid involvement with your fair city's government. I came to the council meeting as the legally elected representative of many Greenbelt residents, bearing what we thought was a wonderful gift for your community. Of all the organizations that appeared before you that evening, we\_were perhaps the only one that was completely willing to pay our own way. Your reaction to me and the citizens I represent was uncalled for, unprofessional and unacceptable. Sir, this is not characteristic of the Greenbelt I have come to know and is something I do not wish to be a part of.

## Anti-Christian

The May 17 issue of the Greenbelt News Review omitted any mention of the vandalism of a statue of Mary at St. Hugh's School. Perhaps the staff were unaware of the event.

In the early hours of Mothers' Day, May 13, the perpetrator(s) of the crime kicked the statue until part of it broke off. Footprints marred the face of the figure. This is clearly a hate crime against the Catholic Church.

Coincidentally, the vandalism occurred at a time when anti-Catholic art hangs on the walls of the New Deal Café, otherwise a great place. One painting depicts Jesus crucified with the words, "and who do you say I am?" The response appears in another part of the picture, "I think he's crazy." An establishment that serves as a venue for anti-Christian art exhibits should not be patronized until the paintings are removed. An apology would be appropriate. Images of this nature support a hostile attitude toward the church which at times expresses itself in acts of violence, such as the destruction of the statue of the Mother of Christ.

Inez Fitzgerald Storck

### **Cooperation Possible!**

Not since the attempted annexation of Parkside has the City of Greenbelt poured so much attention into one issue as with the proposals to provide visual arts programming at the Greenbelt Community Center. Now, however, the rhetoric is less incendiary, and the possibilities for cooperation, growth and community building are within the city's grasp.

My wife, like many artists and artisans who took ceramics

classes in the center, found a comfortable atmosphere to experiment and grow with her peers and to become a part of the community. The incredible commitment of students, staff and teachers known as the Potters Guild made that possible. Even before forming the organization called the Potters Guild, and later Greenbelt Pottery Inc., these individuals worked to create a ceramics institution without equal in this region. They built that ceramics studio from one electric wheel and a kiln to a thriving arts "scene" without rival.

And they did it in cooperation with GAVA.

Whatever their disagreements, I believe these organizations can still work together with tremendous results. Sometimes my parents had to tell my brother and me to "work it out!" and get over our differences. "You can't afford to fight your brother, because someday you'll need him," my dad would say before leaving us in our room together.

Barbara Simon never explicitly said she would "pull out" or cancel programming if the city doesn't award GAVA the entire contract, though she allowed the city council to infer that. And though others also interpreted her words that way, I sincerely believe she left her options open to work with the Pottery Guild should the city choose to enlist the services of both organizations.

I really want to see the Greenbelt Community Center become a place where Barbara Hille, Gina Mai Denn, and many others feel comfortable to work, play and continue contributing to the fine quality ceramics programming they had developed during the previous four years. Their work has been a model of

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

**Community Beautification Program** 

The 2001 Community Beautification Program is well under way.

The units scheduled for the week of May 29 through June 1 will

be the same as the preceding week. Courts to be rescheduled are:

All questions, comments or suggestions should be directed to

Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-4161 ext. 132. When possible

Thank you for your cooperation.

> 1 thru 10 court of Crescent Road

> 1 thru 16 courts of Ridge Road

> 2 thru 11 courts of Southway

> 1 and 2 courts of Westway

calls will be answered within 24 hours.

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ideals and volunteerism, and the partnership they once held informally with GAVA should be formalized and encouraged without focusing on the reasons for this current, and I believe temporary,

squabble.

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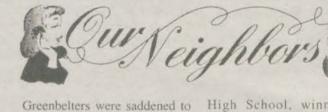
High School, winner in the Maryland History Day 2001 contest. The topic of his paper was "Talking the Talk and Walking the Walk: the Legacy of Mahatma Ghandi's philosophy of satyagraha movement.

Good luck to Ethan Cowan, who left Greenbelt Tuesday afternoon with his mom, heading for the Destination Imagination Global competition in Tennessee. Ethan is a member of the Glenarden Woods team that won top honors in the county and state earlier this spring.





"The stars are in the correct alignment for the Astronomy Club to ask for City funds.... by Jupiter!"



Karl B. Hille

John Settle, Hyattsville

House and Garden Tour

### Greenbelt Homes, Inc. a housing cooperative in Greenbelt, MD

On view will be homes and gardens displaying a wide variety of architectural enhancements, remodeling and renovation projects and land-

scaped gardens.

On June 3, 2001, from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., visitors can begin their free tour at the GHI office. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Hamilton Place Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 474-4161 Editor, Mary Lou Williamson, 301-441-2662 Assistant Editor, Barbara Likowski 301-474-8483 News Editor: Elaine Skolnik, 301-598-1805

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours Mail subscriptions—\$32/year

> Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



### **GHI** Notes

### Memorial Day

The Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will hold Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, Roosevelt Center.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held at the American Legion Post at 6900 Greenbelt Road. For information call 301-345-0136.

### **ERHS** Baccalaureate Will Be on May 29

Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduating seniors, their parents, family members, and friends are invited to the 21st annual baccalaureate service for graduating seniors, to be held Tuesday May 29 beginning at 7 p.m. in the school's Media Center. The baccalaureate serves to mark the religious significance of this major transition in the lives of the graduates. The program will include choral and instrumental music, student speakers, and the baccalaureate address. It is organized for the faith communities of Greenbelt by the Greenbelt Clergy Association.

### Murder Investigation Is Continuing

Greenbelt Police are cooperating with U.S. Park Police, who are continuing their investigation of the death of 18year-old resident Tessa Osborne. Her body was found May 2 in a wooded area of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Anyone with information is urged to call Detective Marie Triesky at 301-507-6530. Information can be kept confidential.

### At the Library

Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28, the library will be closed for the Memorial Day weekend.

Tuesday, May 29, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, May 31, 10:15 a.m., Teddy Bear's Picnic for ages 2 to 5 and families.

In the display case for June is work done by the Vegetarian Society of D.C.

### "Vids by Kids" Plays At Greenbelt Theatre

On Sunday, June 3, at 10 a.m. there will be a free showing of "Vids by Kids," a video festival of videos made by young people under the age of 18. The screening will take place at the Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. This event is co-sponsored by GATE (Greenbelt Access Television) and GAVA (Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts) and the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre.

## **Community Events**

### **Greenbelt Road Study Discussion Scheduled**

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will be hosting an initial public meeting to discuss the proposed Neighborhood Conservation Program (NCP) Project along MD 193 (Greenbelt Road) between US 1 (Baltimore Boulevard) and Soil Conservation Road in Prince George's County. Items discussed will be the NCP Concept Development Process and the need for this project. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Center, 25 Crescent Rd.

### Poppy Day Honors American Veterans

American Legion Auxiliary volunteers from Greenbelt Unit 136 will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead on Saturday, May 26, at Beltway Plaza near Giant Food and at Memorial Day services in Roosevelt Center on Monday, May 28.

Planned to coincide with the Memorial Day holiday, the annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in the last 75 years. It also honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country over eight decades.

It serves, as well as honors, the veteran with all proceeds from the distribution invested in local programs for the benefit of the veteran and his/her family.

Each nine-piece poppy is made by veterans in Auxiliary sponsored Poppy Shops that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled veterans. The Auxiliary provides the materials and the volunteers. The veteran makes the poppy and is paid a small amount for each painstakingly made flower. For some it is their only income.

No matter what the cost of maintaining and supplying the Poppy Shops, the memorial poppy is never sold, but given in exchange for contributions.

The Poppy program has been part of Auxiliary programming for more than 70 years. It has been estimated that approximately 25 million Americans wear the poppy to honor America's war dead and all veterans, contributing over \$2 million for rehabilitation and welfare programs.

### **Big Seats**, Cupholders And a 3-Hour Film

by Eileen Peterson

The Old Greenbelt Theatre, newly refurbished with larger seats and new carpet, is gearing up for Friday, May 25, when it will premiere the movie Pearl Harbor, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**Multiple Shows** 

Because the movie is three hours long, Paul Sanchez, the theater's operator, has decided to run three shows every day (see boxed ad). He cautions, however, that Greenbelters need to adjust their schedules: most seem to show up 10 minutes before a movie, he remarks.

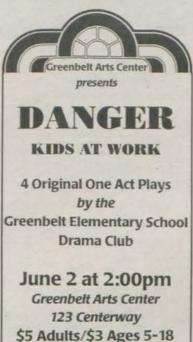
"I expect the almost-400 newer seats (of varied sizes and with cupholders) to fill quickly, so come earlier." Additional ticket takers and refreshment stand personnel have been hired, he elaborates.

Patrons will also find new, artdeco design carpeting in a redblack-gray pattern. The gray floor in the main theater has been repainted.

#### Better Days

Sanchez reflects that the movie house - ready to close last year for lack of patrons - is enjoying a renaissance due to fundraising and special events organized by the Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. "It began with the appearance of Zuzu of It's a Wonderful Life in December, and the crowds have been coming back," he marvels.

Any questions can be answered by calling 301-474-9744 - the schedule line --- or 301-474-9745 a direct line to the Old Greenbelt Theatre.



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**Reservations and Directions** 

301-441-8770

### Golden Age Club by Ruth Huggins

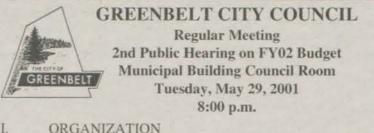
President Bill Souser presided over the May 16 birthday party. The birthday celebrants present were: Roger Brown, Sally Carrano, Lenny Holohan, Verna Marrie (who became a life member), and Hazel Travers. Betty Down, Sunshine chair, reported she sent a get well card to Ruth Roffo who is recovering from hip surgery.

President Souser said it's not too late to bring yard sale items to the senior lounge. The Golden Age Club annual yard sale is Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Roosevelt Center. As in the past, the proceeds from the sale are donated to the Recreation Department's Camp Scholarship fund.

### GHI Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28 in honor of Memorial Day. For emergency maintenance that day please call 301-474-6011.

### **Computer Graphics** Free Internet Demo

Summer presents a time for fun with three popular computer graphics programs: PrintShop, PrintMaster and PrintArtist. Mary Camp will demonstrate making cards, boxes, party sets, and other items using these programs. Their strengths, weaknesses and similarities will be discussed in this free Greenbelt Internet Access Co-op (GIAC) sponsored presentation on Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m. in Dining Room 2, Greenbelt Community Center. A door prize will be awarded. All are welcome. To reserve a copy of the handouts call GIAC's voice-mail at 301-419-8044 by Tuesday, May 29.



### ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4. Consent Agenda Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [\*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

#### COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations

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- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation - Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary

- 7. 2nd Public Hearing on FY 2002 Budget
- 8. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)
- 9. Minutes of Meetings
- 10. Administrative Reports
- 11. Committee Reports
  - Park & Recreation Advisory Board Report (New Deal Café)
- Ш. LEGISLATION
  - OTHER BUSINESS
  - 12. Presentation on Pedestrian Crosswalk Notices

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### Labor Day Festival **Committee Bake Sale**

The Labor Day Festival Committee will be holding its second fundraiser - a bake sale and pizza and fruitshake sale - this Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Co-op. This is the second of many fundraisers that the committee will be having over the next few months. People are asked to come out and buy some goodies, order some summertime drinks (and quick fix meals), and support the Labor Day Festival.



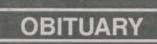
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY **REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE** City offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th. The Greenbelt Connection will not run on that day. Refuse/Recycling Schedule for Week of May 28th Monday Route - Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday Thursday Route - Collected Friday There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, June 1st.

- 13. TheBus Greenbelt-New Carrollton Local Bus Route 16
- 14. Recommendation on RFP for Visual Arts Programming at the Community Center
- 15. Metroland Plans
- MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

> Kathleen Gallagher City Clerk



### **Doris A. Cottington**

Doris A. Cottington, 84, of Greenway Place died on May 21, 2001. She had Alzheimer's disease. Since January 2000 she had lived in an assisted living facility in Bowie.

Born April 8, 1917 in Black Earth, Wisconsin, the youngest of five children, she lived on a farm. After graduating from high school she went to Madison where she worked for a lawyer.

In Madison she met her husband, Robert. They were married in Madison and left for Washington, D.C. where he had a job. In 1943 they came to Greenbelt, living first in the apartments and then at 47B Ridge Rd. In 1959 they moved to Lakewood. Four families and friends they had known from old Greenbelt moved to Lakewood, too and they continued their friendships.

In Greenbelt Mrs. Cottington first worked as a dispatcher for the police department. In 1953 she started to work part-time in the city office as a clerk-stenographer and went full time in 1964. She worked as secretary to two city managers, Charles T. McDonald and James K. Giese and retired in 1974.

She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church, the Ladies of Charity, and the Sodality's Eucharistic Committee. She and her husband were eucharistic ministers, taking communion to the homebound.

After her husband retired they traveled around the world.

Her children remember her as a caring mother and are grateful for the way their parents raised them.

In 1987 her husband, Robert, died. She is survived by a son Hugh J. of Crofton; daughters Ellyn J. of Gaithersburg and Joyce C. MacDougall of Norwich, Conn.; sisters Muriel Deneen and Eunice Holley; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit the family at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Hugh's Church on Friday, May 25 at 10:15 a.m. Interment will be at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimers Association, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1100, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

### Strawberry Festival Will Be June 2

Everyone is invited to the annual

### National Competition Awaits Greenbelt Boy

by Mary Moien an you take paper and balsa wood weighing just a few ounces (30.2 grams) and build a threepart structure that can hold almost 300 pounds? The Destination Imagination team from Glenarden Woods Elementary School can, and they did. On May 14 they were honored by the Prince George's County Council for being the winning team of the State of Maryland competition held in April. They won over elementary school teams from many other Maryland counties.

The group will now compete in the Destination Imagination Global Finals this month in Knoxville, Tennessee. Greenelter Ethan Cowan was one of the seven students on the Glenarden team.

Destination Imagination is a creative problem-solving activity for elementary, middle and high school students. Its main purpose is to foster creative thinking and problem-solving skills among young people. Glenarden Woods Elementary School is a magnet elementary for students from Prince George's County.

The county proclamation states that the "Team exhibited outstanding team spirit, enthusiasm and cooperation and displayed a high degree of talent and determination in planning, executing and presenting their project.'

In addition to building the structure, the students also had to develop a skit, with rhyming, singing, and dancing to present information about their project. Oretha Bridgwaters, principal of Glenarden Woods, indicated that "It's a wonderful group (of students)." She felt the key of their success is the fact that they "really gelled" in working together. Mary Ellen Frank is the teacher involved with this project.

Ethan's parents, Jim Cowan and Eva Garin, served as coaches for the team. Cowan commented that it was "a very positive experience, a very diverse group of kids in terms of backgrounds... It was a pleasure to watch them bond." Chris Cherry, recreation coordinator for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, also provided some coaching assistance by reviewing their skit as they practiced in the Community Center.



Off to Tennessee! The Maryland Destination Imagination winning team from Glenarden Woods heads to the Global Finals; from left: Ethan Cowan (Greenbelter), Dipti Badrinath, Denise Smith, Darlene Jackson, Jimmy Obianjy and Alex Dan.

- photo by Jim Cowan



### ERHS Delegation To Go to Japan

A delegation of ERHS students and staff members are planning to go to Suiran High School in Yokohama, Japan in July 2001 as part of an ongoing sister school exchange.

In a letter from Principal Sylvester Conyers, he reports that former exchange students are now considering careers in inter-

Cowan added that Destination Imagination teams from Benjamin Tasker Middle School and Oxon Hill High School will also be in the Knoxville competition.

Paint Branch Unitarian

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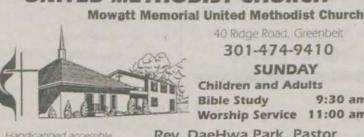
national business or law. He further states that "In a world that will rely increasingly upon workers adept at international communication and understanding, we feel that this program is an important asset to the community.

Fund raisers are being conducted at the school level, but more assistance is needed. Donations may be given to Eleanor Roosevelt High School and may be applied to a particular student's expenses.



strawberry festival at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities for the kids: moon bounce, games, face painting, movies. Activities for the adults include: plant sale, bake sale, white elephants, and an auction. Food will be on sale: strawberry sundaes, hot dogs, platters, sodas. Call 301-474-7573 for more information.

Baha'i Faith "O Son of Spirit! Noble I created thee, yet thou hast abased thyself. Rise then unto that for which thou wast created. -Baha'i Sacred Writings Greenbelt Baha'i Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-2918 301-220-3160 nformation about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at http://www.bahal.org



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8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm 7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Sundays Education Hour: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Fellowship: 9:30 - 9:55 a.m. Worship: 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Fellowship: 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon Wednesdays Worship: 7:30 p.m.



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## **City Council Discusses Ceramic Arts Program**

#### by Nelda Young

The Greenbelt City Council met in a worksession on May 21 to discuss alternative proposals for the ceramics and visual arts programs for fiscal year 2002. Barbara Simon, director of Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), commented that a decision made so close to the time when the contract period begins will leave any vendor "precious little time" to implement and advertise classes for the summer

Joe McNeal. Community Center supervisor, began the meeting by listing the three staff recommendations in order of preference: First, to consolidate the educational visual art and ceramic art programming within the framework of the Recreation Department. His Alternate Scenario A was to consolidate the ceramic art programming within the framework of the Recreation Department and contract with GAVA for the provision of visual art programming.

Alternate Scenario B was to contract with GAVA to provide educational visual art and ceramic art programming.

In her presentation to the group, Simon emphasized GAVA's opinion that the visual arts program should be comprehensive and of one piece; in other words, Alternative B. Under repeated questioning from council, she said, "GAVA is not interested in recommendation A at all! We are interested in a comprehensive program only. We have a highly interconnected program.'

Greenbelt Pottery, led by Jessica Gitlis, submitted what Councilmember Alan Turnbull called a "non-proposal." This group suggested that the city hire two employees instead of contracting with a vendor. Someone could be hired to administer the arts programs, leaving the artists free to create and teach. A teacher could also be hired to teach and oversee the volunteers, she said.

In response, Turnbull asked the group of nine members representing Greenbelt Pottery, "Are you comfortable divesting citizens and putting the program in the public sector? Then, your group would have a chance to persuade only." He added the caveat that in his opinion, "Any city-hired employee for such a position should be limited to a fixed term."

Mayor Judith Davis expressed concern: "Would you lose some of creative sense if you want to make a change by having to deal with a bureaucracy?"

Gitlis answered, "The proposal is a vision; we are flexible.

So, what contribution or role does Greenbelt Pottery propose playing? They said they see themselves as fundraisers, a guild, management for the studio, a support mechanism, and helping with events in the community. Gitlis said, "We are putting forward a concept."

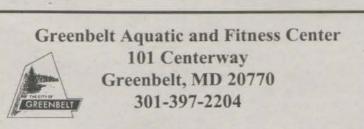
From 1996 to 2000 GAVA and Greenbelt Pottery worked together to provide arts programs in Greenbelt. The two groups split last winter. McNeal described that time as very unpleasant, "like going through an ugly divorce."

Gitlis expressed optimism that the parallel venture would work. Simon said it would be "bizarre for the city to hire a city ceramic program manager rather than a program."

The city council is expected to make a decision at the May 29 meeting.

### **Bookkeeper Needed**

Doctors Community Hospital, located in Lanham, is seeking a retired bookkeeper or accountant volunteer to assist their volunteer board. Monthly board meetings and weekly bookkeeping obligations start in June. This is a friendly work environment. An interview is required. Call Mary Beth Klick at 301-552-8602 for more information.



#### SUMMER ADMISSION POLICY



During the Community Center's open house Nisaa Grant (student in center) shows off her clay work to her proud dad Kevin Grant. Pottery teacher Pamela Larson is on the left.

-photo by Maria del Mar Lopez

### **GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER** 2001 SUMMER SESSION I GREENBELT

In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. All classes have a limit on enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!! All registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic & fitness classes.

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-senior classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in City elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 301-397-2204.

All registrants registering as a resident non-passholder must show proof to receive Greenbelt resident status.

#### Acceptable Proof: Valid license or current lease.

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

### GAFC Class & Registration Dates

Summer Session I: June 11, 2001 - July 6, 2001 Passholders & Residents register: Tuesday, May 29 Non-Residents register: Wednesday, May 30 - Friday, June 1

Register in person at the GAFC between 6:00am and 10:00pm for all dates noted above. Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times. Class rates have been pro-rate for Wednesday, July 4, 2001.

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Non-residents will not be able to purchase daily admissions

to the pool and fitness center on summer weekends and summer holidays unless they are a guest of a passholder or a Greenbelt resident.

> Guest fees are as follows: \$5.00/youth (1-13years) \$7.00/adult (14-59 years) \$5.00/senior (60 years & older)

In order to implement these changes, anyone wishing to pay a daily admission fee must present a valid 1.D. proving Greenbelt residency. Passholders and residents must sign their guests in, remain at the facility and are responsible for them at all times.

High/Low Cardio Adventure	T/TH	6:30pm-7:15pm	\$30	\$35	\$40
Rise & Shine	M/W/F	6:30am-7:15am	32	37	41
Step 1	M/W/F	6:30pm-7:15pm	32	37	41
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Water Aerobics Classes (16	6 years+)				
Aquacize	M/W/F	8:00am-8:45am	\$32	\$37	541
Aquacize	M/W	7:00pm-7:45pm	26	31	35
Aquacize	T/TH	7:45am-8:30am	30	35	-40
Aquacize	T/TH	6:00pm-6:45pm	30	35	40
Aquacize (drop-in)	.F	6:00pm-6:45pm	2	5	5
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F	2:00pm-2:45pm	32	37	41
Deep Water Acrobics	M/W	7:00pm-7:45pm	26	31	35
Deep Water Aerobics	T/TH	6:00pm-6:45pm	30	35	-40
Deep Water Arthritis	$M/W/l^2$	3.00pm-3.45pm	32	37	.41
Senioreize	T/TH	2:00pm-2:45pm	28	33	38
Water Interval Training	M/W	6:00pm-6:45pm	26	31	35
Adult Swim Lessons (16 ye	ars+)				
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Projects for Long-Term Considered	
for which Funding Has Not Yet Been	Identified
Project Name	Cost
Neighborhood Improvement Initiatives	\$10,000
Roosevelt Center - Garage	\$12,000
Gun Range Lead Removal	\$13,000
Youth Center Exterior Renovations-	
Front Doors, Windows	\$16,000
Southway Sidewalk Construction	\$17,000
Skate Facility (Free Style)	\$20,000
Greenbelt Lake - Reline Dam Spillway	\$20,000
Hanover Parkway Pedestrian Safety Improvements	\$26,000
Skate Facility (Rink)	\$60,000
Greenbelt Middle School - Light and	
Upgrade Ballfields	\$75,000
Cherrywood Lane Median Improvements	\$250,000
New Police Radio Equipment	\$350,000
Northway Ballfield Renovation	\$525,000
Construction of a Performing Arts Center	Unknown
Police Station - Add Sprinkler System for Mezzanine	Unknown
Police Station - Expand Parking Lot	Unknown
Roosevelt Center Rear Plaza Renovations	Unknown
Cherrywood Lane Metro Connector	\$112,000
Trail - Greenbriar Park to Route 193	\$163,000
Route 193 Overpass at Frankfort Drive	\$830,000

<b>METROLAND</b> (Continued from page 1)	that development of the property would jeopardize an ongoing project with the State Highway
authorize creation of this so-called Metro Planned Community. The Darker View	Administration to design a fish passage on Indian Creek where they currently are blocked by the culverts under Greenbelt Road.

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek.

Kate Spencer explains the proposed plans for Metrolands and their

potential impact on the environment at the May 15 meeting of the

As previously reported from his preliminary written analysis, Collins' study zeroed in on the inadequacies of the traffic counts submitted by the developers, on what he described as their overoptimistic assumptions about the timing and probabilities of construction of a future Beltway interchange, and on their failures to concern themselves with overloads on city streets and on Greenbelt Road.

Burchick was similarly negative. He saw as shaky indeed the developers' assumptions that permissions could be attained from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of the Environment. He argued that impacts on wetlands, streams, and flood plains were of too major a scope to be approved. He also doubted that permissions of adjacent property owners could be obtained, as required, if lost floodplain storage were replaced by excavation of other, nearby areas.

In addition, Burchick noted

to city buildings include carpeting for the police station (\$30,000), painting the wooden parts of the exterior of the Youth Center (\$5000), and items in the Aquatic and Fitness Center (\$12,500).

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Students at St. Hugh's School from kindergarten to junior high once again participated in the Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Research Hospital. After obtaining pledges from family and friends for each correct problem, the booklets of challenging math problems, specific to each educational level, were provided to the students. It's considered a fun and challenging fundraiser for an excellent cause, and part of the math is figuring how much to collect from each person who pledged.

"I'm very proud to acknowledge that our students raised over \$5,000 for St. Jude's Research Hospital through the Math-A-Thon," Principal Mary Elizabeth Whelan said. "This is over \$1,000 more than last year." Of special note are the six children who raised over \$200 themselves, using their mathematical talents: Kyle Newman (kindergarten). Alyssa Howard (grade 1), Casey O'Brien (grade 1), Bucky Fitzgerald (grade 5), Sam Marionni (grade 8) and Nicholas Hardy (grade 2), who raised over \$500.

Former entertainer Danny Thomas, whose dream was, "No child should die in the dawn of life," founded St. Jude's to treat catastrophic diseases in children, primarily pediatric cancers. St. Jude opened its doors in 1962 and to date has treated 16,000 children.

(And	City of Greenbelt, Maryland Fiscal Year 2002 Final Budget Worksessio					
GRE	May 22, 2001					
100	Funding Sources					
	FY 2002 Proposed Revenue	\$15,612,600				
	Fund Balance Appropriation	256,000				
	Total Funding - Proposed Budget	\$15,868,600				
	Additional Funding					
	Parking Tickets	\$16,000				
	NORC Grant	\$69,500				
		\$15,954,100				
	Expenditures - Proposed FY 2002	\$15,862,600				
Dept.	Additions/(Deletions)					
All	Worker's compensation premiums	45,000				
All	Natural gas expense	23,000				
120	Community Resource Advocate	69,500				
140	3 month lag in hiring IT Mgr.	(15,000)				
190	Peace & non-violence event	2,000				
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He also noted the presence of a

rare and endangered species of

wildflower, the trailing stichwort,

whose location on the Smith tract

"could have profound impacts on

May 29 Meeting

the Concept Plan will be made at

its next regular meeting on Tues-

day, May 29. (Monday is a holi-

day.) City staff are expected to

present recommendations at that

meeting, as well as a report from

the Advisory Planning Board.

Council's official response to

the overall site design."

- photo by Maria del Mar Lopez

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### CAPITAL BUDGET

Route 193 Pedestrian Overpass at

Route 201 Overpass at Crescent Road

Pedestrian Overpass - Maryland Trade

Greenbelt East Recreation/Community Center

Greenbelt Middle School

Center to Greenbelt Park

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traffic calming measures will be put in place. Traffic calming is a project that continues from year to year.

For FY02, McLaughlin has put aside \$30,000 for traffic calming projects. including Hanover Parkway. Staff preferred priority for FY02 is Hanover Parkway. Springhill Drive will be reconstructed using \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grants and work on Southway will be done with \$70,000 in grants.

Construction of bus shelters is also an ongoing project and \$2,000 is allocated for the construction of two bus shelters in FY02. And, \$30,000 is allocated for sidewalk repairs.

#### Buildings

The good news was the state approved a grant of \$300,000 to expand and renovate the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The bad news is that a bond issue will have to be considered to raise the city's share of the

A state grant of \$325,000 was received in 1998 to replace the windows in the Community Cenin FY02, \$40,000 is budgeted. Painting of the exterior of the building has started, but will not be finished until the windows are replaced. Also planned is \$10,000 for interior signage and \$5,000 for work on the doors in the 1937 wing.

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Renovation of the public works facility could begin in FY02 if council approves the design for renovation. McLaughlin allocated \$300,000 in the capital projects fund, but at the worksession there was a short discussion about the possibility for paying for the work with a bond issue. McLaughlin said there would be substantial savings if the cost was extended over time and said the details would be presented to council at a later date.

Other proposed improvements

ter. It is planned that a vendor to do the work will be selected, a worksession held, and the work completed in FY02. For other work on the Community Center

### Come to a Dance At American Legion

American Legion Post 136 at 6900 Greenbelt Road will hold a dance on Friday, June 8 from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. The dance will feature the DJ Professor Jay. The music will be popular modern, oldies, country, big band, ballroom, Latin, swing and line dances. There will be low cost beverages. There is a huge dance floor. There is no smoking. All ages are welcome. Wear comfortable party attire. There is a fee.

For information, call 301-937-

### Outdoor Pool Hours Monday-Friday 11am-8pm Saturday-Sunday 10am-8pm

Memorial Day Hours Indoor Pool & Fitness Wing 8am-7:45pm

> Outdoor Pool 10am-7:45pm

Call 301-397-2204 for more information

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	990	Reduce reserve appropriation	(20,000)
	700	Tub grinder	5,000
	690	Writer's group	200
	690	Boys & Girls Club reduction	(3,000)
	660	GAVA	10,000
	660	Cleaning staff	7,000
	650	Cleaning staff	10,000
	470	COULTE HESTER	3,000
	410	Prof. Srvs - physicals/drug testing	3,700
	410	Increase part-time office staff	4,500
	310	Cellular service for MDT's	28,000
		On call increase to \$5/day	6,200
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	190	Sign language services	2,000

## With Hats in Hand, City Contribution **Groups Ask for City Council Support**

#### by Barbara Hopkins

The city council met Wednesday, May 2, with representatives of contribution groups, which are those groups recognized by the city as providing a service to the community and whose programs the city partially funds. Each group's representatives conveyed to council members highlights of what had been achieved during the past fiscal year so far, and their plans for the year to come. Groups represented were: the Golden Age Club, Greenbelt Baseball-Cal Ripken League, the Babe Ruth Association, Greenbelt Concert Band, Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League, Aquatic Boosters, the Writer's Group, Boy's and Girl's Club, Greenbelt Arts Center, the Senior Softball Team, and the Labor Day Festival Committee.

#### Boys and Girls Club

The total amount of money requested by all groups came to \$80,300. Most groups requested the same funding as last year. An exception was the Boy's and Girl's Club, which reduced their request from \$15,000 to \$10,000 because no one registered for baseball or softball this year, so these sports would not need to be funded. They also hope to eventually become self-sufficient financially through voluntary sponsorship, but currently still need city funding and anticipate increasing their request next year to the previous level.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked each group for the percentage of their membership that derived from Greenbelt residents, and about the group's efforts to increase that number. The Boys and Girls Club membership is 98 percent Greenbelt residents.

#### Golden Age Club

All members of the Golden Age Club have to have been a city resident at one time, as one must live in the city at the time of joining the club. Some members have moved to nearby communities in order to obtain the necessary assistance with daily living activities, but many of them still return to club functions. Mayor Judith Davis asked representatives to determine if there is a need for the Greenbelt Connection to possibly provide transportation for such members. Their main fund-raising activity is their annual yard sale, which will be June 2.

band's director, through a donation by DelHomme's son. They said the library is quite an asset, as much of the music is out of print.

Tom Cherrix, conductor, asked about the possibility of the band having a page on the city's website, as he had concerns about funding the cost of their own site, as well as finding someone within their membership willing to create and maintain it. Davis thought it might be possible.

#### Labor Day

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee has been self-supporting, but Patti Brothers, president, requested \$12,000 "seed money" to carry them through the coming year since bad weather for the past two years caused attendance, and income, to decline. Brothers said this would be considered a loan with the committee intending to repay the money to the city. Current fund-raising plans include a bake sale at the Community Center open house.

### Cal Ripken League

Representatives of the Baseball-Cal Ripken League described how the autonomy they experience by having their own charter gives the more interested players opportunity to play a longer season. The league will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year and they hope to commemorate it with some special events. This organization reported a membership that is 90 percent city residents.

#### **Double Dutch League**

Kim Bradshaw, coach of Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League, told council that the league had qualified for a competition in Florida and also the AAU Junior Olympic Games to be held in Hampton Roads, Virginia. The requested funds would help them participate in these, as well as purchase equipment and uniforms. They would like to broaden their reach and increase membership. However, during basketball season they have to yield the gym to that sport, cutting their practice time, and these space constraints would prevent their expansion. They will also celebrate an anniversary this year, their 10th. Their membership is 70 percent composed of city residents.

### Aquatic Boosters

The Aquatic Boosters, at 60

tion also supports the swim center through lane fees and other usage charges. Davis suggested fliers in Greenbelt schools as a means to recruit more resident members. Representatives thanked council for their purchase of a clock.

#### Writer's Group

The Greenbelt Writer's Group requested the smallest amount of any group, \$100. Representative Dorothy Sucher informed council that the group hopes to put out an anthology this next year and could actually use more money than was officially requested. Since last year's allocation has not been spent, councilmember Thomas X. White suggested that \$100 be combined with the new request for a total of \$200. The group's membership is approximately 70 percent residents of Greenbelt.

#### Arts Center

The Greenbelt Arts Center has 60 percent resident members, but like the concert band, it is important for them to draw talent from a larger population, which in turn draws an audience from outside the city. Through such outreach. Greenbelt grows a reputation as a cultural center. Their longterm goal is to be self-sufficient and to have a permanent space controlled by the organization. In the past year, they have incorporated youth activities into their entire program, since the group believes that involving youth is an important part of its role as an arts organization. Goals include continuing outreach efforts and looking for opportunities to collaborate with similar organizations in other communities, planning for at least 15 percent growth in financial activity, and continuing youth programs, as well as to present a dynamic production season in 2002. The group is evaluating its fund-raising efforts to make them more effective and profitable in the future. Every new homeowner receives a welcome gift of complimentary tickets. Putens suggested they look at their membership and also seek funding from other jurisdictions where a relatively high concentration of members may reside. **Babe Ruth** 

#### Members of the Babe Ruth Association are 80 percent from the city. Their program

### **Exploring How Pets Train Their People**

Have a pet who misbehaves? Ever wonder how to remedy the situation? If so, then don't miss "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, June 1. Veterinarian Patricia A Shema will be discussing behavior problems with pets (primarily dogs) and the basic concepts and theories of how to manage these behaviors. Dr. Shema will also discuss how these theories apply to individuals situations.

Dr. Shema received her VMD (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine), from the University of Pennsylvania and has been practicing for 30 years. She has been at the Glenn Dale Veterinary Clinic since 1981 and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Prince George's County Animal Welfare league.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information

#### it would help to have access to a shed for equipment storage. Senior Softball

Jerry Jenkins represented the Greenbelt Senior Softball Team as the only current member who is a city resident. This is a drastic decrease from last year. when 31% of the members were residents. Several former members had joined teams in nearby cities for a variety of reasons. Jenkins related difficulties in maintaining and increasing membership, including the commitment of 42 games per season. Davis suggested advertising on the Greenbelt cable channel B-10, and other councilmembers expressed concern over the low ratio of resident members and encouraged an increase in recruitment from within the city. The team is seeking a contribution of \$1,000 for purchasing equipment and the use of city fields.

### Shy Planet Mercury Is Visible in May

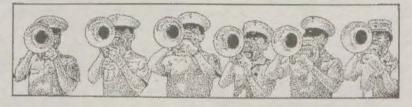
Over the next week, observers in the Greenbelt area will have an advantage in seeing one of the most elusive objects in the solar system - the planet Mercury. Even though it has been known since antiquity and is visible to the unassisted eye, it is the most difficult of the non-telescopic planets to observe. The great astronomer Sir Isaac Newton went his entire lifetime without seeing

Mercury is so difficult to see because it orbits very close to the sun and is usually lost in the sun's glare. However, at this time of year the plane of the ecliptic (this is what astronomers call the apparent path of the sun across the sky) is at a high angle to the western horizon. The planets closely follow the plane of the ecliptic too in their orbits around the sun. This, coupled with Mercury's position in its orbit about the sun, means that the distance of Mercury from the sun will be translated to height above the horizon, making the planet visible low in the west for a longer time after sunset.

Another aid in finding Mercury is that it appears near the bright planet Jupiter, which looks like a bright, cream-colored star low in the west. Jupiter is easily the brightest "star" in that part of the sky. In the middle of May, Mercury does not set until two hours after the sun.

The best time to look for it is about half an hour after sunset. when the sky is dark enough for the planet to show up. Using binoculars helps. Scan the sky around bright Jupiter. With a small telescope. Mercury will present a crescent just like the moon. Patience with the "light pollution," and finding a spot with clear horizons to the west are essential.

Any Greenbelter or Greenbelt organization interested in the planets Mercury and Jupiter through a telescope, or observing any of the other splendors of the universe should contact the Greenbelt Astronomy Club at 301-277-4041 or by email at grnbltastro@ learn.com.



#### **Concert Band**

The Greenbelt Concert Band has a preponderance of membership from outside the city due to problems in finding a full complement of musicians and a conductor interested in participating within the city's population base. However, the broad geographic base of their membership also draws an audience from a wider area. About half of their performances are held in Greenbelt, and when performing elsewhere, they are promoting the city as "a haven for the arts." City funds are contributed towards the conductor's salary and also for purchase of equipment and supplies.

Representatives were pleased to have acquired the music library of the late John DelHomme, who had been the

percent, fell slightly short of the 2/3-city-resident membership criteria for contribution start participating young and groups, but nonresidents must join the swim club to be a Booster member. The organiza-

has expanded, as they have encouraged Greenbelt youth to continue into their teens. In addition to requested funds. Bob Sonneveldt, president, said

**Channel B-10 Schedule** Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000 Tuesday, May 28th at 8pm City Council Meeting "live" Thursday, May 31 6:00pm "ACE Reading -Greenbelt Elementary-Mr. Lenhart" 6:30pm "Growing up in Greenbelt Chautauqua" 8:30pm "Replay of City Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, May 30 & June 1 7:00pm "Democratic Club Meeting" 9:00pm "Your Medical Records" 9:30pm "Idyls of the Queen"

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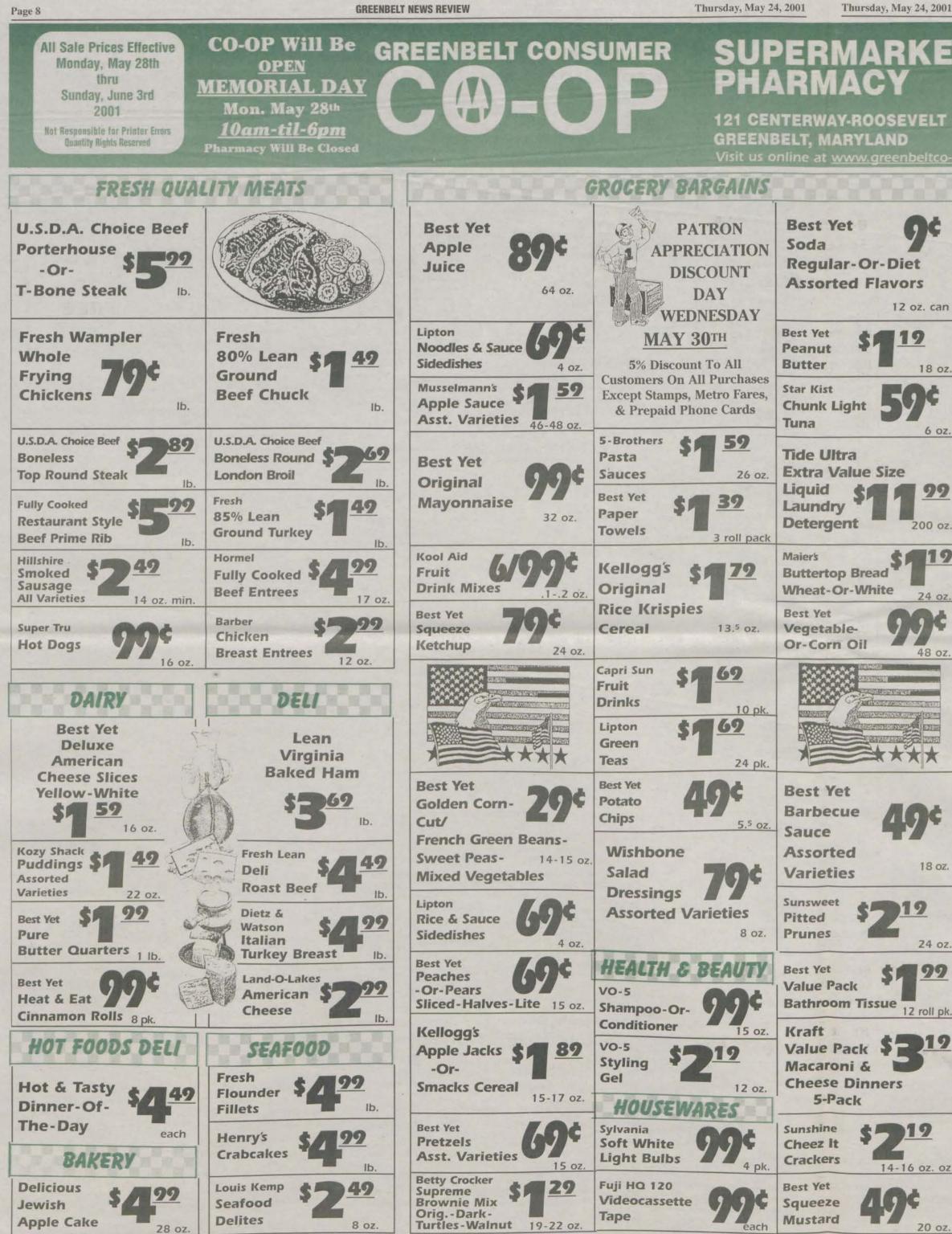
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Mail your recycling questions, comments etc. to The Lorax, c/o Cindy Murray, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770



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City Council. Marjorie Whitaker, president of the Dog Park Association, thanked council for the renovation of the dog park, which is now underway. She asked that \$15,000 be restored to the capital improvements budget to expand and improve the dog park. She mentioned that the association was very active now and planning an event, perhaps a "ribbon chewing," to re-introduce dogs to the park when it reopens.

related In a issue. councilmembers brought up the problem that the fenced volleyball court seemed to be used as a temporary dog park. Recreation Director Hank Irving promised to look into the problem. He said that some dog owners may not know about the dog park or they may be using this spot on a temporary ba-

Council seemed surprised to hear from Sue Krofchik of the Greenbelt Garden Club. She asked for \$5,000 to install a source of water at the city-owned garden plots on Hamilton Place. Counci-Imember Rodney Roberts asked, "Why didn't this come up in the special work sessions held with community groups who are seeking support?" Krofchik wasn't sure but thought that perhaps rejection of a request about 10 years ago was the reason. She outlined the need for water at the garden plots and spoke of the benefits of gardening to young and old.

Mayor Davis said that both requests, along with others which have been received since the budget was developed, will be considered in a final budget worksession, held on May 22.

#### **Retirement Community**

Council approved the city's plan to sign an agreement with the Naturally Occurring Retire-

ment Communities Supportive Services Center Inc. to accept a two-year grant to hire a Community Resource Advocate. The grant is a joint venture between the city and Greenbelt Homes Inc. to assist Greenbelt in finding innovative ways to help senior citizens remain in their homes as they age, and to help in coordinating available County and State services. Council authorized staff-in cooperation with GHI and senior advisory groups - to fill the temporary position of Community Resource Advocate.

Leonie Penney of the Assisted Living Task Force spoke in support of the city's plan. She said that the task force was eager to work with the Community Resource Advocate and to share experiences and knowledge. Jackie Shabe-Rochefort of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board also spoke in favor of the grant. She asked that the board and the task force have input into the search for and selection of the Advocate. She stated that there should be close involvement between those who have been working on senior issues and the city and GHI in developing this program.

#### Presentations

Lt. Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt Police Department accepted a proclamation read by Mayor Davis in honor of May 15 as Police Memorial Day and May 13-19 as National Police Week. Lt. Kemp thanked the city on behalf of those who serve and those who have lost their lives in duty. He said that Greenbelt would be sending an honor guard to the observances at the Police Memorial in Washington.

In another presentation, the mayor issued a proclamation to mark Public Works Week, May 20-26. Kenny Hall, director of Public Works accepted the proclamation on behalf of all the men and women who work in the department. "They're good people," he said.

#### Legislative Update State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Joan Pitkin and

James Hubbard, who earlier in the meeting had participated in the ACE awards to Greenbelt students gave a report on the legislative session which ended in April. Hubbard said it was a banner year for the Maryland Municipal League, with many of its legislative recommendations succeeding. He said that they had passed some good bills and kept some bad ones from being enacted. He thought that "it had been a good year for Prince Georges County and Greenbelt."

Pitkin mentioned several important bills which had been enacted. One provided for an office of deaf and hearing-impaired in the governor's office. Another brought equity in wages for those providing mental health services in the community and a third provided reconstructive surgery for those receiving services through state cancer programs.

Green, who spoke last, said that Pitkin and Hubbard covered many of the highlights. He said that the team had a great deal of success; that together it's easier to achieve more. He cited the major success in bringing back to Greenbelt \$300,000 for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. He also pointed to advances for consumers - a law which requires solicitors' numbers to be shown (rather than blocked) under caller ID and a See COUNCIL, page 11

### Seniors Celebrate Health, Fitness Day

Seniors are invited to celebrate life at the eighth annual Senior Health and Fitness Day on Arboretum. Breathtaking full-Wednesday, May 30 from 10 a.m. sized flowers cover these lateto 2 p.m. at Watkins Regional blooming azaleas, which are min-Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, iature in form. This free annual Upper Marlboro.

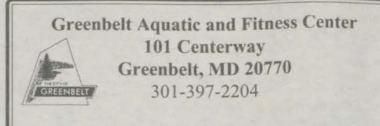
shine and will feature health May 26 through June 3 from 10 screenings and information, walk- a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The exhibit ing, line dancing, chair exercises, will showcase the most spectacular bocci, miniature golf, Tai Chi, and specimens from the Arboretum's more.

Admission is free, and box lunches are available for a nominal fee for those who pre-register. For further information or to

### Miniature Azaleas Are at Arboretum

There is an exhibit of Satsuki azalea bonsai at the U.S. National exhibit will be at the National This event will be held rain or Bonsai and Penjing Museum from permanent collection.

> pre-register, call 301-386-5525: TTY 301-218-6768; www.pg parks.com.



### SUMMER ADMISSION POLICY

A Greenbelt resident is required to show a valid I.D. to pay daily admission at all times.

On weekends and holidays, entrance is restricted to Passholders, residents and their guests. A passholder or Greenbelt resident may bring a maximum of three (3) guests upon payment of the admission fee. They must sign their guests in, remain at the facility and are responsible for them at all times

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continuing decrease in income tax. For all citizens, the legislature approved uniform voting procedures throughout the state.

#### Revisions to Site Plan

Unable to sell garage units, the developer of the Lakes of Greenbelt Village requested permission to modify the site plan to eliminate all of the unbuilt garages originally planned. (Only 10 of 71 garages have been built and sold.) Additional parking space will become available with the elimination of the garage units. Residents of the development support this change, he said, primarily due to a severe parking shortage. In place of the garages, fencing and additional landscaping between this property and Hunting Ridge - the adjacent property - has been proposed.

Hunting Ridge has approved this change, in part because the property line between the two properties has not been well maintained and the original landscaping has been allowed to die. The city has retained the services of a landscape architect, Sharon Bradley-Papp, to review the developer's plan and suggest improvements. The developer will be responsible for the costs of the specific changes requested by the developer, but not for other changes if the home owners association chooses to include additional fencing and landscaping, council learned. The developer would keep open the option for construction of garage units at a later date.

Councilmembers had a number of questions for City Planner Celia Craze, from how many garages were actually sold to whether they are being used for vehicle parking or other storage. Mayor Judith Davis suggested that the developer had a poor track record in carrying out its responsibilities. She wanted to know what kind of assurance the city would have that the developer would follow this plan.

Turnbull said he was concerned that "like a number of amenities in the community, the garages are being given up." He questioned whether the homeowners might want the garages if they had been offered at a different price.

Councilmember Roberts thought that the development's site plan was a "bad one from the start and has done nothing but get worse." He was "not willing to vote to save the developer one dime." Roberts praised the city's staff for working with the developer to get the best possible result for the residents. Mayor Davis thought that any desire to hold the developer to original plans should be weighed with the current desires of the home owners. She felt that money that the developer saves with this revision. should be plowed back into the community. Council decided to condition the approval of these changes with the developer's investing the net savings from the elimination of the garages and creation of surface parking into landscaping and other amenities in the development. In a vote of 3 to 2 (Roberts and Turnbull against) this motion was approved.

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Craze indicated that she will be working closely with the developer to follow through on this approach. Davis invited the Home Owners Association to make its views known to council and to take an active role in ensuring that the developer meets its obligations.

#### Personnel Issues

A study by Charles Hendricks and Associates on the compensation of city personnel has been completed. The study looked at all the city's positions and the classification and pay scales for comparable positions in seven other communities.

Roberts questioned whether the study had included benefits as well as direct salaries and felt the study was deficient without that. City Manager Michael McLaughlin doubted whether the consultant could easily provide that information. Council voted to receive the recommendations and schedule a worksession for further discussion.

Because of an anticipated rate hike for its current insurance carrier, the city sought proposals from local health insurance providers. CareFirst/ Capitol Care (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) submitted a proposal significantly lower than current premiums. Coverage is viewed as excellent and offers employees three tiers of coverage: a typical HMO product, a point of service option and Blue Preferred, an enhanced coverage option. The insurance offers an optional dental plan and includes partner coverage, the latter to be paid totally by the insured. Council unanimously approved this change.

### Get Fatherhood Help Next Weekend

A free conference to unite Maryland fathers and focus on family values, practices and principles, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 at Prince George's Community College at 301 Largo Road, Largo. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed by guest speakers, workshops and seminars.

Open to the public, the conference will bring together experts in the field of fatherhood to share ways to support Maryland fathers. For more information, call 1-410-767-4982 or visit the web site at www.fatherhoodmd.org.

### **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

## **Chef Lou Comes to Roosevelt Center**

by Mary Moien

Do you like cheesecake? Or maybe carrot cake or strawberry shortcake? If, so there is a new shop in town for you. Chef Lou has opened a dessert shop in Roosevelt Center. Chef Lou. a.k.a. Louis Parker, Jr., is the owner of the newest shop in Old Greenbelt. He's been there less than a month and business has been going "tremendously well" so far.

Parker and his wife Denise are the owners of the shop but Parker is the "Baker Man" as his white jacket notes. Louis Parker has been cooking and baking since the age of 12. He and his wife , who live in Lanham, were looking for a location with walk-in traffic, a place where they could "build a relationship with the community." He indicated that he has already met some children after school only to have them come back later with their parents; so that relationships have started to grow.

Cooking and baking are in his blood. His father is a chef and his grandmother also was in the food business. Here at Chef Lou's, his mother is helping out with pots and pans and other jobs. Parker has taken courses at L'Academie du Cuisine in Rockville and has worked in catering and as a pastry chef at Marriott Corporate Headquarters; as well as at the National Security Agency, The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Although the shop is minuscule, Parker indicated that he does almost 90 percent of the baking on the premises. He has cheesecake with many kinds of flavors and toppings and has concocted a Greenbelt cheesecake in honor of his new location. He indicated that cheesecake and carrot cake are his specialties, but said that he can't keep enough of his eclairs on hand. They are always selling out. He has lots of other goodies - cookies, croissants, brownies, etc. Already he commented that "steady" customers are asking for new items such as specialty breads.

Parker said he is talking with the city about the possibility of putting a few tables and chairs outside of his shop. He stated that a number of his customers are older and he thought that a few tables nearby would keep them from having to juggle their dessert and coffee around the corner to the main center tables.

"My wife is my biggest fan, and likes my food, too," he stated enthusiastically. He indicated that they are both dedicated to this business and that she had been instrumental in his following his dream to open a dessert shop.



Chef Lou in his new Roosevelt Center dessert shop. -photo by Mary Moien

### Gingell Memorial Game Winners Named

The 2nd Annual Steve "Kiko" engraved with his name. A short Gingell Memorial Mens' Softball ceremony was held Saturday, Tournament was held April 26 to 28, with Diversified Softball takchampionship. ing the Diversified's Mike Goetz was given the Most Valuable Player award. Second place went to Player award. Tommy Cauliflower from Tongmasters won the Home Run Derby, and the tie for second place went to Andy McKenney from Young Guns and Tim Conway from Tongmasters.

This year, a memorial tree was planted in Gingell's honor, The tree sits on the hill behind the Aquatic Center with a plaque

April 28, following the Home Run Derby to present the tree.

Many players, family members, and friends of Gingell came to the tournament to honor him. Special contributions towards the Tongmasters, who awarded Aaron success of the tournament were Kazinski the Most Valuable made by Eddie Cousin, Paul Kent, Greg Varda, Beth Osborne, Doug Mangum, Mike Beasley, and Chris Fleshman. In addition, members of the Greenbelt community made donations; helped in the preparations and clean-up activities; and sold food, raffle tickets, and t-shirts, all in support of his memory.

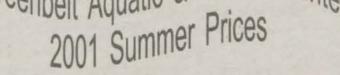




**Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Monthly Board Meeting** 

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## **Staff, Refuse and Recycling Are Issues for Public Works Department**

#### by Betsy Likowski

Recent innovations, such as purchasing a street sweeper, contracting out vehicle maintenance, and expanding the recycling program are paying off. Public Works staff told council at the May 7 budget worksession.

Projects for this fiscal year and the future include reorganizing staffing, renewed work on ball field maintenance, and in-house leaf possible composting.

The proposed budget for the Department of Public Works for fiscal year 2002 (FY02) is \$1,827,100. This is up from last year's \$1,701,600. The bulk of the increase is personnel expenses.

#### Personnel

The salaries for the employees of the Department of Public Works is \$1,704,100 in the FY02 budget. This is up from \$1,597,500 in the FY01 adopted budget. A few positions in the department will be re-organized. A new position will be that of crew leader for the refuse and recycling crew. The position has been filled temporarily and the department feels it has been shown to improve crew performance and customer service.

Under the director of the department will be the Superintendent of Operations, overseeing building and fleet, for which position someone will be hired. The Assistant Director will oversee parks and refuse, and this will be filled by long time city horticulturalist Bill Phelan.

#### Leaf Composting

The department is looking at in-house composting of leaves and a proposal will be sent to council in the future. Possible locations mentioned were Northway ballfields; or in Buddy Attick Park either where the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission was working near the dam; or Parcel 15. Director of Public Works Kenny Hall said the latter was his preferred location, since part of the parcel was cleared of trees years ago. Parcel 15 is between the Beltway and the lake trail, near where the fireworks are set off.

Superintendent of Operations Bill Phelan said staff is still reviewing the options. For example, he said a way to save money is to stop hauling the bagged leaves to the Western Branch facility, by switching to paper bags and hauling the leaves in the paper bags to the facility in College Park. But the paper bags are more expensive.

pick-up, the city has a recycling center near the Public Works building which is next to the parking lot in the Buddy Attick Park. The city sells whatever recyclables it can.

Hall said his goal was to do away with the existing wooden deck style recycling center and replace it with bins at the ground level. There is no money in the budget for a new deck and so it is repaired, he explained. Part of the problem is the recycling truck bumps into it on occasion and loosens up the repair work.

It is proposed that the refuse collection fee be increased \$6 a year. This will be offset by the reduction of \$20 in the Prince Georges County landfill fee, so the total annual fee will be \$170.80.

Waste collection expenses for FY02 are estimated to be \$450,300. Service fees will bring in an estimated \$407,700 in revenue. Other revenue sources should make for a total revenue of \$473,500. They are: \$57,400 landfill disposal rebate, \$7400 recycling fee, and \$1000 for sale of recyclable materials.

#### Parks

Public works department employees maintain the city's parks. Greenbelt has 506 acres of parkland, 31 playgrounds, and seven athletic field complexes to maintain. For FY02 the estimated expenses for park upkeep is \$733,700, of which \$555,500 is personnel expenses.

Work is being done to improve conditions on the ball fields. Topsoil will be added to Braden and Northway fields. Play will be eliminated at the elementary school field, as it is in poor condition, by purchasing portable field goals and using them on the deep outfields at Northway fields to create another soccer field. Work is being done on the type and amount of seed and fertilizer put on the fields.

#### Streets

The city maintains over 25 miles of streets. The estimated expenditures for all street related work from all parts of the budget is estimated to be \$1,054,500 in FY02. The estimated revenues are \$170,000 from Community Development Block Grant, \$600,000 from highway taxes, and \$284,500 from general city revenues. The Capital Projects Fund budget includes \$130,000 Morrison Drive and Mandan Road. And temporary repairs are planned for Cherrywood Lane next to the heavily used bus stop across from the Giant Food store.

The mechanical condition of the city's fleet of vehicles is good. In-house maintenance of the vehicles is budgeted at \$208,400 for FY02. Routine preventive maintenance on smaller vehicles is contracted out to a local service station. Large vehicle work and an annual inspection of the whole fleet is done by a regional com-

Street painting, such as crosswalks and parking places, is budgeted at \$72,800 for FY02. A crosswalk study is planned and Davis asked when it would be done. After the planning review of Metroland is done, said McLaughlin. Metroland "is an all consuming black hole" of staff time and effort, he commented.

#### **Greenbelt** Connection

The Greenbelt Connection is a six day a week dial-a-ride service that drives citizens to any point within Greenbelt. This service is heavily subsidized by the city, though last fiscal year the adult fares were raised a quarter. In FY02 expenses are estimated to be \$67,100. It is estimated \$7000 will come from fares and the remaining \$60,100 from general city revenues. In FY00 there were 5169 riders and in FY01 an estimated 5,650 riders.

#### Miscellaneous

For the upkeep of and utilities for the municipal building, \$57,800 is proposed for FY02. And for keeping Roosevelt Center Mall clean and neat, \$41,600 is budgeted.

Funds for maintaining the city cemetery in FY02 are budgeted at \$6,800. The cemetery is on a wooded knoll on Ivy Lane across from an office building.

In FY02 \$577,900 is budgeted for the administration of the department, which includes the salaries of the director and administrative staff, and for the public works building.

### Greenbelt CARES

The third teen discussion group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School has now been completed. This particular group had 11 participants, grades 9 through 12. There were eight sessions conducted in the school's guidance office. The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted its seventh annual ACE Student Award ceremony this past Monday. Fourteen exemplary students from seven area schools, a boy and a girl from each, were honored with certificates which came from the Maryland State Senate, the Maryland House of Delegates, the Prince George's County Council and the City of Greenbelt. Wendy Wexler is the CARES staff liaison to ACE. She reports that this year, for the first time, two sisters, one at the elementary school level and one

### Women's Soccer Team Invites Fans to Watch

Women's Soccer Team invite fans to come out and watch them practice Saturday, May 26 from 10 to 11 a.m. There is no admission fee. The practice will be held at the RFK Stadium Auxiliary Field next to parking lots 6 and 7 on the north side of the stadium near C and 21st Streets. Visitors can park in lots 6 and 9 free. Immediately

The Washington Freedom following the practice there will be a brief autograph session.

"The fans have been so great to us in our first two games. This is just a small thank you to them from the whole team," said Freedom General Manager Katy Button.

The Freedom's next home game is Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m. against the Philadelphia Charge.



## **Corner Lot with Large Fenced Yard**

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#### **Trash & Recycling**

Greenbelters recycle 44% of their waste. Over the last few years the amount of refuse is gradually decreasing and the recycling rate is gradually increasing. In FY99, 1,885 tons of refuse were taken to the landfill; in FY02 the estimate is 1.815 tons. In FY99 the amount of recycled material was 1,299 tons, in FY02 it is estimated it will be 1,435 tons. (These figures are for the people who use city waste pick-up, and excludes those Greenbelt residents who use private firms.)

for street and sidewalk repair projects (see separate story).

Street repair and maintenance, including snow removal and street cleaning, is budgeted at \$542,100 for FY02. Hall said the streets are in good shape. And as to potholes, Hall reported a new mix is being used that is more expensive, but outlasts the mixture that had been used.

Street landscaping is up from \$45,000 in the FY01 adopted budget to \$64,300 for FY02. Street cleaning and storm sewer maintenance are down from \$13,000, and \$12,500 respectively in the FY01 budget to \$6,500 and \$8000. The new street sweeper purchased and shared with three other cities has reduced these costs as one man at the high school level, were does the work formerly done by given ACE awards.

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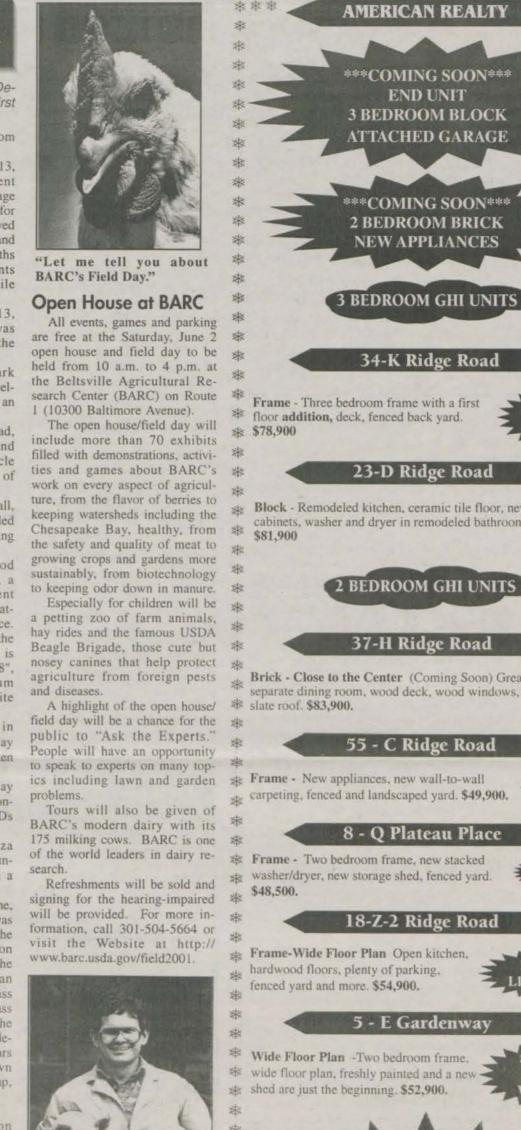
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**POLICE BLOTTER** 

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Assault

9300 block of Edmonston Road, May 12, 2:37 a.m., two people were sitting in a vehicle when they were approached by two subjects in another vehicle. One of the occupants of the second vehicle fired two shots into the air and then pointed the handgun toward the people in the first car. Both victims exited their vehicle and ran from the scene. As they left the area they heard several more shots. No one was injured. The suspects' vehicle is described as large and black and had a spotlight affixed to it.

Greenbelt Middle School, May 10, 11:26 p.m., petitions were filed for a 13-year-old resident and a 14-year-old nonresident, for assault. The victim told police that the youths assaulted him on the school grounds, punching him several times. The petitions were forwarded to the juvenile justice system. Investigation is continuing.

#### Shooting

6000 block of Cherrywood Ct., May 16, 3:47 p.m., a man was showing a .25 caliber handgun to his girlfriend when she accidentally discharged it, shooting him. She drove him to Prince George's General Hospital for treatment of a wound to the back. Investigation is continuing.

#### Drugs

Capitol Cadillac, May 15, 7:50 p.m., a 39-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of phencyclidine. Officers responded to a report of suspicious persons working on a vehicle in the rear lot of the dealership. One of the suspects was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected cocaine and phencyclidine. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner

#### Strong-Arm Robbery

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, May 14, 10:46 a.m., a woman was walking to a bus stop when a youth ran by her and pulled her purse from her shoulder.

#### Uttering

Chevy Chase bank at Greenway Shopping Center, May 15, 1:56 p.m., a 45-year-old female nonresident was arrested and charged with uttering and giving a false statement to a police officer. Officers responded to a report of a woman trying to cash a check on a closed account. The suspect was located leaving the bank, at which time she was arrested. She then gave a false name to the officer. A computer check revealed that the woman had several open warrants with the Alexandria police department and the Montgomery County police department. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner

iron lawn chair was taken from the front yard of a residence.

Beltway Plaza Mall, May 13, 12:49 a.m., four nonresident youths, one age 15 and three age 17, were arrested on petition for burglary after they were observed reaching into a closed kiosk and taking merchandise. All youths were released to their parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Roosevelt Center, May 13, 6:41 a.m., delivered food was taken from the entrance of the Mini Mart.

6600 block of Lake Park Drive, May 14, 10:19 a.m., a cellular telephone was taken from an unsecured office.

7600 block of Mandan Road, May 14, 8:15 p.m., a red and white Pacific 20" boy's bicycle was taken from the back yard of a residence.

Target in Beltway Plaza Mall, May 15, 11 a.m., an unattended purse was taken from a shopping cart.

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, May 16, 8:06 a.m., a woman was in her apartment when she observed someone attempting to enter her residence. She screamed and ran toward the person, who fled. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'8", and 150 lbs., with a medium build; he was wearing a white ball cap and a white t-shirt.

Bally Total Fitness in Greenway Shopping Center, May 16, 2:03 p.m., a wallet was taken from an unattended gym bag.

46 court of Ridge Road, May 16, 4:51 p.m., a game player console, video games, and DVDs were taken.

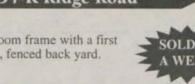
Marshall's in Beltway Plaza Mall, May 16, 4:52 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a fitting room.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, May 18, 3:44 a.m., a woman was asleep in her residence when she awoke to find a man sitting on the floor exposing himself. The woman screamed, and the man fled by way of the sliding glass balcony door. The sliding glass balcony door appeared to be the point of entry. The suspect is described as black, 20 to 25 years of age, and 5'10", with brown eyes; he was wearing a ball cap, grey shirt, and dark pants.

### Vandalism

9100 block of Edmonston Court, May 15, 11 a.m., someone broke out a window of a residence





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#### **Burglary** and Theft

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, May 11, 6:51 p.m., an unsecured purple Cannondale F200 21-speed bicycle was taken from in front of a residence.

100 block of Research Road May 11, 7:31 p.m., a wrought-

St. Hugh's Parochial School, May 13, 9:02 a.m., a statue was vandalized.

7800 block of Walker Drive, May 16, 7:20 a.m., an elevator was vandalized.

#### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 1998 Jeep Cherokee with Maryland tags M149899, May 14, from the Greenbelt Metro station; a burgundy four-door 1988 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags DSE 564, and a white four-door 1994 Mazda Protege with Virginia tags YGT 9330. May 14, from the 6200 block of Springhill Court; and a white 1996 Chevrolet Astro van with "AVAYA" in red on the vehicle, May 17, from the 6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive. Vandalisms to and thefts from

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vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 and 6100 blocks of Springhill Drive; 9100 block of Springhill Lane; 9100, 9200, and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road; 6100 block of Springhill Terrace; 5800 and 5900 blocks of Cherrywood Lane; 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace; 6100 block of Breezewood Drive; Beltway Plaza Mall: 6500 block of Capitol Drive: 6300 and 6400 blocks of Ivy Lane; 7800 block of Mandan Road; and 7200 block of

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### Time Capsule Burial at Marietta Museum

On Saturday, June 2 at 1 p.m., a 2001 Time Capsule will be buried on the ground of Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, the federal period home of Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall, and the public is invited to attend.

This project culminates a yearlong effort among the museum,



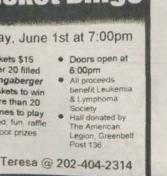
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Friday, June 1 - Sunday, June 3 **Greenbelt Day Weekend** 

### Greenbelt Recreation Department, Greenbelt, Maryland 301-397-2200

Join in the fun of this anniversary weekend! Time has proven that Greenbelt is a great community to live, work and play and Greenbelt Day Weekend is the perfect time to experience some of the reasons that perpetuate the "Greenbelt Is Great" attitude. Stroll through our walkways on a tour of Greenbelt Homes and Gardens, take in a ball game, celebrate the literary arts, listen to live music, take a dip in the pool...there truly is something for everyone. Enjoy!

The Mayor, Council Members and City Staff cordially invite all of Greenbelt's residents, organizations and businesses to join in this Millennium Anniversary fete!

于非	Friday, June 1st
12:00noon	Song of My Self. Enjoy readings from seniors participating in Dorrie Bates' autobiographical writing class in conjunction with the Food and Friends program
6:00pm	the Community Center. To order a lunch contact Iris by Wednesday, May 30, 301-397-2208 Cal Ripken Major League Baseball. Lions vs. Giants, McDonald Field.
6:00pm	Cal Ripken Major League Baseball. Tiger vs. A's Braden, Braden Field #3.
	Immediately following this game there will be a parent/ coaches game.
8:00pm - 11:00pm	Poetry Slam at the New Deal Café. Spirited poets of all ages, bring it on! Sign up at the door to compete for prizes in this lively event. Bring three poems (no longer than 2 minutes each) to present. For information, Contact Dorian Winterfeld at dorian@greenbelt.com
華華	Saturday, June 2nd
00am - 9:45pm	Aquatic and Fitness Center Open. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance to the facility. (Outdoor pool opens at 10:00am
30am - 10:00pm	Greenbelt Museum Gallery Located in the Greenbelt Community Center, visit the exhibit entitled "Planned Play: Childhood in the Ideal Community," celebrating Greenbelt's early years.
00am - 2:00pm	Friends of the Greenbelt Museum(FOGM) Flea Market - FOGM will be hosting their annual flea market in front of the New Deal Café'. Household items, newelry, small pieces of furniture, appliances and other treasures will be for sale. For more information, call Barbara Havekost, 301-474-6369.
00am - 3:00pm	Greenbelt Golden Age Club Yard Sale. Bargain shoppers and treasure seekers take note, the Golden Age Club will set up their wares at the Roosevelt Center Mall in front of the Greenbelt Theatre. Be sure to purchase a ticket for the GIVES raffle.
):00am	Adult Co-ed Soccer. If you find yourself up by the Greenbelt Middle School fields, drop by for the Co-ed Soccer Tournament hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.
):00am - 8:00pm	Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Purchase a summer season pass and save on the price for daily admissions.
2:30pm	Millennium Tree Dedication. Celebrate another passport event in the historic Roosevelt Center Mall with a concert and a Millennium Tree Planting dedication. Don't forget to get your passport stamped.
2:50pm	Tree Dedication. Join us in remembrance of former Greenbelt Concert Band conductor John DelHomme at Roosevelt Center Mall.
:55pm	Welcome.Greenbelt Mayor "J." Davis and Council Members will offer Greenbelt Anniversary remarks.
00pm	Greenbelt Concert Band. Immediately following the welcome from the Mayor and City Council, the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform with an intro of the Star Spangled Banner."
00pm	Cal Ripken Minor League Baseball. Yankees vs. Astros. Braden Field #2.
00pm	Music and Spoken Word Worksbop. Held at the Community Center and led by Harold Anderson. Come and learn about a range of traditions through live,
	musical demonstrations. Those ages 16+ help create new collaborative work. Call Nicole DeWald by Wednesday, May 30 at 301-397-2208 for reservations.
00pm-3pm	<b>Spontaneous Writing Workshop</b> All experience levels welcome to this writing workshop sponsored by the Greenbelt Writers' Group at the Greenbelt Branch Library for ages 16+. Call Marsha Barrett for reservations at 301-982-0365
00pm	"Danger: Kids at Work" program Greenbelt Arts Center. Come support the youth of Greenbelt by coming to this series of four (4)- one (1) act plays written by the 4th-6th graders at Greenbelt Elementary School. For more information contact 301-441-8770.
30 - 8:00pm	Jazz Concert at Roosevelt Center Mall Musician, Norman Evans will perform his brand of contemporary jazz. Hosted by the Greenbelt Arts Center.
00pm - 12:00pm	New Deal Café Live entertainment featuring "Cool Rockin Daddies" which is classic rock and folk rock along with a variety of food, decadent desserts, coffee



## Sunday, June 3rd

8:30am - 10:00pm Greenbelt Museum Gallery. Located in the Greenbelt Community Center, visit the exhibit entitled "Planned Play: Childhood in the Ideal Community," celebrating Greenbelt's early years. 8:00am - 9:45pm Aquatic and Fitness Center Open. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance to the facility.

9:00am - 7:00pm New Deal Cafe. Savor a delicious meal at this hometown meeting spot. 10:00am - 8:00pm Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Purchase a summer season pass and save on the price for daily admissions. Vids by Kids at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. A youth film festival, featuring original short video subjects created by children and teens in the Washington and 10:00am Baltimore area. Sponsored by GAVA, GATE, and FOGT. For information call Barbara Simon 474-2192. An Artful Afternoon. Come Celebrate the Literary Arts at the Greenbelt Community Center. Activities will include a reading and book signing with mystery 12:00 - 5:00pm writer George Pelecanos; a music and spoken word performance with Greenbelt bassist Harold Anderson; a premiere of a new collaborative work by poet Kim Roberts and Jane Franklin Dance; a book arts exhibit; special children's activities and tour the studios of the Community Center's Artist in Residence. GHI Home & Garden Tour. Enjoy the architectural enhancements, remodeling and renovation projects, and landscaped gardens on this walking tour of 12:30 - 4:00pm Greenbelt Homes. Begins at the Greenbelt Community Center.

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Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center	Summer Daily Admission			Summer Season Pass Rate		
Beginning May 26		Resident	Non-resident		Resident	Non-resident
	Youth: 1-13	\$2.00	\$5.00	Youth	\$41.00	\$92.00
	Adult: 14-59	\$4.00	\$7.00	Adult	\$82.00	\$138.00
				Family	\$168.00	\$265.00
	Senior: 60+	\$2.50	\$3.00	Senior	\$46.00	\$102.00