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First Budget Review by Council Covers Revenues, Administration

by Thomas X. White

At its scheduled work session on Wednesday, March 31, the Greenbelt City Council began its review and evaluation of the proposed FY 2005 budget that had been officially submitted to council at its March 29 meeting by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. This begins a cycle of at least 10 worksessions and two public hearings on the budget before its scheduled adoption at the council's regular June 6 meeting.

As in past years this first budget work session covered the city manager's budget overview, the current estimate of expected revenues for FY 2005 and the proposed budgets for general government (city administration).

For the benefit of the two new members of council, McLaughlin began with a brief description of the budget process which actually begins in December when the manager discusses his expectations with department heads for the new year and provides initial instructions for the preparation of their departmental budget requests. McLaughlin noted that at that time he had a somewhat optimistic outlook for FY 2005 but, unfortunately, it has not turned out that way. Along with City Treasurer Jeff Williams, McLaughlin continues to track what is on target or not on target for the current fiscal year.

In January, McLaughlin again

meets with department directors, assistant directors and other key staff members to identify issues the city faces for the current year, what is expected to happen during the remainder of the fiscal year and what are the current best estimates for the FY 2005 fiscal outlook. By late February six months' experience for the current year and enough projected fiscal data for the new fiscal year are available to enable city staff to begin making choices for the proposed budget that the city charter requires be presented to council at its last meeting in March.

Since his presented budget is based on somewhat imperfect estimates and projections, McLaughlin noted that, based on more current information, especially the outlook for income tax revenues, some changes could still occur as council proceeds through its budget review. He promised to keep council informed of any such developments.

Overview

There is a basic "structural problem" McLaughlin explained – the city's operating expenses are rising faster than expected revenues and the city's unreserved fund balance (surplus) should not be used to help supplement revenues because he does not recommend reducing it

below a recommended level of 10 percent of current year expenditures. Because of this he has proposed a one-cent increase in the city tax rate to balance the budget. With the combination of the 10.8 percent real estate assessment increase, the change in the city's assessment cap from 5 to 10 percent and the proposed one-cent tax rate increase, Greenbelt homeowners will experience an average 11.5 percent increase in property taxes if the manager's budget is adopted.

McLaughlin also outlined the impact of the estimated 10 percent increase in real property assessments in Greenbelt using examples of expected increase in total property taxes (city, county and state) for Greenbelt homes at various valuations. A home valued prior to reassessment at \$100,000 would now be valued 10 percent higher at \$110,000 and face an increase of \$181 per year. A home that was valued at \$150,000 would now be \$165,000 and have an increase in taxes of \$272. A \$200,000 home is now \$220,000 and will pay \$362 more in taxes if this and other budgets are adopted as proposed or expected.

Recognizing that council may change up or down his recommended levels of service,

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Murals Lecture Evokes Memories Of Reporter's Art Experiences

by Virginia Beauchamp

Imagine taxpayers' money supporting the creations of out-of-work artists! But during the Great Depression that idea made sense and Greenbelt was enhanced by it. Through the work of Lenore Thomas – the mother-child statue in the Center, the bas reliefs on the wall of the Community Center – our town went on to develop its defining imagery. In the words of Dr. Helen Langa, American University art historian, such works were "Art for the People."

Under the sponsorship of the Greenbelt Museum, Langa presented a slide-illustrated lecture on the mural art of the Depression period to a capacity crowd on Tuesday, March 23 in the Community Center's Multipurpose Room. There would have been no other way to handle the subject, since of all forms, the kind of art that is painted on walls is by definition immovable.

Or almost. A few murals she depicted among her slides had been painted on enormous canvases and then installed on the walls they were designed to deco-

rate. But most were painted in place. And there they remain, unless painted over as artistic tastes have changed.

According to Langa, over 5,000 artists of all kinds were sponsored by the New Deal in an era when more than a third of the population of the United States was unemployed. Most artists received their support during the period from 1934 to 1943 in two federal programs: the U.S. Treasury's Section of Fine Arts, which underwrote the painting of murals in post offices across the United States; and the Federal Art Project of the WPA (the Works Progress Administration). The latter program, but not the former, provided relief for artists who were unemployed. An earlier program, Public Works of Art, which lasted only for seven months in 1933 and 1934, had provided art for public buildings.

1930s Art

Langa's talk was a nostalgia trip for me. During the decade of the 1930s, mural art came to prominence as a major art form

and one of its exponents, the Mexican artist Diego Rivera, drew national and international attention. My high school art teacher and her husband had spent his sabbatical year in Cuzco, Mexico where she had become excited by Rivera's work.

As one of her lessons in painting, I remember copying a small segment from a color print of one of his murals. It was instructive to see how he used a small highlight, almost like a halo, behind the head of one figure to make it stand out against the background color – a technique I later tried myself.

Rivera of course was making news for his Rockefeller Plaza mural in which his refusal to paint out a portrait of Lenin led to David Rockefeller's refusal to honor the contract and to have Rivera's unfinished work obliterated.

At around this time, in Detroit, where he was filling the walls of a small Italian Renaissance gallery with 20th-century

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Potomac Watershed Cleanup Successful



PHOTOS BY NEIL BARNETT

Above, members of Adelphi Friends and Mary Harris Jones Elementary School pose with a load of trash removed from the stream in Springhill Lake.



At left, Brian Gibbons removed a shopping cart, tire and traffic cones also from the stream in Springhill Lake.

Many volunteers participated in the 16th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 3. The theme this year, "Take Pride in the Potomac: It's Time to Take Out the Trash!" encourages citizens to protect and take pride in the natural resources in their community.

The City of Greenbelt hosted two cleanup sites, Springhill Lake stream and Greenbelt Lake. Fifteen volunteers removed approximately 400 pounds of trash and 60 pounds of recyclables along Springhill Lake stream. Twenty-four volunteers removed approximately 300 pounds of trash and 80 pounds of recyclables from the shoreline of Greenbelt Lake. Volunteers included members of Greenbelt City Council, Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society, Adelphi Friends/Mary Harris Jones Elementary School and Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary.

CCRIC, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek, hosted a cleanup site on the Metro property. Several volun-

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What Goes On

Monday, April 12

10 a.m. sharp, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Children 18 mo. through 6th grade, Buddy Attick Lake Park

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Thursday, April 15

3 p.m., Senior Needs Assessment Survey Results, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession – Public Safety/City Manager's Quarterly Update, Police Station Meeting Room

Saturday, April 17

10 a.m. to noon, Earth Day Celebration, Planting Native Plants at the Wetland Education Facility, north shore of Greenbelt Lake Park

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Public Works Open House, Public Works Facility, Greenbelt Lake Park

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Hello Springhill Lake

With this issue we will again provide the News Review to the residents of Springhill Lake each week. We're sorry we weren't able to start last week with one of our traditional April Fool issues. We brought casinos to Greenbelt, turned Springhill Lake into a forest preserve, offered the Greenbelt Museum for weddings and announced topless dancers would perform at the New Deal Café among other pranks.

Two Greenbelt mothers – Shijuan Savage of Springhill Drive in Springhill Lake and Karen Zoellner of Plateau Place in Old Greenbelt – will get things started with the help of their daughters (Savage) and sons (Zoellner) and their friends. The youngsters will cover as much of the apartment complex as possible this week.

More young people (older, too) are needed to help us cover the entire complex. A map of the route will be provided, the route should take about an hour and be completed on Fridays. The pay is about five dollars a week. If interested please call Shijuan Savage at 301-345-4729.

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Linda Barnett of Lakeside Drive and grandchildren Pierce, Vivien and Lawrence help with the clean up at Greenbelt Lake.

teers removed over 250 pounds of trash and recyclables from this site.

Throughout the Potomac River watershed, approximately 1,700 volunteers removed 121 tons of trash and recyclables at

the 159 cleanup sites. The amount of trash removed demonstrates how small groups of people can make significant contributions to their communities and the environment in only three hours.

Greenbelt Named Tree City USA

Greenbelt has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor the city's commitment to its community forest. This is the fourth year Greenbelt has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Greenbelt has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"This year's record number of Tree City USA communities shows a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forests," said John Rosenow, president of the National Arbor Day Foundation. "It shows the people of Greenbelt value trees for the beauty, grace, comfort and practical blessings they bring."

"The trees in Greenbelt help clean the air, conserve soil and water and reduce heating and cooling costs by moderating temperatures," he added.

Letters

Big Disappointment

I must say, I was warming up to the idea of topless dancers at the New Deal Café until I found out they would be Richard McMullin and Dorian Winterfeld. Tasteful, indeed!

Thanks to all for another fun and fabulous April Fool's Day issue of the News Review. [I'm still enjoying a past one with the photo of the Metrorail train on Centerway!]

Neil McLeod

THANKS

I wish to thank everyone who participated in the Greenbelt Skateboarders Progressive Dinner Party and Silent Auction and am happy to say that we raised \$293.33, all of which we have deposited into a savings account at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. We hope that this account will be the beginning of more funds for the Skateboarders, providing them with equipment and safeguards, such as helmets, knee and elbow pads.

I especially want to thank Scott Aker, Melissa Mackey, Karen Smith, Dorothy Haubner and Ellen Siegel for the work they did in preparing food for the dinner. I also want to thank the generous business owners and managers of our community for the gift certificates and items they donated for the silent auction.

I feel very encouraged and grateful for our community effort in supporting our young athletes and hope that the building of the skateboard park will commence immediately. Most of all, our youngsters need a safe and creative place where they may practice their skateboarding skills. The streets, cement curbs and hazardous stairs where they are now practicing are clearly dangerous and not suitable – not for the skateboarders and not for the townspeople.

Greenbelt can be a town proud of all its young athletes. A new skateboard park will certainly add to our reputation as a haven for all our children and young adults. In this respect, I believe we are following in the path of Eleanor Roosevelt and her vision of community living.

We hope that now a new Greenbelt skateboarders organization may be formed and proceed in a democratic fashion.

Elizabeth Barber

The Old Curmudgeon



"Dr. Rice, do you swear to tell the spin, the whole spin and nothing but the spin . . . ?"

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Auction 2004!

to benefit Greenbelt Nursery School

Saturday, April 17

2-5 pm room 201 Greenbelt Community Center

Baysox tickets, treats at the New Deal Café, a children's party, art by Greenbelt artists-in-residence, haircuts, museum and theater passes, dinner and a show at the Marrakesh and more.

Admission \$5 includes refreshments.

For information, call Greenbelt Nursery School at 301-474-5570.

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

CRAZY QUILT

Spring Music Festival

April 17th Noon to 11 pm Roosevelt Center
at Southway and Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Maryland

Come celebrate the warming weather and the Birthday of the Coop Living room, the New Deal Café. The performances will be like a quilt of talents stitched together before your eyes.

Paul Kamm & Eleanore MacDonald
Kelly Handel, Pete Cassani and a dozen more

This Event is co-sponsored by the New Deal Café,
the Friends Of New Deal Café Arts, and The City of Greenbelt.
for more information call 301-474-5642

Stone Soup Productions

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of April 9

ETERNAL SUNSHINE
OF A SPOTLESS MIND (R)

Friday

*5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

*2:45, *5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday

*2:45, *5:10, 7:30

Monday-Thursday

*5:10, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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“Ask the Expert” Has Many Senior Topics

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents “Ask the Expert Cable Show” with Karren Pope Onwukwe of the Law Foundation of Prince George’s County. Topics of discussion will include Medicare, Medicaid and Wills and Trusts. The presentation will take place on Tuesday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Classroom of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. This show will also be filmed for broadcast on channel 71.

The Greenbelt Connection will be running shuttle service for residents of the Green Ridge House and Greenbriar. Greenbriar residents should meet at the Greenbriar Community Center for pick-up. People must call 301-474-4100 to reserve a seat.

Nursery School To Hold Auction

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual auction on Saturday, April 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. The location will be in Room 201 (the Multi-purpose Room) at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Up for bid: Baysox tickets, a children’s party, treats at the New Deal Café, art by Greenbelt artists-in-residence, haircuts, dinner and a show at the Marrakesh, museum and theater passes, Indian cooking demonstrations, a studio portrait, among other items.

A silent auction starts at 2 p.m. The live auction is from 3 to 5 p.m. The admission fee includes refreshments.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit parent cooperative in its 62nd year of operation. The school is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by NAEYC’s National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The auction is the school’s major fundraiser. Its proceeds enable the school to offer quality pre-school education to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. For more information visit the school’s website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk or call the school at 301-474-5570.

Benefit Event Held For Fire Department

To benefit the Greenbelt Fire Department & Rescue Squad, AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing will be offered by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, April 17 from noon to 4 p.m.

The event is open to all dogs and mixed breeds are welcome. All dogs need county registration and proof of rabies shots.

Pet/Owner photos will be available and also a micro-chip clinic for dogs and cats. The fire department is located at 124 Crescent Road. There is a fee. For further information call 301-345-6999.

Community Events

ACE Reading Club Hosts Showcase

The ACE Reading Club, a community-based reading program originally established through a grant acquired by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education and now funded by the City of Greenbelt, is hosting the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase to spotlight the winners of the annual ACE Reading Club Youth Writing Contest. Students in grades 6 through 12 were eligible to enter the writing contest, which focused on poetry and short fiction. The Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase will take place on April 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt City Council Room located at 25 Crescent Road. This event is free and open to the public.

Contact Liz Murray, coordinator, ACE Reading Club, City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, telephone 301-345-6660; acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Explorations Topic Is Soils this Week

On Friday April 16 at 1 p.m. Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Mitchell Scott, a natural resource sciences graduate student at the University of Maryland. Scott is also a soil scientist with the USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service, currently on sabbatical.

Scott will discuss how and why Greenbelt has the type of soils it has. How soil is formed, what it is and the different geologies found in Greenbelt will be discussed. Information on the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and local soil testing labs will also be provided.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This 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.

New Deal Café Seeks Auction Wares

The Friends of the New Deal Café Arts are accepting donations for their yard sale on Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Roosevelt Center (rain date May 1). Donations may be made 8 to 10 a.m. the day of the sale or by arrangement beforehand. Leave a phone number at 301-441-8249 (Eileen Peterson).

All donations must be clean and in working order. Clothes must be in good, saleable condition.

Annual Egg Hunt At Lake Park

Greenbelt’s Annual Egg Hunt will be held in Buddy Attick Lake Park at 10 a.m. (sharp!) on Monday, April 12. Children 18 months through sixth grade should bring a basket to collect colored eggs the bunny has left. Among the eggs will be a few special ones containing prizes. Immediately following the hunt, there will be a special performance by the Blue Sky Puppets.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
Spring is a beautiful time of the year in Greenbelt. The trees and flowers seem to blossom overnight. I hope everyone can get out and enjoy the beauty.

At the March 31 meeting we enjoyed the talk given by Mayor Judith Davis. She patiently answered a lot of questions. We were pleased to learn a new van for the Greenbelt Connection is ready to roll. This means a lot to seniors who need transportation in the city.

Greeter for the day was Ellie Oppenheimer. The 50/50 winners were Leney Holohan and Harold Miller.

The deadline to sign up for the anniversary luncheon on April 21 at La Fontaine Bleu is April 14. We hope Hospice House will do a presentation at the meeting on April 14.

Labor Day Festival Needs Volunteers

The planning for this year’s 50th Labor Day Festival is proceeding well. The committee will hold its second meeting on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Gallery. People are still needed to fill various committee positions. Being a volunteer does not involve a lot of time – but it does provide a great deal of rewards. Be a part of this committee and this special anniversary of the biggest happening in Greenbelt all year. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information or come to the meeting on April 15.

Park Campground Needs Firewood

Greenbelt Park campground is in need of firewood. To donate, drop off unused firewood at the park, located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road or call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944 to arrange for pickup.

Donors will be contributing to a park in the National Park System.

“Crazy Quilt” Music In Roosevelt Center

Crazy Quilt, the Spring Music Festival set for Saturday, April 17, from noon to 11 p.m. outdoors in Roosevelt Center, is the first in the 2004 outdoor events planned by Friends of New Deal Café Arts. (See ad on page 2). Funding for last year’s programs came from the proceeds at a yard sale which raised over \$1,200. The City of Greenbelt provided a matching grant.

This year’s “used treasures” sale is set for April 24 (see classified ads page 11). Matching grants for this year’s events are being sought.

Questions about Friends of New Deal Café Arts and music or art programs at the Café should be directed to Barbara Simon (301-474-2192).

Celebrate Earth Day, Arbor Day, Spring

The City of Greenbelt is celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day with three different events on Saturday, April 17.

From 10 a.m. to noon, people of all ages are invited to join members of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee at the north shore of Greenbelt Lake. Native plants will be planted at the Wetland Education Facility. Be sure to check out the hybrid vehicle display in the lower parking lot.

An open house will be held at the Public Works Departments facility near the lake part from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be demonstrations on all types of equipment, sign painting, green house, recycling, street painting and much more. Light refreshments will be available.

A celebration of spring will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. People can create and take springtime crafts with Artist-in-Residence Pam Hagerhorst. African Heritage dancers will perform. There will also be face painting, visits from costumed characters, DARE police car, kids’ games and a moonbounce. Chips, soda and hotdogs will be available. Look for information tables from several Greenbelt organizations.

Come celebrate spring!

Robeson Honored

A program celebrating Paul Robeson will be presented at Greenbelt Park on Sunday, April 11 at 1 p.m. A presentation on Robeson’s life and musical recordings will be played. For more information call 301-344-3944.

City USPS to Hold Closed Session

After the Greenbelt City Council learned from the U.S. Postal Service that it is likely to abandon construction of a new postal facility at an Ora Glen site east of Hanover Parkway, City Manager Michael McLaughlin requested a public meeting with local postal officials.

Instead, at the request of postal officials, city council will hold an executive session (closed to the public) on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

GHI Notes

Meetings April 13 through 17 will all be held in the Board Room:

Marketing Committee, April 13, 7 p.m.

Seller’s Seminar, April 13, 7:30 p.m.

Woodlands Committee, April 14, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee, April 15, 7 p.m.

Architecture & Environment Committee, April 16, 2 p.m.

Pre-purchase Orientation, April 17, 11 a.m.

Calling All Artists: Deadline Nears

Reminder to all Greenbelt artists: noon, Monday, April 12, is the deadline to deliver applications for the juried exhibition “Creative Process,” the upcoming show of works by Greenbelt artists at the Gallery in the Greenbelt Community Center. The deadline was extended to allow more time for artists to apply. For additional information, call Tom Baker at 301-474-6525.

Meeting on Results Of Senior Survey

The Greenbelt Senior Needs Assessment Survey and recommendations will be the subject of a meeting on Thursday, April 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Center.

Christal Batey, resource advocate, will explain what has been learned from the survey, conducted by Sokol Communications, and the suggested new programs.

The meeting is sponsored by the Friends of the Resource Advocate. For more information call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943.

Poetry Theme Is “Rain” Saturday

The Poetry Group will meet at Greenbelt Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 10. The topic is “Rain.” Bring copies of poems about rain, published or not, original or not.

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More Info: 301-474-6171



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Players 13-15
call Mark at 301-793-0097

Players 16-19
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Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club
Featuring

KARL RUBLE,
Board Member, PGC Board of Elections
on Vote Security: Test Results and Primary Election Data

Friday, April 16, 2004, 8 p.m.
Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building

Refreshments served afterward.
For information, call 301-474-6668



Talking to Your Kids About Drugs, Alcohol

by Kate Carrigan for Greenbelt CARES

Our children are now being exposed to drugs and alcohol earlier than ever. This makes it even more important that they hear about potential dangers from their parents. Children are most likely to listen to their parents if their parents listen to them. Listening to our children's feelings, ideas, thoughts and concerns makes talking about difficult subjects a bit easier and more comfortable for them.

When you begin this difficult conversation, tell your child that drugs and alcohol are not acceptable to you. A clear family position is very important to establish. Let them know that you want them to be happy and healthy and one of the easiest ways to do this is to abstain from drugs and alcohol.

Be truthful with your children. Tell them about the dangers – health, legal and otherwise. Be an informed parent and teach your child, but do not exaggerate. Talk about the alternatives to drugs and alcohol with your child such as sports and hobbies. Be creative in your teaching. Give your child an opportunity to practice saying no.

Role play different potential situations involving drugs and alcohol so your child is adequately prepared to respond appropriately. The most important part of the conversation you have with your child about drugs and alcohol is that it should be continuous. Do not give one lecture but encourage an ongoing, open dialogue about drugs and alcohol in your family.

And do not forget that the biggest influence in children's lives is their parents and that you set the example. Internet sites with information talking to kids about drugs and alcohol are www.theantidrug.com and www.talkingwithkids.org.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of March 29, the first ever CARES Men's Support Group successfully completed its eight-week program. The program accomplished its goals of providing a supportive environment for men to discuss their issues, receive support from one another and form meaningful relationships. Andre Peri, the group's moderator, is looking forward to having another program in the fall.

Teresa Smithson and CARES MSW Intern Kate Carrigan met with Dr. Melissa Littlefield, field study liaison, from the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Social Work. Carrigan's internship is scheduled to end in mid-April.

During the month of March, families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. Forty-five individuals on average came on a weekly basis among whom 16 were 18 years of age and younger. Fifty-eight students participated in tutoring services.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

High School Fair Set For Catholics

Learn about Catholic high schools in Washington, DC and suburban and southern Maryland during this year's Catholic High School Fairs. The fairs provide parents and students, grades six and up, excellent opportunities to meet high school representatives from most of the 17 schools, pick up informational materials, and learn about the admissions process and tuition assistance. Fairs are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. Free parking is available at all fairs. For information visit <http://www.catholic-schools-work.org>.

The Prince George's County Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Regional School, 14710 Annapolis Road, Bowie.


Harp Recital

A free annual harp studio recital featuring Rebecca Anstine Smith, music director, will be held Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Featured transcriptions for harp ensemble will be Ravel's Mother Goose Suite (four harps) and the Sonata in D by Albeniz (three harps).

Garden Club Holds First Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will sponsor its first plant sale of the season on Saturday, April 17 at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Quality perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees will be sold at reasonable prices. The plant sale is from 8 a.m. until noon and will be held rain or shine. For more information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
 Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm


"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
 Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
 Part Time Ministry

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.



Celebrate Easter at St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church!

7010 Glenn Dale Road
 Corner of Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road
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Good Friday [April 9]	Easter Day [April 11]
7:30 pm Sung Liturgy*	8:00 am Mass
Holy Saturday [April 10]	9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt 1
8:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter*	10 am Sung Mass*
	11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 2

*ASL interpreted

Hospice Needs Volunteers

Hospice of the Chesapeake seeks patient care volunteers to provide support and companionship to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones throughout Prince George's County. For information on training classes, which begin on Saturday, April 17, call Julie Medlin, Hospice of the Chesapeake volunteer coordinator, at 301-499-4500 or send email to jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

NAMI Programs

The National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) announces its monthly family support group the second Monday, April 12, 1 to 3 p.m. in the Bowie Senior Center music room, 14900 Healthcare Drive. Call Helen Barnes for information at 301-699-2795.

A free workshop will also be held April 15, 7 to 9 p.m. on "Recent Changes in the Maryland Public Mental Health System" at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. The workshop will address concerns and questions from consumers and family members on this topic. To learn more, call Jane Kelley at 301-577-6026.

Community Church Yard Sale April 17

Greenbelt Community Church at the corner of Crescent Road and Hillside Road in Old Greenbelt will have its annual yard sale on Saturday, April 17 in the church basement social hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On sale will be all kinds of interesting and unusual or plain and ordinary household items. Baked goods will also be on sale and visitors can purchase hoagies for lunch as they shop.

Easter Sunrise Service at Lake

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on the shore of Greenbelt Lake next to the "Buddy" Attick Park bandstand on Easter Sunday, April 11 beginning at 7 a.m. In the event of rain the service will be at Greenbelt Baptist Church, Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

Leadership will come from Berwyn Presbyterian Church, the Catholic Community of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Church and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

For more information call Dan Hamlin at 301-474-6171 or 301-982-0048.

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April 11, 10 a.m.
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 Jacob B. ten Hove,
 co-ministers





Our sympathy to Nancy Boardman and sons of Rosewood Drive on the death of her husband and their father, Manuel Periera.

Congratulations to Nia Billings, a member of the Class of 2005 at Loyola College in Maryland, who has been elected for membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, the honor society of Jesuit institutions of higher learning; and to Praveen Inuganti who received an M.S. degree in computer sciences from the University of Missouri.

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 SUNDAY



Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night	7:30 pm

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
 April 11, Easter Sunday
 Breakfast 8:00 AM
 Sermon: "The Living Among the Dead"

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STOP and notice the beauty around you.

Within the past few weeks, beautiful white and pink flowers have blossomed from apparently dead branches. Take some time to appreciate the natural beauty. Muslims believe that nature is a pointer to its Creator. According to the Qur'an, "It is He who sends the winds like heralds of glad tidings, going before His Mercy. When they have carried the heavy-laden clouds, We drive them to a land that is dead, make rain to descend thereon and produce every kind of harvest therewith. Thus shall We raise up the dead (on the day of judgement), per chance ye may remember."
 - The Holy Qur'an, 7:57

For more information about Islam, contact 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamworld.net.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 12-16

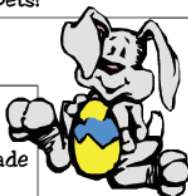
Monday, April 12, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center.
Monday, April 12, 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building. (live on Channel 71)
Wednesday, April 14, 7:30pm, City Council Executive Session – Postal Facility, Community Center.
Thursday, April 15, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session – Public Safety/ City Manager’s Quarterly Update, Community Center.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL EGG HUNT



Bring your baskets and find the colorful eggs that the Bunny and his Helpers have hidden. They have hidden many eggs, including some very special Golden Eggs that include prizes. Immediately following the hunt join us for the free performance presented by Blue Sky Puppets!



WHEN: Monday, April 12, 2004
WHERE: Buddy Attick Lake Park
WHO: Children from 18 months thru 6th Grade
TIME: 10:00 SHARP!!!!



In case of inclement weather, the Hunt will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please call the weather and information hotline at 301-474-5525



For more information please call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
 Advisory Committee on Education
 Park & Recreation Advisory Board
 Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee
 For more information, please call 301-474-8000.



March of Dimes WalkAmerica
 Join the City of Greenbelt fundraiser for the Prince Georges County **2 mile walk** - Sunday, April 25th in Upper Marlboro **and/or** donate knowing that the money you raise helps save premature babies
 - Pick up your official registration to walk or drop off donations at the following
Greenbelt City locations:
 Community Center Information Office,
 City Personnel Office or Greenbelt Police Department.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY APRIL 16, 2004

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S

CELEBRATION OF SPRING



SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2004
 11:00AM TO 3:00PM

SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

CREATE MAKE AND TAKE SPRINGTIME CRAFTS WITH ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PAM HAGERHORST



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INFORMATION TABLES AND FLYERS FROM SEVERAL GREENBELT ORGANIZATIONS

AFTER A LONG WINTER, COME HELP US CELEBRATE SPRING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 301-397-2200

Celebrate Earth Day 2004

Saturday, April 17th
 10AM-NOON



Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee celebrate Earth Day by planting native plants at the Wetland Education Facility.

WHERE: North shore, Greenbelt Lake Park
WHO: Adults, kids & everybody in between!



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE HYBRID VEHICLE DISPLAY
 Toyota and Honda hybrid vehicles will be on display in the lower parking lot. Also on display-ZIPCAR- Wheels When You Want Them.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Volunteer community service hours will be given.

For more information, call Cindy Murray at (301) 345-9334.

Part of Municipal Government Week Activities
 10am-2pm Public Works Open House
 12Noon Arbor Day Tree Planting- Greenbelt Lake
 11am-3pm Celebration of Spring- Springhill Lake Recreation Center

City of Greenbelt

Public Works Open House

Saturday, April 17th
 10:00am-2:00pm



ALL ARE INVITED TO COME OUT FOR DEMONSTRATIONS ON ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT INCLUDING: THE BUCKET TRUCK, SIGN PAINTING, GREEN HOUSE, RECYCLING, STREET PAINTING AND MUCH MORE! LIGHT REFRESHMENTS! COME SEE WHAT IT TAKES TO MAINTAIN THE CITY OF GREENBELT!
 INFO: 301-474-8004

Part of Municipal Government Week Activities
 10am-12pm Earth Day Celebration-Buddy Attick Park
 12 noon Arbor Day Tree Planting-Greenbelt Lake
 11am-3pm Celebration of Spring-Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Greenbelt Recreation Department

BASKETBALL CAMP

Learn basketball skills, play games and have fun! Camp will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center Gym.

Activity # 337596-1
 8-10 year olds
 Tuesdays
 May 4-June 22
 6:30-8:30pm

Activity # 337596-2
 11-13 year olds
 Thursdays
 6:30-8:30pm

\$25 Fee - Includes a reversible mesh jersey & a pizza party!
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 16TH!

Contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. A general Recreation Department registration form can be found at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us within the Recreation Brochure.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, April 10th
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Ctr.

The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

SPRING GED COURSE

Greenbelt CARES begins the Spring 10-WEEK-GED COURSE on Tuesday, April 20, 2004. Registration begins at 10:30am. Course for Greenbelt residents is free, \$150 for non-Greenbelt residents. Students will be required to purchase calculators and textbooks as well. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building. GED I begins 10:30 - 12:30, GED II begins 1:00 - 3:00. For enrollment information, call CARES, 345-6660, ext. 144 or email: jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, April 12 at 8pm: Regular Council Meeting “live” Tuesday & Thursday, April 13 & 15th: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Nutritional Shopping Tips” 7pm “COG presents Smart Growth begins at the Local Level” 7:18pm “Zero Tolerance for Unbuckled Kids” 8:00pm “Child Restraint in Automobiles” 8:30pm “Replay of Council Meeting”
 PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 14 & 16: 7pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents “The Fifth Sun” 9:15pm “St. Mary’s Passion Play”

COME OUT WITH YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR FRIENDS ON APRIL 17TH AND ENJOY THE MANY ACTIVITIES GOING ON IN YOUR CITY!

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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.

Carjacking

7800 block Hanover Parkway, March 30, 10:03 p.m., a woman reported that she was in her parked vehicle, about to drive away when a man approached the driver's door displaying a handgun. He ordered her out of the car and took her cellular telephone and purse. He then fled the area in the victim's vehicle, described as a burgundy 2001 Mitsubishi Montero truck, Maryland tags M547752. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 17 years of age, 5'5", 150 pounds with brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing a black hooded jacket and dark pants.

Robbery

200 block Lakeside Drive, March 28, 10:55 p.m., a 10-year-old youth reported that he was riding his bicycle when he was approached by two men who pushed him to the ground and took his bike. The suspects are described as two black males 18 to 20 years of age, 5'7" with dark complexions, black hair and brown eyes, one wearing a white bandana, a white shirt and dark colored pants and the other wearing blue pajama-type pants.

7800 block Mandan Road, March 29, 8:34 p.m., the victims reported that they were walking in the grassy area to the rear of the building when they were approached by a man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining property from the victims, he fled the area in an unknown direction. He is described as a black male 17 to 23 years of age, 5'10" with a thin build, wearing a gray sweatshirt, dark pants and a hat.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, March 29, 8:45 p.m., a woman reported that she was sitting in a vehicle in a parking lot when she was approached by a man, who opened the passenger door, displayed a handgun and demanded money. After the woman stated that she had no money, the suspect demanded the victim's car keys. After obtaining the keys he fled the area in another vehicle described as an older model white passenger car. He is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'9", 150 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with black and red designs on the front, gray pants and a black skullcap.

7500 block Mandan Road, March 31, 10:04 p.m., a woman reported that she was in the common hallway area of a condominium building when she was approached by two men. One of the men attempted to take her purse, but she refused to let go of it. She fell to the ground, then one man grabbed her purse and both fled the scene. The victim refused treatment for a back injury. The suspects are described as two black males, 5'7" to 6' with thin builds, one wearing a thin, dark hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans and the other wearing a blue or black hooded sweatshirt over a light colored hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Assault

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 1, 10:10 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with two counts of assault, two counts of theft and driving while suspended. Police responded to a report of a shoplifting which had just occurred at the Giant Food store. A store employee reported that the man had walked out of the store without paying for merchandise and ran to a parked vehicle, followed by two store employees. The man turned toward the employees brandishing a writing pen, then got into a vehicle and fled the scene. Police observed the suspect vehicle in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. The suspect exited the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot but was apprehended. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen and that the man had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Weapons

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, March 31, 9:43 a.m., a resident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon on school grounds and disruption of school activities after he was involved in a verbal altercation with another student inside the school and was found to be in possession of a corkscrew-type device. The other participant, a resident youth, was arrested for disruption of school activities. Both were released to school administrators pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Drugs

6100 block Breezewood Court, March 25, 8:10 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia when police responded to a report of beer drinkers in front of an apartment building. Police located several people, one who began to approach the police with his hands in his pockets. When the officer asked the man to show him his hands, the man attempted to flee the scene on foot. As he was running he threw two bags of suspected marijuana under a vehicle. He was apprehended and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

9200 block Edmonston Road, March 29, 10:18 a.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and motor vehicle theft. Police responded to a report of the odor of marijuana coming from a residence. They approached the front of the residence in question and found a man working on a motorcycle in

the front porch/patio area. They observed a quantity of suspected marijuana in plain view through the open front door of the residence. The man was arrested and a computer check revealed that the motorcycle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Burglary

Greenway Shopping Center, March 26, 11:17 p.m., police responded to a report of an alarm at Modell's Sporting Goods. A witness observed a man fleeing the area. Police observed the man crossing Hanover Parkway toward Ora Glen Drive. He dropped property belonging to the store and ran into a wooded area. The area was checked with negative results. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, 5'2", 130 pounds, wearing a yellow shirt or jacket and black shorts.

9100 block Edmonston Terrace, March 30, 10:12 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence possibly by way of the sliding glass door. A laptop computer and a digital camera were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were stolen: a 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door, March 27, from the 6200 block Breezewood Court, recovered the next day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a gray 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier 2-door, Maryland tags HAM062, March 31 from the 7900 block Mandan Road; and a gray 1995 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags JHG375, April 1 from the unit block Parkway.

Seven vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt Police and five by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalisms to, thefts from or attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 100 block Northway, Research Road, Empire Place, 6500 block Lake Park Drive, Greenway Place, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 7200 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 6700 block Springshire Way, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 6200 block Springhill Court and Beltway Plaza Mall.

WSSC to Perform Sewer System Work

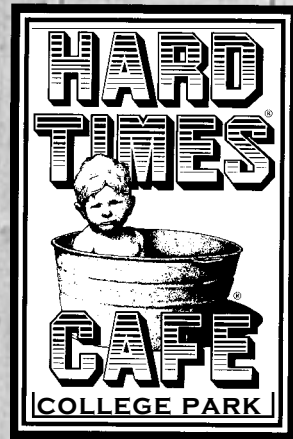
The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has given notice it will perform rehabilitation work at Plateau Place, Research Road and Ridge Road. The work being performed is to install a liner inside the existing 8" sewer main. This repair will be done internally and will not require excavation. Another repair is to renew the house connection laterals connected to the sewer line. This will require excavation. The approximate pit size is 5' x 5'. The affected addresses are: 10 Court RW2 Plateau Place, 69-A Ridge Road and 3-L through 3-R Research Road, 65-A through 65-K Ridge Road.

The WSSC Systems Inspection Group will oversee this project when the work begins. Once the project is scheduled, the inspection group will notify residents before the work starts.

New Bay License Plate Available

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has announced that a new full-color "Treasure the Chesapeake" license plate was made available to the public for the first time in January. The new Bay license plate, featuring a blue crab and heron on a deep blue background, can be pur-

chased at any full-service center of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) or ordered by mail. Forms for obtaining the plate by mail can be found online at www.MarylandMVA.com. Visit the MVA or call 1-800-950-1MVA (1682).



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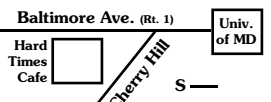
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MURALS continued from page 1

industrial images, Rivera shocked viewers by also including the figure of an embryo in utero. On a trip from nearby Ann Arbor, members of our art class visited the Detroit Art Institute to view Rivera's murals.

At the same time, two WPA muralists were working on frescos in our high school. One worked from a scaffold behind the main desk of our school's library. From my seat in this room, where I spent an hour daily in study hall, I watched this work progress around the wall clock in the center of his space. It was a view of several figures, doing what I can no longer remember. But I vividly recall the general yellowish and sunny background as the work took shape.

In fresco one paints directly on wet plaster. And so our artist came each day to fill in something like a square foot or more of a piece of wall and then to paint that portion of the overall design that fit in that space. In this way, no one figure that took a commanding position in the whole picture could be painted at once – but only what protruded into that day's new plaster.

At the other end of the building, in a stairway landing, a second WPA artist also worked on a fresco, but with a motif from American history. I remember something in 19th-century costume. Again, it was a pleasure to see the mural grow from day to day. Since this artist worked mainly from a floor position, we could engage him in conversa-

tion about his work. He was a friendly man, happy to discuss with us his work and its meaning.

Student Work

With such works growing before our eyes, our art teacher would have been derelict if she had not encouraged some of us to try our hand at murals. One student created a beautiful piece – a kind of fairytale fantasy with pastel crayons on a three-part cork screen. My work, a scene of an art class (painter at her easel and another student posing before her), was drawn in miniature, squared off and then reproduced in chalk outline in larger squares upon the painted wall of our back workroom. Then I painted the whole in oils.

On the end wall of this same workroom, our teacher had us create painted squares like a checkerboard, using a plumb line for the vertical separations. Then on each square one student or another painted the silhouette image and name of one of our tools.

I haven't been back to check it out, but the building that housed our high school has long ago been taken over for the University of Michigan's School of Education. I doubt that our 1930s student work has survived. Even less the WPA murals, which countrywide had mostly also gone out of fashion.

Preservation

But as Langa showed, a few Depression-era murals exist to this day – primarily in small rural sites in post offices here and there throughout the land. A

few of the larger works in public buildings have resurfaced as overcoatings of paint have been removed. The old State Department building had a major mural above its front lobby, I was told by a former employee; and when it seemed too old-fashioned for a later day, it had been screened from view by a large stage curtain hung across its face.

Yesterday's fashions, made scarce by their rarity in old age, have a way of taking on new value when they are renamed antiques. If the walls on which Depression-era murals were painted have not been demolished perhaps some of them may reappear, emerging out of the paint that obliterated them or brought forth from behind the curtains that covered them.

Lenore Thomas, working on stone in the out of doors, has been luckier than many Depression-era artists. Weather may have eroded her work, but the community, regarding highly their symbolic value, has acted to preserve them.

"Happy Feet" Topic Of Diabetes Talk

On April 20 at 7 p.m. the Diabetes Care Center at Doctors Community Hospital will present its Diabetic Support Continuing Education Group featuring Todd Albrecht, DPM. Albrecht will speak on "Help to Keep Your Feet Happy – Shoes for Diabetics." Meetings are held in the Ambulatory Surgery Bldg., 8118 Goodluck Rd. in Lanham. Call 301-552-5134 to confirm attendance.

April Programs at Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge announces public programs for April. All programs are free but require advance reservations. Reservations are taken by calling 301-497-5887. Advise of any special needs so that they may be accommodated. Visit the web site at <http://patuxent.fws.gov>

North Tract

Bird Tour – Thursday, April 15, 8:15 to 11 a.m., ages 16+. Identify birds in several refuge habitats on this guided tour with short walks. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Bird Brains! – Thursday, April 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Learn just what it takes to be a bird. Discuss and observe adaptations that help birds survive in their environment through this interactive discussion and hike.

Owl Prowl – Saturday, April 17, 7:30 to 9 p.m., all ages. Discover the nighttime world of the refuge as people look and listen for owls and other nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Bird Walk – Sunday, April 18, 5 to 10 a.m., all ages. Learn about the birds found in Maryland by listening for and observing them. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

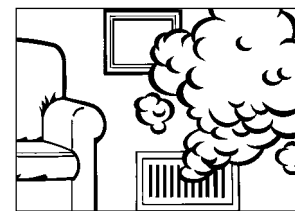
Wildflower Wander – Sunday, April 18, 9 to 11 a.m., ages 16+. Discover the role that wildflowers play in the ecosystem and learn to identify some common species on this guided walk. Field guide, water and magnifying glass recommended.

National Wildlife Center

Making Sense of Nature – Saturday, April 17, 2 to 3 p.m., ages 5 to 7. Use the senses to explore nature on this guided hike

through meadow and forest.

Nature Tots Series for ages 3 to 4 – Nature Tots: Leapin' Lily pads – Monday April 12, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. From egg to frog – learn what makes amphibians so special through poems, stories and crafts.



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FREE Extreme Smile Makeover Comes to Greenbelt!



Many have seen the unbelievable transformations people have received on the popular television show "Extreme Makeover." The McCarl Dental Group, Greenbelt's "first family" of dentistry since 1938, has been inspired by that theme and will be selecting someone from the greater Greenbelt area for an extreme smile makeover at no charge to the patient.

Changing a smile can change a life. The idea was presented last month at a conference in Utah by Becden Laboratory, a nationally known dental lab that specializes in cosmetic porcelain veneers and crowns. Becden has assisted the McCarl Dental Group in many cosmetic cases over the years.

The three Doctors McCarl will accept requests until May 1 before selecting the patient. The treatment will only take a few weeks to finish. Smile makeovers can frequently cost between \$5,000 and \$15,000. The patient must be an adult in good health, live in the surrounding area, have no underlying dental or medical problem that would make cosmetic work inappropriate and be willing to have their name and "before and after" photos published.

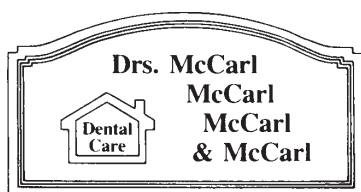
Interested parties should submit a smile photo clearly showing their front teeth, name and address, phone and a brief description of themselves by mail to the McCarl Dental Group, 28 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Due to the anticipated volume of requests, applications cannot be taken over the phone. Applicants will receive notification that the letter and photo were received but the photos will not be returned. A photo of the person selected will be published in the Greenbelt News Review.

"No matter where you go, you always have your smile! If you or someone you know would be deserving of a fabulous smile makeover, submit their name and photo today. It could change their life!"

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Piano Recital

The Susan Keith Gray piano recital will be held Monday, April 12 at 8 p.m. at the Joseph & Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, on the University of Maryland campus in College Park. This free recital features distinguished guest artists of the Division of Strings, presented by the university's School of Music.

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YARD SALE – Saturday, April 10, 8-12. 4 Court Ridge Road.

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2 Bedroom Townhome
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Brick Townhome
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Local Writer Frances Bailey Publishes First Mystery

by Nicola Dickenson

From a very early age Frances Bailey always knew she wanted to be a writer, much to her father's chagrin. As she got older, this native Marylander and local resident of the College Park/Greenbelt area since 1982 spent countless hours writing, and re-writing, dreaming of the day when she would publish her first novel.

As an avid church and community supporter who likens her first name, Frances, to St. Francis of Assisi, her patron saint, Bailey tries to give back to her community by hosting prayer groups and teaching sacraments at her church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She has two children and three grandchildren and owns a cleaning business that serves the local area, where she sometimes offers needy clients extra services at no cost.

According to Bailey plot lines came to her in dreams and she would hurriedly write down the details as soon as she awoke, for fear of forgetting something. Finally, after a year of dreaming and writing this novel, her dream became reality with the publication of her first murder-mystery thriller, "The Deacon," which she dedicated to Christ and to her deceased sister who raised her. The dedication was Bailey's way of honoring her sister.

"The Deacon," a 170-page paperback, recounts the story of twin brothers who grew up in the church, fought in Vietnam and became estranged. One becomes a priest and the other is listed as missing in action. Eventually they are reunited and the lost brother becomes a deacon in his twin's church. Later, a murder in the church inflames rumors and accusations until the murderer is revealed. The plot line will keep you guessing till the very end. "The Deacon" is currently available for sale online at www.xlibris.com and will be available at Barnes and Noble, Borders and Amazon.com in May.

But writing and publishing a book was no easy task. Bailey enlisted her family's help by having them critique the book. Bailey said there were times when the critiques made her angry, but she wanted her mystery thriller to be anything but predictable or boring, so she kept changing the ending of the book. She recalls her cousin, after reading the first part of the book, calling to say, "I



loved it, and I know who did it!" and then after reaching the end, calling back to say she was surprised at who did it. This reassured Bailey that she had made the right choices.

After the book was completed and Bailey was editing the final manuscript, she corrected a number of grammatical errors but she said, "I left one to show that people aren't perfect; only God is perfect." She is leaving it up to the reader to find the error, but says, "You won't miss it." She intends to write and publish three other books, one of which is in progress. They will also be murder mysteries, but will not have a religious theme and all will contain one error as a reminder of humanity's imperfection.

"The book is not only a murder mystery," says Bailey, "but details where I've been in my life, the churches I've visited and the struggles I've faced with my faith. These struggles are similar to those of every person."

And her life has been a series of struggles – from being married at a young age, to losing her sister to cancer, to losing 12 family members in one year, including her father and facing a painful illness that resulted in losing a large section of her stomach. She recalls going to church during her sister's illness and praying that God would either heal her or take her. A few days later her sister died. Her sister's death "felt like my arm was cut off," says Bailey, "and I went to adoration and became involved in a prayer group. Through the group I was able to see things differently and find inner peace with myself." Bailey also credits her faith with helping her to realize that her sister is in a better place.

So after the book was written, she attempted to get it published but had a very tumultuous experience. She recalls getting rejection letters from various publishers and being told that mystery thrillers were very difficult to publish because of the competition. She became discouraged but kept pushing until she came across Xlibris and got the book published. Bailey says that there are a lot of talented authors out there who don't get a chance to show their work because of all the rejections and the discouragement and she hopes for a time when they, too, will be able to realize their dream.

Kids Workshop In College Park

A "Crafts Around the World" workshop for kids will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 18 at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, at the corner of Dartmouth, in College Park. This free workshop, sponsored by the College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) will offer kids ages three and up the opportunity to explore how different cultures use and create art. Activities will include origami, maskmaking and beading.

For more information call 301-927-3013 or check the CPAE website at www.cpae.org.

Astronaut Stars In "Hello, Earth . . ."

"Hello Earth, Greetings from Endeavour" will be presented by Howard B. Owens Science Center on Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. View the moon and the earth from the perspective of Al Worden, pilot of Apollo 15 who was so awed by his experience traveling to the moon that he wrote a book of poetry describing his experience. Some of his language may not be appropriate for younger audiences. Call Patty Seaton at 301-918-8750 for specifics if there are concerns. A tour of the current night sky will follow. There is a fee.

Ode to the Cicada

by Allon Stern

This poem was written in 1987 when Allon Stern was a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a volunteer with the News Review. Stern now lives in Purcellville. He is married, has a one-year-old son, Joshua, and works as a software engineer for FGM, a computer company.

O cicada, cicada,
Who flies through the air.
Always under my feet,
Always in my hair.
Squashed all over the sidewalk

And all over the grass.
O cicada, I think
You're a pain in the neck!
I try to relax
Out on my back lawn,
And I can't help but listen
To that darn locust's song
I've heard varied stories
Of people eating the things,
From their bugged-out red eyes

To the tips of their wings.
Cicada soufflé!
Cicada cream pie!
Chocolate-covered cicadas!
My God! I could die!
But after this spring
There won't be anymore
At least not until
2004!

City Notes

The week of March 29, the streets crew completed installing the barley straw in the lake and repaired the path from the Aquatic Center parking lot to Braden Field I.

The facilities maintenance crew installed new grid and tiles to repair the ceiling in the Kiln Room of the Community Center, worked after hours to repair a leak in the six-inch water line for the filtering system of the indoor pool and continued work on the installation of the natural gas fueling station at Public Works.

The vehicle mechanics stripped the city markings and radio from the old Greenbelt Connection van and installed the radio in the new van.

The horticulture crew transplanted plugs in the greenhouse; planted seeds for summer annuals and pruned and fertilized roses at the Community Center, Schrom Hills and Greenspring Parks, and along Mandan Road.

The parks crew repaired the pitchers mound at Braden Field, continued work on the playground at 2 Court Gardenway, installed the seats on the swings, replaced the spring animals and merry-go-round, completed the border and filled with wood carpet.

Recreation Dept.

Staff forwarded the signed design contract to California Skate Park Design for their review and signature. It is expected the contract will be signed and returned in the next couple of weeks; then the design phase of the skate park construction project will begin.

A new exhibit was installed at the Greenbelt Municipal Building featuring paintings by Joanna Morrison.

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BUDGET continued from page 1

McLaughlin noted that in the miscellaneous section of the budget document he has, as in previous years, included a reserve appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 to provide some flexibility to council either to reduce his recommended tax rate increase or increase expenditures above that proposed.

In an overview of revenue highlights, Williams reported on modest increases in personal property, the city's share of state income taxes, highway user taxes and the hotel/motel tax and admissions and amusement taxes. Overall, proposed FY 2005 taxes (from all sources) are approximately \$1 million higher than in FY 2004.

General Government

The general government portion of the budget covers the city council, city administration, elections, finance and administrative services, legal counsel, community promotion and public officers association budgets. Although municipal building maintenance is included in this section of the budget, council agreed to review that item during the Public Works Department work session.

McLaughlin noted several proposed changes in personnel staffing. First, he proposed a title change for David Moran from "Assistant to the City Manager" to "Assistant City Manager," noting that this change is a well-deserved upgrade. Another change is the transfer of the community resource advocate position to the social services budget. Finally, one-half full-time equivalent (FTE) non-classified position has been reallocated from finance to information technology. The overall impact produces a net reduction of one FTE in the staffing level for general government.

According to the budget narrative, the city manager's office was downsized in 1996 when one position was left vacant. While the situation was tolerable for a few years, the growing workload has reached a level where the office is becoming "overwhelmed." The narrative notes that "this situation needs to be recognized by both the council and the citizenry." Although the city is "able to stay on top of the highest priority issues . . . some of the less pressing issues have to wait." The

narrative warns that similar situations are evident in other departments as well.

In the legal counsel account, the manager has proposed an increase in the city solicitor's rate from \$125 to \$150 per hour. In the community promotion and public information account, the manager proposes limiting the city's contribution to Greenbelt Access Television to a five percent increase, making the budget \$33,600, rather than to restore the contribution amount to \$42,300, an amount that used to be provided the organization.

Employee Benefits

Although applicable to all departments, McLaughlin explained two personnel proposals. One is his proposal to achieve savings of \$40,000 by reductions in the employee leave buyback program. McLaughlin noted that only about 40 percent of city classified employees currently use the program, which allows them to sell back to the city unused annual leave. He believes this option to achieve savings would have least impact on the lower grades and allows other choices for benefits that would impact all classified employees.

Another proposed program would have little or no impact on the proposed FY2005 budget but would be an attractive benefit for retired employees of the city. Greenbelt may enter into an agreement with the International City Managers Association's VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Plan which would allow retired city employees to voluntarily accumulate assets to pay for medical expenses (e.g., health insurance and prescription drug expenses) for themselves, spouses and dependents on a tax free basis. The only cost to the city would be minimal administrative expenses to set up the program.

Wrapping up, McLaughlin noted that he expected council would closely review the proposed budget and likely suggest additions or deletions in various areas. As has become tradition, staff will keep track of such items as the budget review progresses.

Complete bound copies of the proposed budget were not available at that meeting but should now be available, according to McLaughlin.

CITY COUNCIL

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COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Maryland Chiefs' Challenge – Proclamation
National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – Proclamation
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda – marked by * – will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Advisory Committee on Education, Report #01-2004 (Funding for GMS Renovation)
Advisory Committee on Education, Report #02-2004 (ERHS/Duval Funding Shift)
Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #04-4 (Contribution Group Requests)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- ▲ Application for Liquor License – Silver Diner
- ▲ Possible Partial Funding for Greenbelt Middle School Renovation
- ▲ Site Plan for Animal Control Facility
- ▲ Mosquito Control
- ▲ Award of Contract – Resurfacing of Braden Field Tennis Courts
- ▲ CDBG Funding Proposal
- ▲ 2003 Election Questionnaire - Briefing
- ▲ * Adoption of Advisory Planning Board Resolution for Departure #04-001-DSDS
- ▲ * Advisory Group Resignation

MEETINGS

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