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ACE Awards: Front row, l. to r. – County Councilmember Douglas Peters, Ellise Saunders, Jonathan Sandoval, Timothy Mullaney, Katherine Reyes-Ruiz, Corey Richmond, Eva Griffin (ACE Chair); second row, l. to r. – Delegate Justin Ross, Fatou Mambouray, Luis Cruz, Christie Ben-Carew, Joshua Attick, Jessica Mealey, Kathy Lewis, Omar Jackson, Nicholas (Miki) Vikor; back row, l. to r. – Alla Lake (ACE), Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegate Tawanna Gaines, school board member Jose Morales, La Shelle Ferguson (ACE), Delegate Anne Healey, Councilmember Leta Mach, Kirsten Green, Councilmember Edward Putens, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling, and Raymond Peterson (ACE).

ACE Awards Honor Students With Gifts and Scholarships

by Barbara Hopkins

“It’s kids like you that make it all worthwhile.” With those words Eva Griffin, chair of Greenbelt’s Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), congratulated this year’s winners of the ACE student awards at the regular Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, May 10. This marked the tenth year for the awards. During her introductory remarks, Griffin said, “All of these students truly exemplify

the spirit of Greenbelt – a spirit of working together and helping each other for the good of the community.”

Presentations

Members of the state and county legislatures participated along with city councilmembers in presenting the awards. Each student received certificates from the state senate, state house of representatives and the county council, along with a copy of

the city’s proclamation. A book gift card from Books-A-Million in Beltway Plaza and two tickets to a ballet performed by the Performing Arts Repertory at High Point High School completed the gift pack.

The ballet tickets were donated by ACE member Alla Lake. The Greenbelt library donated bags in which students could

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Councilmembers Got a Surprise In their Laps at FOP Hearings

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 32, Inc., at a worksession on Monday, May 3 to hear the FOP’s comments and recommendations relating to the city manager’s proposed Fiscal Year 2005 budget.

Traditionally, council and FOP leaders schedule an annual worksession to discuss issues relating primarily to the working

conditions and benefits of the police rank and file officers in advance of council’s consideration of the proposed Public Safety budget.

Issues brought forward by the FOP this year included application of City Manager Michael McLaughlin’s recommended cost-of-living salary adjustment (COLA), curtailment of the city’s employee leave buy-back policy and a general review of the

city’s pay scale. Other issues were computer and information technology problems, an FOP-proposed modification of insurance benefits for critically injured officers and spousal benefits for officers killed in the line of duty, other health benefit issues and a renewal of the FOP request to enter into a “collective bargaining agreement” with the city.

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 15

9 a.m. to noon, City Plant Sale, Front Lawn of Community Center

Monday, May 17

8 p.m., Final Budget Worksession, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 19

4 p.m., Skateboard Park Design Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., GHI Annual Meeting, Community Center –

Recessed to **Thursday, May 20, 7 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m.,**

Community Center

Monday, May 24

8 p.m., Second Public Hearing on Budget and Constant Yield Tax Rate, Council Room, Municipal Building (cablecast live on Channel 71).

Post Office to Move

On May 10 the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to ask the U.S. Postal Service to build a full-service facility at the designated site in Greenbelt East. The city strongly urges the postal service to locate and work with a willing merchant in Roosevelt Center to open a contract postal unit (within an existing business) that would offer many of the services available at the full-service facility.

Annual GHI Meeting, Election To Be Held May 19 and 20

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of the membership of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center and continued on Thursday, May 20. Highlights of the meeting will include election of officers, a review of the past year’s activities, a discussion about yard lines in GHI homes and changes to the bylaws. New voting procedures that went into effect last year will remain this year, significantly shortening the hours of voting on Thursday.

A candidates’ night will be held on Friday, May 14 in the Greenbelt City Council chambers at 7 p.m.

This year five directors can be elected at this meeting. (Because of a nine-member board, one year five are elected, the next year four.) However, Sue Ready resigned from the board of directors early this year, leaving a va-

cancy. To date four members have filed the necessary documents to run for the board, including incumbents Dorothy Lauber, Gail Alexander-wicz and Sylvia Lewis. They are joined by newcomer Donald Hudson. Current board member Margaret Hogensen has indicated she will not seek reelection. For the audit committee, incumbents Hopi Auerbach and Janice Reyes are joined on the ballot by Diane Wilkerson and Bruce Kuhl.

Voting

The Nominations and Elections Committee announced major voting changes for last year’s annual meeting that will continue this year. The committee reported that “in order to make elections run smoothly, take less time for voters and cost less to the cooperative . . . paper ballots (will be used) in lieu of ei-

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PHOTOS BY MAGDALENA PASZTALENIC

Exchange Student Reunion: Back row, l. to r. – Linda Curtis (USA), Tabitha Staehli (Switzerland), School Principal Grzegorz Wlodarczyk, Magdalena Pasztaleniec (Poland), Heidi Tallgren (Finland), Katja Andoura (Germany), Beatrice Klabunde (Brazil); front row, l. to r. – Yee Man Chan (Hong Kong), Christiane Fuchs (Austria).

Former Exchange Students Join Curtis in Trip to Poland

by Judy Bell

Linda Curtis, of the 13 Court of Ridge Road, pulled off a remarkable feat recently. After planning and organizing a reunion with seven of her 14 international exchange students, she traveled to Poland for 13 days in April. Accompanying Curtis were her 14th and current exchange student, Yee Man Chan from Hong Kong and her seventh student, Magdalena (Magda for short) Pasztaleniec, who is still living here with Curtis, her American mom.

The other five who were able to join her were Beatrice Klabunde, #4, from Brazil; Tabitha Staehli, #8, from Switzerland; Heidi Tallgren, #9, from Finland; Christy Fuchs, #11,

from Austria; and Katja Andoura, #13, from Germany. Silvia Caradska, #3, from Slovakia, had also planned to come but canceled because of illness.

The idea for the reunion was conceived when Curtis learned that Magda planned to return home to attend the wedding of a high school friend and expanded the trip into what is now known as the Curtis Family Reunion. Most of the students had never met, but they all had heard stories about and seen pictures of each other.

One of the places they stayed was Magda’s family home in Zdunska Wola where her mother

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Letters

Please, No More Traffic Circles!

I just recently read in the Greenspring HOA newsletter that the city was going to install yet another traffic circle. I think this is a complete waste of taxpayer's money. I was not in favor of the circles on Hanover Parkway but I can admit that it has reduced speeding. The problem is many vehicles jump the curbs due to the width of the circle. I would say about 50 percent of the cars approaching the circle do not understand the right-of-way rules associated with a circle. I find this to be more of a hazard than the speeding.

I live near the corner of Megan and Craddock and I do not believe we have a tremendous speeding problem, nor have I ever witnessed a traffic accident. I just do not believe a traffic circle is warranted within a residential neighborhood. Moreover, most residents of Greenspring do not favor a circle. They believe speed bumps are a more plausible solution.

Please do some homework before you install more traffic circles in the city!

Mary Ellen Venzke

Thanks to City

I as well as the other residents of Lakeside North Apartments would like to express a sincere and appreciative "thank you" for the recent repair work (paving) that was done on Ridge Road leading into Lakeside North Apartments.

For a long time we've suffered with pot holes and flooding as well as the road itself being a real eyesore (pot holes and uneven pavement).

Now, with the recent paving the road leading into Lakeside North is once again aesthetically pleasing to both residents and visitors.

Again, thank you very much for a job well done!

Linda Dees
Jim Curran, Jr.

County Restores CDBG Funding

The City of Greenbelt was one of only three municipalities whose Community Development Block Grant from the county was restored to the historic level of \$100,000. District Heights and Glenarden were also fully restored. County Councilmember Douglas Peters was instrumental in making this happen.

African Dance, Drum Workshop

College Park Arts Exchange presents an African dance and drumming workshop with Ima Bassey and her brothers. This free event takes place at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 16 at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Dartmouth). Children and adults of all ages are welcome (and people don't need to bring a child in order to come). Some of the Nigerian dance steps are more complex than others, so best suited for children ages five and up.



Mobile Workshop Visits Greenbelt

On Wednesday, April 28 about 20 members of the American Planning Association, in Washington to attend their annual conference, visited Greenbelt as part of a mobile workshop.

The workshop started with Greenbelt and progressed chronologically through the day to later planned communities. According to the blurb on the workshop in the conference materials, "you'll visit Greenbelt, the New Deal community envisioned by Rex Tugwell; Jim Rouse's Columbia; and the 'new-er' New Towns that have evolved out of these historic precedents. Stops at Montgomery Village and Germantown will document contemporary planning issues of housing diversity, environmental protection, transit options, architectural guidelines and civic and arts uses."

Greenbelt's planner Kristen Ward provided an overview of the city's history on the bus and then showed them the introductory video featuring the University of Maryland's David Fogle that begins every visit to the Greenbelt Museum.

Together with Katie Scott-Childress, Ward led a group of planners on a walking tour of the historic city, including the museum house, where Jill St. John greeted them and discussed the house with participants. The tour culminated in Roosevelt Center, where Ward spoke about current issues facing Greenbelt, including the revitalization of the historic Roosevelt Center.

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ther the older mechanical voting machines or the newer computerized ones." As in the past, voting will take place on Wednesday night immediately following the meeting. However, on Thursday, voting will take place at the Community Center only during two periods from 7 to 10 a.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m.

Yard Lines

The Architecture and Environment (A&E) Committee is expected to make a presentation on yard line issues at the annual meeting. The group has been investigating the history of yard lines and will have pictures and maps available at the meeting. Joan Krob, GHI staff, highlighted some of the issues.

In GHI, some property is available to an individual house and some property is held in common by the cooperative. Some properties back to woodland that may be owned by GHI or the city. Over the years, some yard lines have become fuzzy.

A number of years ago, GHI did not have the funds to care for some of the common property. Members took over care of those plots and often used them. Some yards have spread into woodland and were then fenced. The A&E Committee is seeking to document the true yard lines of the homes. Photos of possible encroachments will be available and this meeting will start a public input phase to the project.

Other Topics

A proposed bylaws change will affect the mailing of documents prior to the annual meeting. Current bylaws state that "a copy of the financial statements shall be sent to every member with the notice of the annual meeting." The same information is also included with the annual report, which follows the notice by a few days. As a cost-saving measure, the board proposes deleting the necessity for sending the information with the meeting notice but retaining it with the annual report.

The Woodlands Committee will have a plant giveaway and the meeting will end with door prizes including certificates toward the GHI monthly fee and certificates to the New Deal Café, the Co-op Supermarket and the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The Old Curmudgeon



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DELEGATE JUSTIN ROSS

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*3:20, *5:25, 7:30

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Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club business meeting was held on May 4. It certainly was "democracy in action" with lively discussions about raising dues and future fundraisers. Everyone had a chance to speak and then a vote was taken by the club.

Two new members were greeted by the president: Galen Andrews and Rosemary Sorber.

There are several trips planned by the travel committee: Hershey, Pa., on June 17; Hanover, Pa., on July 8; Atlantic City on August 7 and a cruise in October.

A Chinese auction will be held on May 26 as a fundraiser for the club.

The 50/50 winners were Don Davis and Gil Weidenfeld.

Enjoy playing pinochle? Come to the Game Room at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons. This is "not for seniors only." All ages are welcome. Call Shirleyann Egenreider for more information.

Legislative Wrap-up At Democratic Club

The monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, May 21 at a new time, 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. The 22nd District Legislative team – Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross – will report on the results of the 2004 legislative session, outstanding issues and prospects for the 2005 legislative session. The general public is invited to attend. Call Roosevelt Club President Bill Hunt at 301-982-0111 with questions or for more information.

In addition to the legislative wrap-up presentation, the evening will include the club's business meeting and an update on plans and activities for the 2004 election. A social hour with refreshments will follow the meeting and presentation. Members are reminded to bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided by the Hospitality committee, chaired by Mary Chapman.

Mamas and Papas

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will meet Wednesday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at the playground across from the library, 11 Crescent Road, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, meet in the Community Center. Get acquainted with other local parents while children play. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at annegr@aol.com or 301-220-1721.

Volunteers Needed At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park has service projects available for Scouts and other groups. Cleanup projects and splitting wood are some of many opportunities for groups or companies to help a national park.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

Parents Day Out

St. Hugh's Youth Club will sponsor a "Parents Day Out" at the school, located at 135 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. Members of the youth group will babysit children as a fund raiser for World Youth Day 2005. Donations for the babysitting will be accepted. Contact Al Kovacic at 301-520-1173 to reserve a place as space is limited.

Join a Ranger

Come join a park ranger and volunteer to help the environment and clean the park border.

Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m. Large groups should call ahead.

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>

Walking Club Meets, Sponsors Events

The Greenbelt Walking Club invites members, friends and interested persons to their monthly business and information meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in dining room #1 of the Community Center.

The Walking Club sponsors walks during the year and maintains three year-round events: a 10K (6.2 mile) walk in Greenbelt Park, an 11K (6.6 mile) walk and a 25K (15 mile) bike ride.

The College Park walk is around Lake Artemesia and on the campus of the University of Maryland. The 25K bike ride is around Lake Artemesia and on the paved American Discovery Trail.

Volkssporting (sport of the people) is an adventure in health, recreation, fellowship and fun. It consists of several different kinds of non-competitive events, including walking, swimming, biking and cross-country skiing. The volkssporting philosophy recognizes that everyone who participates is a winner and is eligible for an award as described in the event ads.

Call Salva J. Holloman for more information at 301-937-3549. Event brochures are available at the Greenbelt Library and the Community Center or from the above contact.

Cadillacs, LaSalle At Capitol Cadillac

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display at the Annual Spring Cadillac-LaSalle Show being held at Capitol Cadillac Company, 6500 Capitol Drive, on Sunday, May 16. The show begins at 10 a.m. and awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. Admission is free. For additional information and details, call William Sessler of the Potomac Region Cadillac-LaSalle Club at 703-368-2367.

New Call-A-Bus

The City of Greenbelt received a new Call-A-Bus vehicle that the City Council requested under the FY2003 Statewide Specialized Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP). The local share of the funding now due to the City of Greenbelt is \$2,590. This vehicle will help to meet Greenbelt's transportation needs.

Walk for Health At Greenbelt Lake

Join Li'l Dan every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:15 p.m. (weather permitting) at Buddy Attick Park/Greenbelt Lake for a fun walk. Well-behaved/supervised children and leashed pets welcome. Walks begin June 1. Meet at the basketball court. (Comfortable walking shoes and attire suggested. Bring a water bottle if desired.) Walk for health. Walk for life. Free. Call Danielle Celdran at 240-643-3768 for more details.

Chiropractor Talk At Explorations

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Dr. Shaun Bezak on Friday, May 21 at 1 p.m. He will focus on chiropractic exercise, nutrition and other preventive measures to save money and time.

Bezak is a licensed chiropractor with physical therapy privileges; his chiropractic and rehabilitation office is located inside Bally Total Fitness in Greenbelt. Bezak received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Northwestern College of Chiropractic and a bachelor of science degree in human biology from Northwestern Health Sciences University. He is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

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.

Greenbelt Writers Meet on May 21

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center. A spontaneous writing workshop will be the main focus of the meeting. In June, member Jim Link has offered to lead a spontaneous writing workshop for the whole community as part of the Greenbelt Day Weekend celebration. Link's workshop will be Saturday, June 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the New Deal Café. Spontaneous writing is fun and a good mental workout. All interested residents are invited to attend both activities.

Firewood Needed

Greenbelt Park campground is in need of donated firewood. The park can make arrangements to come and pick up unused firewood. All firewood must be cut for campfire use. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For information, call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

ERHS Class of 1994 Plans Reunion

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class of 1994 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, June 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland, University College Inn and Conference Center. Register at www.erhs94.org or e-mail reunion@erhs94.org for details.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 17	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Tues., May 18	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Cubs
Wed., May 19	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics
Thur., May 20	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Cardinals
Fri., May 21	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Indians
Fri., May 21	7:00 p.m.*	Athletics vs. Giants
Sat., May 22	10:00 a.m.	Orioles vs. Tigers
Sat., May 22	1:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Lions

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/11/04

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	6 - 0	Cardinals	5 - 1
Tigers	4 - 1	Lions	1 - 1
Orioles	1 - 3	Cubs	2 - 4
Athletics	1 - 5	Indians	1 - 6

2004 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., May 17	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Marlins
Wed., May 19	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Phillies
Fri., May 21	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies vs. Mets

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted. *This game will be played at Braden #2. **These games will be played at Braden #3.

A Review

Kol Haruach Band Raises The Roof at Mishkan Torah

by Eli Flam

Klezmer: An informal group of musicians – from "The Joys of Yiddish," by Leo Rosten

With a new high-pitched roof finally in sight at Mishkan Torah, a lively, locally-based klezmer band offered to help "raise the roof" by means of a benefit at the Greenbelt synagogue. Sunday, May 9 was the date and more than 200 men, women and children responded, filling the main hall. They enthused in full measure and danced betimes through narrow aisles.

Kol Haruach – the name of the five-piece band – translates as Voice of the Spirit. Most of the musicians perform or teach or reach out full-time in a wide range of classical as well as popular musical venues. Drummer Brian Choper, who is also a business consultant, grew up in the synagogue's congregation. (His father, Jordan Choper, is a former president.)

On this Mother's Day – at one point a goodly sprinkling of mothers stood at the band's request and won a round of applause – spirited music reigned supreme. The lilting program tracked to cross-hatched eastern European folk roots from many sources and melded in jazz and other more modern strains.

Clarinetist/leader Fred Jacobovitz and keyboardist Victor Prudovsky wrote many of the mostly upbeat shers, sirbas, czardas and freylakhs. Violinist Rafael Davadov, bowing a slim electronic instrument from Japan in full panache, wove in a soulful solo on "Hussid Medley." A pair of stylish tangos were followed by vocalist Meryl Cullom (kindergarten teacher by day), in a snug red dress and fine form on "Bei Mir Bistu Sheyn" and "The Lady Is a Tramp."

Bassist Victor Dvoskin soloed strongly on "Kandel's Hora." An absorbing "Jerusalem Blues," drawing alternately on Jewish and jazz elements, featured Prudovsky, who wrote it in Russia in 1966.

"He was three years old," joked Jacobovitz.

Several times he finagled a

dozen or more of the audience into snaking, hand-held lines of dancers, young and old. They were led by Jordan and Eva Choper and recruited others as they stepped along.

Once Jacobovitz declared that Kol Haruach wouldn't play the second half if nobody danced. "And," he grinned, "I'll take it as a personal affront!"

Profits from the band's first CD, "In the Beginning," went to the Capital Area Foodbank, as did audience donations for cookies and soft drinks at intermission. Opening the second half with a zhok ("a drunken waltz," jested Jacobovitz) was guest clarinetist Rebecca Lemus of Greenbelt's Woodland Way, who has just graduated from the University of Maryland.

Virtually no klezmer is improvised, according to Jacobovitz, though to the non- or semi-tutored ear the music's richly noodling passages sound that way. Kol Haruach is set for a nationwide concert tour to promote its first CD and catch the growing popularity of klezmer in the wider world.

The group ended the benefit at Mishkan Torah ("Sanctuary of the Law") with a standing, singalong audience led by Meryl Cullom in repeated cadences of "Sholem aleichem" – Hebrew for "peace unto you."

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Celebrate Life, Be a Donor

by Clarissa Beall

Yeah! It's time for another birthday. I won't say which one, but I will say I'm happy to have reached it. I haven't always welcomed my birthday as a true celebration of the gift of life. Now I am blessed with two birthdays each year, for which I'm doubly thankful.

My change of attitude came about as a result of a liver transplant I had 11 years ago. The experience has had a profound effect on my life in many ways. I received a donated liver in time to save my life. The anniversary of my transplant is a bonus birthday when I remember the generosity of my donor family. I write them a note each anniversary thanking them for the gift of life their loved one gave me. It is the least I can do to honor them, to thank them for saving my life. Although they remain anonymous I assure them that I am well and taking care of

myself and the valuable gift they gave me. No words or thank-you notes can express my gratitude.

I hope readers of this article will consider being organ donors. There are so many successful transplant stories like mine, but they can't happen without organ donors. There are not enough donors for the many people awaiting life-saving transplants. Please consider giving the gift of life. You, a family member, or someone you know may need a transplant someday. The larger the pool of available donors, the more lives that can be saved. It is important to inform your family of your decision to donate, as they will be the ones consulted if the situation arises. Being an organ donor is a unique way to celebrate and share the gift of life with which we have all been blessed.

For more information call the Transplant Resource Center of Maryland at 800-641-4376.

"Sacred Song" Concert at Holy Cross

The Prince George's Choral Society (PGCS) will perform a concert, "The Sacred Song," at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 16 at 3 p.m. The group will sing sacred works by Mozart, Handel and Pärt, among others.

There is a fee. For more information call Frank Leonard at 301-538-1532.

The PGCS is a group of auditioned singers devoted to performing choral works of outstanding merit. It was founded in 1962 in Oxon Hill, under the direction of Thomas Quaid. The original chorus had 20 members. During the past 36 years the group has ranged in numbers from 20 to 70 members. It has performed at the White House, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, National Cathedral and the Kennedy Center among

other locations.

The PGCS welcomes new members. It is currently under the musical direction of Philip Hale.

Grants from the Maryland State Arts Council and Prince George's County Arts Council, along with donations from the public and members, have enabled the PGCS to remain a viable entity for 40 years.

Lindsay Hepler Wins Pre-Teen Title



On Saturday May 1, Lindsay Hepler competed with seven other girls from all over the Maryland area for the title of America's Miss Maryland Pre-Teen. After an exhausting day of personal interviews and learning a production number and then moving on to the actual and optional competitions, Hepler was crowned this year's America's Miss Maryland Pre-Teen 2004-2005. Along with winning the title Hepler also received awards in the "Lifestyle Fitness Category and Best Personal Interview." Hepler will relinquish her Little Miss Greenbelt title this year at the annual Labor Day Festival.



Congratulations to Dr. James Rhodes. He defended his dissertation with distinction last fall and will participate in commencement exercises at Catholic University of America on May 15. Dr. Rhodes' dissertation will be published by a German publishing company this summer. He and his wife Michele live on Laurel Hill Road.

Congratulations to Zhen Xia, graduating senior at ERHS, who is the recipient of a \$10,000 engineering scholarship from Northrop Grumman.

Old Time Greenbelters were pleased to see and say hello to Bill and Sue Weintraub at the Kol Haruch Klezmer band concert at Mishkan Torah on May 9. Dr. Bill was a family practitioner at the Greenbelt Medical Center for many years. Now retired from practice, he still is active in medical matters in part-time paid and volunteer positions. The Weintraubs now live in the Annapolis area.

PJ Siegel Memorial Service Saturday

Friends, family, colleagues and associates of PJ Siegel are invited to gather together to share stories and fond memories of her life at a memorial service being held in her honor at the residence of her twin, Marc Siegel. The memorial will be held at 16 Maplewood Court in Greenbelt on Saturday, May 15 at 1 p.m. PJ Siegel died on January 14, 2004; the date of this memorial service would have been her 45th birthday.

USNA History Topic At Montpelier

On Wednesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Montpelier Mansion History Lecture Series, James W. Cheevers, senior curator and associate director of the U.S. Naval Academy Museum, will present the history of the U.S. Naval Academy from its founding in 1845 to the present. Light refreshments will be

served and no reservations are needed. This activity is for ages 10 and up. The Montpelier Mansion is located at Route 197 and Muirkirk Road, Laurel.

For information call the facility at 301-953-1376; TTY 301-699-2544.

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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	Wed. Prayer Meeting Third Friday, Games Night	7:00 pm 7:30 pm

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Sundays 10 A.M.
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Skate Board Park Hours Established

Once again, the city has reopened the temporary skate park on one of the tennis courts located on Lakecrest Drive. The hours of operation are Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on weekdays from 4 to 7 p.m. These hours are subject to change based on the availability of staff and weather conditions. Once the school year has ended, the hours of operation will be seven days a week from noon to 5 p.m.

Skate boarding is not permitted on any other tennis courts in Greenbelt, in the Roosevelt Center Mall area or any other undesignated areas. In the recent past the city's approach to enforcement of this rule, in most circumstances, has been to direct violators to "move along." The city has now adopted a more aggressive stance with regard to violations of Greenbelt City Code 12-49. In the future, skate boarding in unauthorized areas will result in a Municipal Infraction citation which will include a fine of \$50 for the first offense. The second offense will result in a \$100 fine and all subsequent offenses will result in a \$250 fine.

The City of Greenbelt has recently signed an agreement with California Skateparks of Upland, Calif., to design the new concrete "bowl" style skate park in Greenbelt. In the coming weeks the city will be conducting design meetings. The primary focus of these meetings will be to identify specific design elements (i.e., rails, ledges, bowls, ramps) that users would like to see included in the design of the skate park as well as the placement of these obstacles within the park. Other areas to be reviewed and considered will include park fees, fencing, landscaping, how the park will be managed, etc. Once the date for the first meeting has been established, there will be a notification placed in the Greenbelt News Review.

City Notes

The week of May 3, resurfacing was done on Hanover Parkway between Hanover Drive and the new traffic circle at Hunting Ridge. New centerline and shoulder markings were also installed.

Ridge Road at the entrance to the Lakeside North complex was resurfaced to repair a bad section.

The facilities maintenance crew replaced a broken 1-3/4 inch pipe at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and continued renovations on the kiln room at the Community Center.

Asphalt was laid on the tennis courts this week.

Outdoor Pool

Staff continues working on the outdoor pool for opening on May 29 at 10 a.m.

Community Center

Staff hired and began training two new Center leaders.

CARES

Judye Hering attended the annual MAACCE (Maryland Association of Adult Community and Continuing Education) conference in Timonium. The purpose of the conference was to discuss the adult learner, discuss strategies to increase student participation and retention, innovative and creative teaching skills to stimulate the adult learner and statistics regarding students passing the GED test.



City Information

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a **PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, May 24, 2004, 8:00 p.m. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY. GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2004-2005**

REVENUES

Taxes	\$14,482,500
Licenses & Permits	708,300
Revenue from Other Agencies	839,300
Service Charges for Current Services	1,756,000
Fines & Forfeitures	812,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	131,200

TOTAL REVENUES	\$18,729,800
Appropriation of Fund Balance	0

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$1,650,100
Planning and Community Development	728,800
Public Safety	7,562,800
Public Works	2,311,000
Social Services	429,600
Recreation and Parks	4,014,300
Miscellaneous	118,400
Non-Departmental	498,600
Fund Transfers	1,412,500

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,726,100
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PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$63,000
Cemetery Fund	1,800
Debt Service Fund	927,900
Replacement Fund	283,300
Special Projects Fund	81,000
Temporary Disability Fund	55,000
Unemployment Compensation Fund	6,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$1,418,000
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,156,500
2001 Bond Fund	2,302,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	100,000

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$3,558,500
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ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$1,020,000
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2004. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000. Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Channel 71.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Friday, May 14 at 7:30pm: GHI CANDIDATES NIGHT "Live"

Monday, May 17: 6:00pm GHI Candidates Night, 8pm: Final Budget Work Session (live)

Tuesday, May 18th: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Medicare, Medicaid, Wills & Trusts" 11:30 & 4:30pm: GHI Candidates Night, 7:30pm "Replay of Budget Work Session"

Thursday, May 20th: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Medicare, Medicaid, Wills & Trusts" 7:30pm "Replay of Budget Work Session"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 19 & 21: 7pm "Future View" 7:30pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Brightness Falls" 9:00pm "Democratic Club Meeting"

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.

Meetings for May 17-21

Monday, May 17, 8:00pm, FINAL BUDGET WORK SESSION, at Municipal Building.

Wednesday, May 19, 7:30pm, PRAB, at Greenbelt Community Center. Proposed policy on "Greenbelt Invasive Species" will be on the agenda.

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

is seeking nominations for the annual Beautification Awards. Do you know where there is outstanding landscaping worthy of recognition? The property can be residential, commercial, publicly or privately owned. Any person or group maintaining property in Prince George's County can be nominated. If you have any questions or would like a nomination form, please contact Charmane Truesdell at 301-490-4462. All entries must be received by May 28, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **May 19, 2004 at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on the following Departure from Parking and Loading Standards application:

An application filed by GB Mall Limited Partnership for consideration of a request for a departure on premises located at 6040 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a departure from loading requirements for the purpose of providing a pedestrian walkway.

For more information call 301-345-5417

SKATEBOARD PARK DESIGN MEETING



All interested individuals are invited to attend this meeting on: Wednesday, May 19th at 4:00pm at the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center

Construction Manager and Principal Designer Wally Hollyday of California

Skatepark Design will be in attendance to

discuss the design aspects of the upcoming Skate

MARYLAND MOW DOWN EXCHANGE

The Maryland Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of the Environment, Pepco, Black & Decker and Home Depot, is offering residents of the D.C. metro region an opportunity to help reduce air pollution by trading in gas powered mowers for new environmentally friendly electric models.

The Maryland Mow Down Exchange will take place Saturday, June 19th at the Comcast Center on the campus of the University of Maryland. At the exchange, you can turn in your old gasoline powered mower and purchase one of two Black & Decker electric mowers. A corded mulching mower that retails for \$179.99 will cost only \$79.97 with the rebate. A rechargeable mulching mower that retails for \$449.00 will cost only \$149.97 with the rebate.

There are only 1,000 rebates available. To reserve a mower at the special rebate price, pre-registration is strongly recommended. For further information, or to pre-register, visit www.cleanmowermd.com.



PLANT SALE ~ MAY 15, 2004 ~ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The City Horticulture Crew will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 15, 2004 on the front lawn at the Community Center from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Some of the plants available for purchase will be tomatoes, peppers, coleus, Yubi portulaca, Lantana, petunias, impatiens and New Guinea impatiens, ageratum, begonias, salvia, vinca, fox glove, carnations, zinnias, reblooming iris and Siberian iris, plus miscellaneous surplus shrubs and trees. Come early for the best selection.

Pet Expo Day Huge Success As Dogs Steal the Day

by Eli Flam

Dogs, plus their handlers and plenty of fans, had their day at the third annual Pet Expo Saturday, May 8 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Also heard from or spoken for were variously compatible creatures from cats and reptiles to birds, rabbits and even rats. One table inside gave out color booklets from Compassion Over Killing, a nonprofit animal advocacy group that seeks to alleviate cruelty to animals in agriculture while promoting vegetarian eating "as a way to build a kinder world for all of us, both human and nonhuman."

Many visitors accumulated armsful of earnest, informative, sometimes sparky fliers and folders, such as "Take a Swat at West Nile Virus," "Bats and Rabies: A Public Health Guide" and "Save a Life: Learn Animal CPR." Standing up for creatures such as hamsters, guinea pigs, rats, mice and gerbils was Small Angels Rescue, Inc. Bringing up the rear was a four-pager, "All About Snails."

Flyball Contest

Out front, on the lawn between the Community Center and the public library, human newcomers were initially beguiled by a flyball contest run by the Coventry School of Columbia ("for dogs and their people"). To choruses of background yips and yells, dogs of many breeds took turns racing young girls and boys over parallel 51-foot stretches, at the end grabbing a ball - in hand or mouth - for the return run. The dogs had mini-hurdles to jump over, too, but won most of the contests.

It turns out that since the early 1970s, while most of us weren't looking, the North American Flyball Association has been carrying out dog-to-dog tournaments across the country, reported practitioner Linda, "with matting, electronic lights, the whole nine yards!" (Linda's Australian shepherd, mixed border collie and Pembroke Welsh corgi are veteran competitors.) Other canine antics

on the lawn included intricate Frisbee folderol.

K-9 Demonstration

Inside, on the gymnasium stage, Greenbelt police dog Duke and Officer Dewey showed an appreciative audience how they worked patrols, narcotics searches and dealings with "bad guys." A German shepherd from the Czech Republic, Duke lives with Dewey and was trained - for four months - at the Park Police K-9 school in D.C.

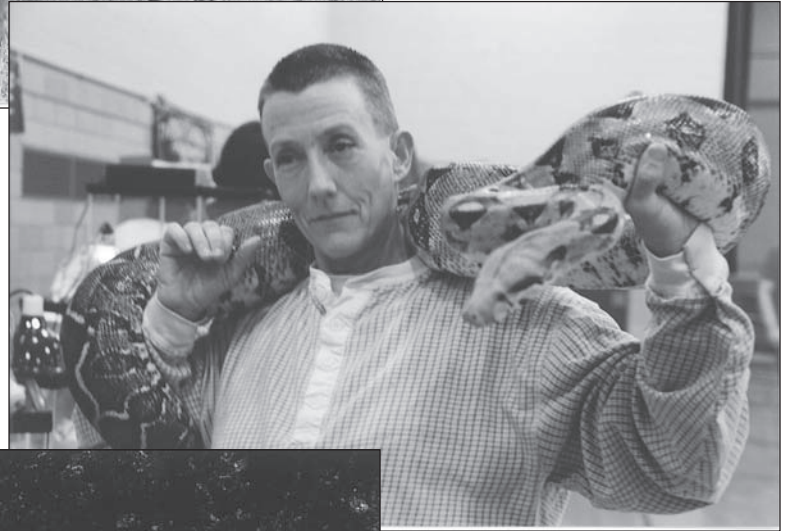
By noon, the likes of a long-haired dachshund, poodle and even bigger breeds took turns "dancing" with their masters, though hardly cheek-to-cheek. Shades of Fred Astaire, one woman, in a sailor cap maneuvered a long-handled mop for a number of her corgi's steps. Among viewers on the gym floor were Jay and Erin Henson of Boxwood Village, close-hauled with their golden retrievers, Madison and Taylor. Going on three- and four-years-old, the pair is led - often around Greenbelt Lake - with the aid not of choke collars (some of which have prongs) but "gentle leaders," leather restraints that pull the head down when the leash is tugged. Jay Henson rewarded good responses to his hand commands for sitting, standing or lying down with oral clicks.

Among the groups present were PAW (Partnership for Animal Welfare - "Adopt for Life!") and Pets on Wheels (call it POW) from Prince George's County. The latter's motto is "Lick Loneliness." Volunteers for the nonprofit organization take animals - mostly dogs - to residents of nursing homes, schools for handicapped children and other area centers. Visitors to the third annual Pet Expo saw a lot of critters responding to the humans around them; i.e., they were not "putting on the dog." A question for us homo sapiens: What are we doing for other creatures? Is our bark as bad as our bite?

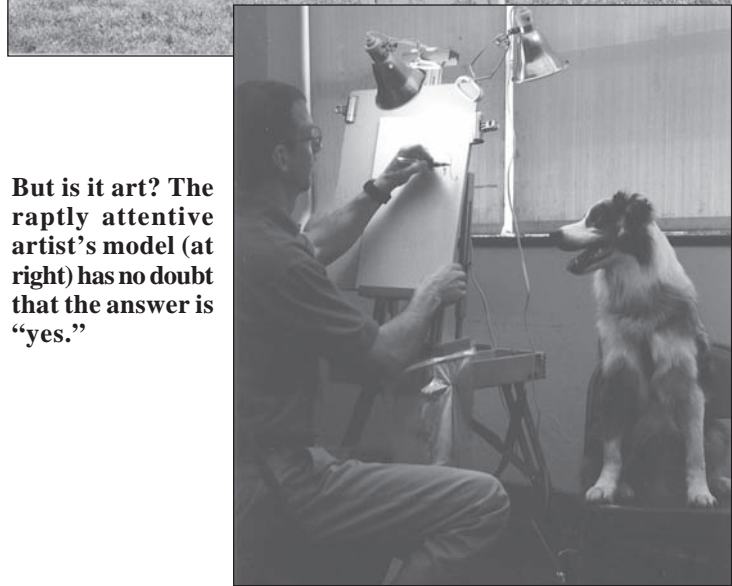


Two Dobermans (above) enjoy a social moment - "Hey! We look alike!" - on the Community Center lawn.

One proud pet owner (at right) showed off her boa constrictor, who appeared very friendly from a distance.



At left, it was a flyball race to the finish - dogs with their tongues hanging out against eager humans - on the Community Center lawn. At the end of the 51-foot run the competitors grabbed a ball for the return run. For the most part, the dogs won, to loud human applause.



But is it art? The raptly attentive artist's model (at right) has no doubt that the answer is "yes."

PHOTOS BY LINDA SIADYS

THANKS

A special thanks to Greenbelt's Animal Warden Susie Hall for her efforts to bring people to the Pet Expo by providing such needed services as animal licenses, rabies shots and microchipping.

THANKS To Our Sponsors For the Pet Expo

Staples, Atlanta Bread Company, Lanham Pet Groomers and Jo-Ann's Fabrics & Crafts.

Special thanks to Jim Marley, Mark Persaud and Eileen Murray.

Companion Animal Committee of GHI



Dancing dogs leap and twirl with their owners as part of the day's demonstrations. Below, Linda Goodman encourages Bella, her high-energy Vizsla, through the hoop at the Pet Expo. Says Goodman: "It takes a village to raise my dog."



It is better to be happy for a moment and be burned up with beauty than to live a long time and be bored all the while. -Don Marquis



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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.

Robbery

5500 block Cherrywood Lane, May 4, 11:30 a.m., a man was standing at a bus stop near Giant Food when he was approached by four men who demanded the boots he had just purchased at the mall. The victim relinquished the boots and the suspects fled on foot toward PetsMart. They are described as four black males, two in their 20s, one about 6'3", 200 pounds with cornrows and another about 5'6", 220 pounds with cornrows.

Drugs

6500 block of Greenbelt Road, May 7, 2:31 a.m., police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation and detected the odor of burnt marijuana emanating from it. A search of the vehicle revealed trace amounts of suspected cocaine hydrochloride inside the purse of the passenger. A resident woman was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia. She was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

Greenbelt Police Station, April 30, 10:43 a.m., three nonresident juveniles took a taxi from Oxon Hill to the Greenbelt Metro. Once at that location, they attempted to exit the taxi without paying the fare because they had no funds. The taxi driver then drove to the police station where the juveniles were arrested and charged with theft under \$500. They were released to their parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Kenilworth Avenue and Pontiac Street, May 4, 11:09 p.m., police attempted to stop a vehicle for several traffic violations that were observed, but the vehicle failed to stop and continued south on Kenilworth Avenue. A registration check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police. Riverdale Park Police attempted to stop the vehicle after it passed Good Luck Road but the vehicle attempted to elude the officer. The suspect vehicle struck a curb at East-West Highway, which flattened the left side tires and then the driver tried to sideswipe the Riverdale Park Police car. He crossed the median in the 3800 block of Kenilworth Avenue and struck a Prince George's County Police car, pushing it into another vehicle. The occupants of the vehicle then fled on foot. One passenger, a nonresident man was apprehended after a brief foot chase, but the driver and third occupant eluded capture. The passenger was charged with theft under \$500 and released on citation pending trial. The Prince George's County police officer received minor injuries to his hand from the deployment of the air bag.

6300 block Ivy Lane, May 4, a laptop computer was reported stolen from an office suite.

Credit Card Offense

Beltway Plaza Mall, May 6, 11:17 a.m., a woman used her debit card to make a purchase at the mall and the cashier failed to

return the card. Several transactions were made afterward with her card.

Vandalism

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, May 1, 2:35 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of private property after he was observed breaking the window to a vehicle in the parking lot. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Burglary

Beltway Plaza Mall, May 3, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

The following four vehicles were stolen: a green 1992 Ford Bronco 2-door, Maryland tags M403794, May 1, from the 6200 block Greenbelt Road; a white 2000 Dodge Neon, May 1, from Greenway Center, recovered May 4 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a tan 1993 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags KXC-555, May 2, from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; and a green 1993 Plymouth Caravan, Maryland tags M8L8064, May 3, from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

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

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6100 block Greenbelt Road, 9 court Parkway, 13 court Hillside, Greenway Center, 6900 block Hanover Parkway (3 incidents), 7200 block Ora Glen Drive, 7200 block Mandan Road (2 incidents), 7800 block Mandan Road and 7900 block Mandan Road.

Fatal Car Crash On Kenilworth Ave.

A May 8 single-car accident at 2:12 p.m. in Greenbelt resulted in the fatal injury of Muhammad Waqas Afzai, 21, of Beckley, W. Va.

The victim's vehicle was traveling north on Kenilworth Avenue when it left the roadway and struck the bridge abutment at the Greenbelt Road overpass.

Afzai was pronounced dead on May 9 at 12:41 a.m. Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim had epilepsy and may have had a seizure.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Also needed are drivers and runners Monday through Friday. Packers work from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Help is needed. Volunteers work one day a week, once or twice a month or whenever possible. Call Monday through Friday 301-474-1002 to help and for information.

"Click It or Ticket" Campaign Begins

Greenbelt teenagers and young adults are going to be surrounded with the strong message, "Click It or Ticket. If you won't buckle up to save your life, then buckle up to save yourself a ticket," as the Greenbelt police join more than 13,000 law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crack down on seatbelt law violators. The message to teens and young adults will be seen and heard in television and radio ads, across college campuses, over high school public address systems and through enforcement in locations where young people congregate – such as schools and sporting events.

The two-week enforcement wave, which runs from May 24 through June 6, will be supported by more than \$30 million in congressionally-funded national and state advertising. It is based on a proven public health model to increase belt use called "high visibility enforcement." Last year, the national "Click It or Ticket" push, with paid advertising, increased seat belt use by four percentage points – to 79 percent, the highest rate ever recorded.

Lead Levels Safe At Nursery School

Greenbelt Nursery School's water is virtually lead-free, according to a laboratory recommended by the Prince George's County Health Department. Nursery School Director Lisa Meyer decided to test the water because the nursery school serves a vulnerable population and is located in an older building.

Water was collected from a drinking fountain after a period of disuse. "The lab person said the results showed 3.5 parts per billion, well below the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion. To her, that was no lead," Meyer said, adding that the staff was glad to be free of the worry of the possibility of lead in the water.

City, New Deal Café Sign Agreement

The New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Community Center have entered into a new agreement whereby the Café will continue to rent the center's kitchen, but will now be charged \$5 per hour and pay a minimum of \$100 per month, payable in advance.

The agreement is for a six-month period "so it can be changed in the near future, if appropriate, following the worksession council has asked to be set," according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Resurfacing Of MD 201

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has announced upcoming road work on Edmonston Road (MD 201) from Cherrywood Lane to Powder Mill Road (MD 212). SHA will be performing deep patching, milling and repaving. This work is expected to begin in about two weeks. This is not an expansion of Edmonston Road.

GHI Begins Annual Yard Beautification Program

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) began this year's yard beautification program with a new round of yard inspections on May 4. Unlike most previous inspections that have been done by a GHI staff person, these inspections are being handled under contract. Condominium Ventures, Inc., (CVI) was awarded a contract for approximately \$12,000 to conduct the yard inspections. CVI currently is employed in a similar capacity at Greenbriar Condominiums in Greenbelt East. Before inspections began, members were left a lengthy list of outside areas that were subject to inspection.

Joan Krob, director of Community Relations at GHI, described the process. When the current yard inspector retired, GHI decided to try a contract,



which was felt to be a cost-effective way to monitor the property. Two CVI employees had a week-long orientation with GHI staff and then had a dry run with staff traveling throughout the cooperative.

Krob indicated that the two were "overall doing a remarkable job for not knowing the idiosyncrasies of GHI." She stated that there have been a number of calls to the GHI offices regarding real or perceived mistakes in the inspections. A number have been due to the newness of the inspectors. In some cases owners have been cited for deficiencies that are the responsibility of the co-op or of the city. These issues are being resolved. The inspections will be completed in the coming weeks.



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Proclamations Recognize Police and Public Works

by Barbara Hopkins

In addition to honoring students with awards from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, May 10 honored its police force and public works crew.

In a show of appreciation and gratitude for the service and dedication of the officers of the Greenbelt Police Department, Mayor Judith Davis issued a proclamation to join the U.S. Congress and the President in declaring May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 9 through 15 as Police Week.

Lt. Thomas Kemp, representing the Police Department, thanked the city council for its support of the department and expressed appreciation for some equipment council had helped the department to procure.

The proclamation urges "citizens of Greenbelt to express their appreciation to the officers . . . by observing the laws of our city, county, state and nation; by showing respect to our officers; and by supporting them in their daily tasks and in the performance of

their many duties while they protect our properties and our lives."

Public Works Week

The week of May 16 through 22 will be Public Works Week 2004 in Greenbelt and nationally, as proclaimed by the National Association of Public Works. In reading the proclamation, Davis called upon citizens "to learn about the issues involved in providing public works services and to recognize the contribution" made by public works personnel to "enhance the quality of life in all of the neighborhoods in our community for both present and future generations of Greenbelters."

The proclamation noted that the effectiveness of public works operations is "extremely dependent upon the dedication and skill of public works employees" and that Greenbelt residents "appreciate the excellence" of the department's personnel and "respect the importance of the work they perform every day in our city."

Assistant Director Bill Phelan was present to receive the proclamation for the department.

Maryland Boy Choir Will Perform May 23

The Maryland Boy Choir will present its 21st annual spring concert on Sunday, May 23 at 5 p.m. at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. Performances by the Boy Choir and Alumni Singers will be featured. Tickets can be reserved by calling 301-589-1665 or emailing tix@mdboychoir.org.

The concert will include a variety of sacred and secular choral

works by Purcell, Parry, Fauré, Gershwin and Berlin, and folk songs from around the world.

The Maryland Boy Choir is directed by former Greenbelter Joan McFarland and has performed at many local landmarks. The choir's 1995 performance of Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" with the Washington Chorus received the GRAMMY award for "best choral performance" in February 2000.

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collect their gifts.

As in past years, the two high school winners were awarded scholarships. This year the amount of the scholarships was increased from \$500 to \$750. In addition, the Maryland State Delegate Award, a third scholarship of \$500, was given by Delegate Anne Healey.

Greenbelt Elementary

In sixth grade and already politically active, Timothy Mullaney is an honor roll student who is called a "positive example and leader among his peers." He marched in the Thornton Rally and is active with the New Deal Café.

Fatou Mambouray is also a sixth grade honor roll student. She is a school patrol member, peer mediator and spokesperson for the school's Gold Program. She is a team leader on class projects and considered an excellent role model by her teachers.

Springhill Lake Elementary

Corey Richmond is said to be strong in both academic performance and extracurricular activities, including instrumental music. He is a school patrol member, is on the Municipal Government team and is involved in church and community baseball.

Another school patrol member, Christie Ben-Carew, is considered a very helpful and persevering person who demonstrates talent with her involvement in music and dance.

Magnolia Elementary

Jonathan Sandoval is called a popular sixth grader with a gift for helping a group reach consensus, even on an idea that is not his own. He is also in the school patrol.

Katherine Reyes-Ruiz excelled in the ACE Reading Club and won prizes for the most books read. She is a peer mediator and bus patrol student

who is appreciated for assisting younger Hispanic students who may be new to this country. This sixth grader has been on the honor roll for all three quarters this year.

St. Hugh's School

Nicholas (Miki) Vikor is appreciated at his school for inspiring others with his integrity and charitable behavior. He is said to be committed to academic excellence.

Kirsten Green was commended for her strong sense of duty, cheerfully taking on tasks rejected by others. She has high standards for both her academic and creative projects. She is involved in the youth program at her church and is a former chair of the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee.

Greenbelt Middle

Eighth grader Luis Cruz was chosen as an ACE award recipient for his citizenship, strong character and generosity. He has made donations to the food drive and the Pennies for Patients drive and purchased 30 candy grams for Valentine's Day. Most of these he donated to students who had not received other valentines, even when they were complete strangers to him.

Ellise Saunders, also in eighth grade, is a member of the Student Government Association and often stays behind to help clean up without being asked to do so. She willingly accepts any task even if it requires missing lunch or staying after school.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The recipient of many awards during his high school career, senior Omar Jackson was nominated for Who's Who Among American High School students, 2003-2004. He worked hard for several years to improve his grades and has made the honor roll this year. He has won the Director Award, the

American Legion Award, the SLC Award and the Congeniality Award this year.

While undecided where he will attend college, he has been accepted at Cheney, Lincoln, George Mason and Morehouse.

Jessica Mealey is in 12th grade and has a straight A average. She has also won many awards, including the Student of Character Award for 2002-2003. She is a member of the Flag Squad and coordinator of the NHS Writing Center and is president of the Spanish Honor Society, the Students Against Drunk Driving, the ASL and the Junior Civitan clubs. She serves her community by packing lunches for homeless shelters and collecting Pennies for Puppies to train seeing-eye dogs for the blind.

Joshua Attick, a nephew of Albert "Buddy" Attick, for whom the lake park is named, has overcome physical adversity and has won many awards this year, including the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Award and the Character Education Award. He has been on the honor roll since ninth grade.

He has been committee chair of the Interior Design and Remodeling Project and was a finalist in the Interior Design Housing Project Competition. He has been an assistant in the school Health Room, a Kindercamp volunteer and has participated in the Special Olympics. He won the Top Grade Achievement Award in Personal Fitness Class. He is the recipient of the Maryland State Delegate Award, a special scholarship awarded by Delegate Anne Healey.

Family, friends, teachers and other school staff joined the assembly to honor the distinguished students.

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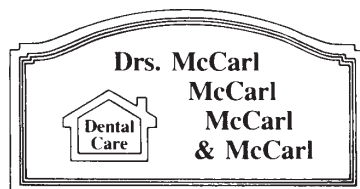
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Some of these items (leave buy-back and the computer/IT issues) were of immediate concern, while others (COLA, pay scale, health insurance and collective bargaining) needed more research and information.

The issue that most took council by surprise and, judging by their reaction, could have a major impact on next year's budget, was the FOP revelation that the laptop computers purchased by the city nearly two years ago have not yet been installed in Greenbelt's patrol cars.

The FOP presentation was led by Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Craig Rich, current FOP president, assisted by MPO John Rogers, immediate past president and MPO Michael Lanier, vice president. The Greenbelt FOP Lodge, with 66 members, is part of the larger FOP state and national organizations. Since 1974 the FOP has been advocating improved working conditions and benefits for its members. It is the only structured organization representing city employees.

COLA Concerns

The first issue discussed by Rich was application of the city's annual COLA to the mid-point in the grade classification pay scale. The FOP sees long-term damaging effects if the mid-point method continues to be used when applying the annual COLA percentage increase. The FOP reasoning is that it would, over time, discriminate against senior employees within the grade, discriminate against the longevity employees who receive only a COLA and no longer a merit increase in a grade and adversely affect employees in the final three years of city service.

Rich noted "that the differences may not be great in the 2004 and 2005 budgets, but [would] have a greater impact in FY06 and beyond."

Although Councilmember Edward Putens thought COLAs were to be applied to the employee's actual salary, an excerpt from the minutes of an August 13, 2001, council meeting when the new classification study was adopted shows that council approved a motion to approve the use of the mid-point methodology for the allocation of both a \$200,000 salary adjustment and \$230,000 allocated for COLA. Also, it was understood that this methodology would be used for at least the next year (FY04) or until the city's salary plan is competitive with comparable communities.

Next the FOP went on record as opposing McLaughlin's proposal to cut in half the amount of leave that employees would be able to "buy back" from the current 40 hours per year to 20 hours. The FOP viewed this as a "taking away" of current benefits.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that council had heard concerns regarding the manager's proposal from other employees and it was on her list to "look at" during the final budget worksession on May 17.

Regarding the overall pay scale, Rich provided council with a 1999 versus 2003 comparison of starting salaries for police officers from other neighboring jurisdictions, arguing that Greenbelt remains at the low end. Councilmember Rodney Roberts and others immediately noted that the FOP comparison did not

include consideration of the overall benefit package available to the respective departments. If benefits were included, Greenbelt's position would be much more favorable, he said. The message from council was to develop a comparison that includes benefits as well as starting salary.

Computer Surprise

The computer/information technology issue raised by the FOP turned out to be the most uncomfortable. Members of council registered great surprise and some frustration when FOP representatives informed them that the city's new laptop computers purchased nearly two years ago and intended to be installed in the city's patrol vehicles are still in their boxes and not being used. The surprise and frustration was evident when, at one point, Putens asked, "Are we on camera?"

City staff at the meeting (McLaughlin was not present that evening) attempted to explain to council that the new system to support the use of laptops for the patrol vehicles has been fraught with many problems and that the overall costs for implementing the system was underestimated. City Treasurer Jeff Williams and Assistant to the City Manager David Moran explained that, "When one problem was fixed, another problem cropped up."

At the outset the city was also not aware of costly peripherals needed for appropriate installation of the laptops in the vehicles, as well as the lack of needed expertise to debug the system.

Council was assured that staff were preparing a memo outlining the problems and what it would take to enable the system to be operational. Davis said that council shares the FOP concerns that the absence of an operational system could create major issues for some neighborhoods and possibly endanger an officer.

Health Insurance

Rich next dealt with a new FOP request seeking continued health benefits for an officer who, in the line of duty, has a catastrophic injury. Also, in the case of an officer's death in the line of duty, the FOP is asking for a continuation of health benefits for the officer's family for a year. The FOP feels that current benefits for seriously injured officers are inadequate and, in the case of the line of duty death, the officer's family is now only entitled to a lump sum benefit equal to one year's salary.

Similarly, the FOP indicated that they have not had sufficient time to evaluate the new voluntary medical savings account program that the city manager proposes for the city's retirees. The FOP told council that it has formed a health insurance committee to look at a proposed health insurance program for its retired members who, along with other city retirees, are not provided such insurance by the city.

Collective Bargaining

The final item was an update on FOP efforts to secure a collective bargaining agreement with the city, a topic discussed at the 2003 meeting between the FOP and the previous council. Since then the FOP has studied agreements taking place with state police departments and with other municipalities, including Ocean City and Mt. Rainier.

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Jola and father Wojtek live with her sister Ewa. Wotjek and Ewa went to stay in other homes so that the Curtis family could bunk together using the floor and doubling up in beds.

Zdunska Wola is a town of 50,000 in which Magda says everyone walks and can reach the farthest point within 45 minutes. While there the group visited a school of two classrooms, one with fourth through sixth-graders and one with first through third graders. The children made flags for them representing each person's country. Curtis reports that the children were mesmerized by them. When asked if they could name the favorite American food, they all shouted out "Pizza!"

Other Sites

The group also visited museums in Zdunska Wola, one of which contains a model of a church made by Magda's uncle and also the reproduction of a bedroom that looks just like what Magda remembers about her grandmother's bedroom.

Since the group was in Poland on Palm Sunday, they were able to observe a parade in the town of Lyse, where young people marched in traditional dress and carried beautiful flower decorations, handmade from a crepe-paper type material.

Auschwitz was another stop, a moving and also depressing experience for the travelers. Displays of hundreds of suitcases, eyeglasses and even hair were seen there. The visitors also saw Pope John Paul II's home in Wadowice and tasted his favorite dessert, kremowki, "which was delicious," said Curtis.

They stayed in Cracow for two nights and were able to see St. Mary's Cathedral there, as well as the University Jagiellonski where Copernicus studied. They saw a golden globe, the first ever showing North America, which was made in the early part of the 16th century.

They also visited Wieliczka, a 700-year-old salt mine, the oldest in Poland, which was dug out before 1642. Mine workers worked 1,000 feet below the earth. The group descended 300 feet into the salt mine by walking down steps, and then took an elevator to get back up. They viewed many statues, as well as chandeliers made of salt. While in Cracow they also visited the Jewish section, which was where "Schindler's List" was filmed.

When it was time to leave Poland, "the ground could have been covered in tears," said Curtis, "as they hated to say goodbye to their international sisters."

History in Program

Curtis, who is called mom by all the "kids," began receiving exchange students in 1989. It's a true exchange, she joked, because she "exchanged her sanity."

However, "when they leave they steal from me - they take my

Roberts asked, "What issues would a collective bargaining arrangement handle that the current system (council meeting at FOP request) could not? Council agreed to arrange a meeting on the topic in the fall.



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School No. 7 in Zdunska Wola, grades 1-3.

heart," she said.

When asked what brought her to America, Magda replied that she had always liked to travel. Her father was a truck driver when she was growing up and she sometimes traveled with him to other countries. Along with her desire to see new places, Magda also wanted to improve her English, so she convinced her parents to let her come to the States for her senior year of high school.

After she graduated, it was decided that she would stay with Curtis and attend the University of Maryland, where she has obtained both her bachelor's degree and an MBA degree. She is presently working in the telecommunications field.

Yee Man, Curtis' current and 14th exchange student, came to improve her English and have the opportunity for "a lot more choices in education." As a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Yee Man says, "Studying in the U.S. is wonderful."

She has done a lot of traveling this school year, including stops in Boston, New York City, St. Louis and of course, Poland. She reported that her most valuable experience here has been learning how to get along with the people, including friends and "family." Her favorite TV show is "American Idol." She has enjoyed learning about American culture, different foods and the celebration of Thanksgiving and Halloween.

Curtis added, "We really appreciate the support of Greenbelt and especially 13 Court. The neighbors treat the kids like they belong here."

If anyone is interested in hosting an exchange student, call Linda Curtis at 301-474-5905 for details.

Volunteers Needed At Red Cross

Help the Red Cross prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies in the community by becoming a Red Cross volunteer. The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area is currently recruiting new volunteers in Prince George's County. For more information or to register for an orientation, contact 301-559-8500 or go to the website at www.redcrossna.org and click on "How to Volunteer."



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2004, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 8.2%, from \$1,109,081,983 to \$1,200,213,966.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.696 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 8.2%, resulting in \$634,279 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.643, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.706 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 9.8% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$756,135 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2004, in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-8000 for further information.