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WMATA's Disagreement Sets Back Greenbelt Station Plans

by Sandy Smith

Proclamations galore, a master plan for the Northway Fields, a possible change in recycling and notice of a national health survey coming to Prince George's County and Greenbelt were dealt with expeditiously at the April 11 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Giving council more pause, however, was making changes to the draft Greenbelt Station Development Agreement to address objections to the agreement from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Council adjourned to executive session to discuss the agreement in more detail.

Agreement

Council was presented with a draft agreement dated April 11, updating the changes of April 7 to the March 28 document. At this point the problems stem from objections to the agreement by WMATA, owner of the North Core of the Greenbelt Station. The now 59-provision agreement covers recreation, transportation and infrastructure, environmental protection, urban design and such key issues as annexation.

WMATA objected to the agreement, specifically the density limits and the granting of

site plan approval to the city. Council learned that this position is standard WMATA policy: not ceding approval of site plans to any other government authority unless statutorily mandated.

To deal with these objections and to keep the project moving, the agreement was modified to cover only the South Core until such time as the North Core is purchased by the developers. Celia Craze, Greenbelt's planning and community development director, walked council through the changes in the agreement. She said they dealt with the issues of WMATA objections.

Craze commented that, as a practical matter, the longer a document is "out there," the more objections are raised and changes suggested. Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers raised concerns that the covenants in place for the South Core would also cover the North Core.

Daniel Colton, representing Greenbelt Metropark, stressed the developers' desire to move ahead with the South Core and purchase the North Core, which would then, he guaranteed, be covered by the covenants specified in the agreement. He said

the "glass was 80 to 90 percent full and it was time to drink the water." Colton characterized obtaining the North Core as a straight purchase and agreed to provide the city with a copy of the purchase agreement for the city's attorney, Robert Manzi, to review. Colton remarked that the project had begun back in 1997 and said he hoped to start the development next year. Council moved into executive session at the meeting's end to review the agreement.

Recycling

Council voted to cancel the purchase of a new recycling truck with the Granturk Equipment Company when the company could not provide the split packer body specified in the initial purchase. The split packer body allows materials – cans, bottles and plastic – to be collected separately.

The timing for this action was good, since the city has learned that Waste Management, the company that runs the county's materials recycling facility, is switching to a single-stream process in its Elkridge plant and is hoping to do so as well at the

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Planning and Enforcement Staff Deal with Many City Projects

by James Giese

On April 6 Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze came with her two assistant directors, Terri Hruby for Planning and Jim Sterling for Community Development, to the Greenbelt City Council worksession on the Planning and Community Development budget. Although both have been city employees for some time, they became assistant directors only after the departmental reorganization approved in last year's budget.

Craze expressed appreciation for council's approval of the change. She claimed that even with staff shortages, the department has been able to move things faster. A new community planner has been hired, Craze announced, and is now at work.

The proposed budget for planning is \$293,500, up \$15,000 from the current year. The increase is due mostly to increased personnel costs for the three assigned employees. Authorized staff remains the same but vacancies have kept expenses lower in previous years. Expenses will be partially offset by \$30,000 in street permit fees.

The budget for Community

Development, which involves permit inspection and code enforcement, is \$543,800, up \$16,200 over the current year budget. Due to vacancies, actual expenses are expected to be considerably less for the current year. Most of the expense is for salaries for the 9.5 employees with only \$67,200 budgeted for other operating expenses and nothing for new equipment. The community development operation is totally offset by permit fees and a small county grant. Estimated revenue is \$20,000 more than expenses but is expected to increase by only \$300.

Projects

The three members of the department staff came armed with a lengthy Power Point presentation. Fifty-four major planning projects are assigned to the department, including 26 city capital improvement projects. Two projects continue to present the potential of overwhelming staff and preempting other work – Greenbelt Station and the redevelopment of Springhill Lake apartments. To deal with some of the specialized elements of project review, it will also be necessary to retain the services

of outside consultants such as transportation, environmental and marketing specialists.

Other projects of the department are managing the \$25,000 in Community Legacy grant funds to modify GHI homes for seniors to install first floor bathrooms, developing a master plan for the Northway ball fields, reviewing zoning variance requests and providing assistance to Roosevelt Center merchants to upgrade their businesses.

The department is also responsible for reviewing building construction proposals for the Friends School, the installation of an observatory structure at the end of Northway (awaiting permits) and the building of an addition to the Public Works facility. Other concerns are making improvements to the Greenbelt Lake watershed including the Lakewood stream valley, review of the county's Green Infrastructure plan and constructing a prefabricated animal control facility (underway).

Additionally the department oversees installing shelters at bus stops (two a year), pedestrian

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Boxwood Residents Request Drainage Problem Solution

by James Giese

Several residents attended the Greenbelt City Council worksession on planning and community development and capital projects on April 6 to express support for funds in the city's capital projects budget for construction work to deal with ground water problems in Boxwood Village (\$20,000). They asked for city help to solve a problem affecting residents on Periwinkle Court, Rosewood Drive and Lynbrook Court.

According to Jay Henson of Rosewood Drive, Sandy Smith of Lynbrook Court and Pat McAndrew, president of the Boxwood Village Association, the problem has developed in the past two years. There is now a significant amount of ground water that originates at the top of the hill on Periwinkle and flows down Rosewood and then to Lynbrook, causing problems at a number of homes. Problems include: ponding water never disappears, walk-

ways are icy in the winter and backyards are muddy.

Efforts to have Prince George's County involved in the matter have failed because county staff has determined that the problem is ground water. The county is responsible only for stormwater problems.

Henson noted his unsuccessful efforts to correct the problem with yard drains. City councilmembers noted the need to tie yard drains into a storm sewer; otherwise, they can cause icing on city sidewalks. (Apparently the nearest storm drain is at the bottom of the hill on Rosewood at Lynbrook and on Lastner Lane at Rosewood.)

Councilmembers were sympathetic to the residents' problem and to the need for including funds in the budget, although it was uncertain as to what would be required to solve the problem and at what cost.

\$1,325,000 Is Budgeted To Fund Capital Projects

by James Giese

Because the Greenbelt City Council had spent so much time in reviewing the Planning and Community Development budgets and listening to Boxwood Village residents complaints of drainage problems earlier in the evening of April 6, it quickly glanced over the \$1,325,000 in capital project expenditures proposed for fiscal year 2006. The year is expected to begin with \$539,000 cash-on-hand, of which \$200,000 will be a county grant obtained by County Councilmember Douglas Peters for construction of a skateboard park now estimated to cost \$208,000.

The city's general fund annual contribution (tax proceeds) for capital projects is budgeted at \$355,000, down \$35,000 from the current year. Funds are budgeted for \$1,325,000 in projects. While it is unlikely that all projects will be accomplished in the next fiscal year, if they were completed as budgeted, the bal-

ance available for capital projects at the end of the year would be \$79,900.

The largest item in the budget (\$377,000) is for replacement of Community Center windows, a project just now getting started. A state grant will fund \$325,000 of the cost. However, the budgeted funds are only enough to replace about half the windows at the Center.

Street resurfacing projects, at \$250,000, is the next largest budgeted expenditure. City staff proposes resurfacing Ridge Road from 5 Court Crescent to Southway, Greenhill Road and Megan Lane from Mathew Street to Kara Court.

A restroom facility for Buddy Attick Park at Greenbelt Lake may finally become a reality next fiscal year. The \$200,000 cost is expected to be offset by a \$100,000 Maryland Commu-

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What Goes On

Monday, April 25

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and First Public Hearing on the FY 2006 Budget

Wednesday, April 27

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

Thursday, April 28

7:30 p.m., Public Hearing, Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Community Center

Saturday, April 30

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Buddy Attick Park

2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring (Cinco de Mayo), SHL Recreation Center

Letters

No VVPT, Thanks To Md. Legislature

The Maryland legislature failed to pass meaningful Voter Verified Paper Trail (VVPT) legislation this term. HB107, which the Greenbelt City Council supported, was not even allowed to come to a vote in the House Ways and Means Committee, of which our own Anne Healey is vice chair. (Del. Healey has in the past withheld her support from legislation that would require a VVPT.)

The legislation that did pass is merely a "study bill" that examines, along with a VVPT, various non-paper options which are untested and could easily cost more than a VVPT. There is no requirement in the bill to actually have a VVPT in place for the coming election. It will merely delay getting a genuine audit and recount capability back into Maryland elections.

Meanwhile Diebold Election Systems (the maker of Maryland's voting machines) recently issued a news release announcing that they have been able to easily and inexpensively upgrade their machines to provide a secure VVPT (see dieboldes.com). This belies all the arguments raised by the Maryland Board of Elections and by various members of the legislature alleging that this would be difficult or expensive to do.

I thank council again for its action in support of a VVPT. It is most unfortunate that the legislature has again failed to take meaningful action to protect the rights of Maryland voters. As a result our next election will again have no independent audit or recount capability. This is completely unacceptable for any state that claims to operate democratically.

Ruth Kastner

Health Screening Program Offered

Washington Adventist Hospital will hold a community screening program at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, on Wednesday, April 27 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Among the health screenings available will be Vertical Auto Profile, Homocysteine, Glucose, HsCRP, Lipids, A1c, Prostate Specific Antigen and Body Fat. Advance registration is required. Call 1-800-542-5096. Fees vary per screening.

Let's Get Gardening!

by Lady Aster and Miss Lily

Greetings, Greenbelt gardeners. This new column is dedicated to the love of gardening and everything that might include. We feel so lucky



to live in a National Historic Landmark community that is world-famous for its public green space. We think that same design ethic should inspire more gardeners. Greenbelt could be a continuous vista of private and public gardens that evoke historical and contemporary styles. A beautiful and ever-changing landscape should be the impetus to take a walk, meet your neighbors and poke around in your own yard.

We say let's get going – April is rapidly disappearing. No time to waste, especially with a spring that's taken this long to get here.

Now is the time to clear away the leaf litter and see what is stirring. Early spring crocus and daffodils are already giving way to the tender shoots of hostas, peonies and the other perennials pushing their way through to the sun.

Look around. Does a planting bed need reshaping or an area cry out for a top dressing of mulch or do a few branches need cutting back to let in more light

and air? Don't wait. We have lots to do if Greenbelt is to claim a spot at the top of the gardening charts.

To get started and stay motivated we propose this monthly column. It will be short, useful and full of ideas about plants to try (and ones to avoid), inspiring gardens to visit – there may be one hidden in the next block – books to peruse and interviews with our community's best gardeners for their tried and true tips. The article's writers have been working at this craft for a few years, but as all dedicated gardeners know, we will always be students when it comes to shaping nature.

So let's learn an exotic botanical name, contemplate the shades of this spring's pinks and keep an eye out for the squirrel that insists on digging up the new plant. This will keep us young and oh, so alive. We want to share the delight, and occasional frustration of gardening's arts and crafts while we go about improving our own little patches of the earth. Remember . . . "One who plants a garden, plants happiness."

– Old Chinese proverb

In Opener, Seniors Bow to Bowie

Greenbelt's senior softball team started its season on Monday, April 18 in a spirited game against Bowie Bronze. Greenbelt scored first on the Bowie field, fell behind 7-1 but rallied for a 10-8 score before losing, 17-8. Pitcher-manager Ray Reed shut out Bowie in several turns at bat but a number of long hits, a few costly errors and bang-bang calls on the bases helped turn the tide against Greenbelt.

The team's second game in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League, at Dundalk on Wednesday, April 20 was pegged to end after this issue's copy deadline. Two more away games follow before the team opens its home series at Watkins Regional Park on May 2 and May 4. The season of 42 games runs through Sept. 26, mostly Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m.

Fans are welcome. There is no charge to root for the home team. For information call Manager Ray Reed at 301-568-6977 or Irv Salzberg, assistant manager, at 301-262-7867.

Spring Sale At Arboretum

On Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a garden fair and plant sale will be held at the U.S. National Arboretum. Join area gardeners for this free early season shopping spree through thousands of annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs for every garden. Sponsored by the Friends of the National Arboretum, proceeds support the arboretum. Visit <http://www.usna.usda.gov> or call 202-245-4523 for information.

Native Plants Focus Of Arboretum Tour

Learn more about native plants and how to grow them at the U.S. National Arboretum on Friday, April 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This free tour of the Fern Valley Native Plant Collection with curator Joan Feely focuses on local natural history. No registration is required. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-4523 for information.

New Deal and a Swedish Café

by Anna Lindberg

Many years ago in the remote town of Ystad, Sweden, I tried to find a place where I could go with my very young children and feel welcome without spending half my salary for lunch. I found a small place called the Peace Café where we could all have pancakes, organic lunches and hear the latest news. Prices were adjusted to my wallet. From time to time there would be lectures for adults, music classes for children and occasions to learn something about other parts of the world.

The Peace Café was a place where one would meet families with noisy kids, teenagers with dyed hair or dreadlocks, immigrants and refugees who didn't know a word of Swedish, college teachers and ordinary people from the local community who appreciated the inclusive atmosphere and the friendly staff. One of the regulars was Karl, an elderly man who was blind and could bring his dog into the café. Karl had a cup of coffee there almost every day, while his dog sat patiently near the door.

To the sorrow of many people

the café ultimately closed. The Peace Café was a wonderful oasis and still has a special place in my heart. The driving force behind the café was a woman named Inger whom we called "The Angel."

In this country I hadn't found any place like the Peace Café until I was introduced to the New Deal Café in Greenbelt. It is very similar and gives me the same sense of community. It has a devoted staff, a warm and wonderful atmosphere and serves as a melting pot for people of every description and generation. The café even has its own Inger: Ellen Siegel.

The New Deal Café is so unusual that my friends come from D.C. to enjoy its relaxed mood and congenial menu. They say they can't find anything like it in the nation's capital. Places like the New Deal Café are a rarity that many of us would not like to be without.

Anna Lindberg is an assistant professor of history at Penn State University in Altoona. She lived in Greenbelt for some years and now frequently visits on weekends.



THE FIRST GREEN MAN FESTIVAL IN GREENBELT

MAY 1, 2005

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

Maypole

Greenbelt Concert Band

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Reception May 1, Artful Afternoon (301) 397-2208

MAY 14-15, 2005

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On Screen

"Wild Parrots" Lands In Roosevelt Center

"The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill" alights at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, April 22. A documentary with a beating heart, the film focuses on a San Francisco street musician who adopts and lobbies for a range of cherry-headed and blue-crowned homeless parrots – both the escaped and those let go.

Director Judy Irving shows Mark Bittner learning the birds' ways and weighing in on their behalf, unto City Hall. As he grows truly close to this species of conure Bittner wins a few rounds, loses others and in the process transforms his own life. Compared to animal-centric films like "Winged Migration" and "Micro-cosmos," "Wild Parrots" is much more down to earth but still takes to the air with a colorful flock that carries such names as Mingus, Picasso and Sophie, the last two devoted lovers. G, 83 minutes.

– Eli Flam

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of April 22

THE WILD PARROTS OF TELEGRAPH HILL (G)

Friday

*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday - Thursday

*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Community Events

Explore Strategies For Retirement

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Michael Doherty, vice president of Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company, on Friday, April 29 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Stretching retirement dollars, keeping up with inflation, reducing taxes, preserving an estate for heirs . . . these are issues that face retired people every day. This seminar can help people take control of finances and deal with many issues that most seniors encounter, including withdrawal from retirement plans, investment diversification, health care and budgeting during retirement.

Doherty has been with Fidelity Investments for 12 years, serving in various roles. For the last four years he has been the focus of support for financial planners of the Mid-Atlantic region. Doherty received a bachelor of arts in business management from Northeastern University.

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

Community Center Blood Drive Apr. 29

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, April 29 from noon to 6 p.m.

The continuing need for blood makes it important that there is a large turnout. Those who have not been contacted by the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for those with appointments who do not appear.

Byrd Will Discuss Life Planning Tips

The caregiver support group of the Greenbelt Adult Care Center will host guest speaker Jacqueline Byrd on Tuesday, May 3 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Byrd is an elder law attorney from Byrd & Byrd in Bowie.

Her life planning tips include: living arrangements – make housing choices before someone else has to do it; investigation – find information and support resources available; financial property – durable general powers of attorney vs. guardianship; and end of life planning – health care powers of attorney and advanced directives (living will). Other tips are to prepare now – choose appropriate advocates and agents; last will and testament – plan a thoughtful disposition of assets; asset preservation/long-term care insurance – how to pay for long-term care; and needs-based trusts – providing for a disabled loved one after the caregiver is gone.

The program is open to the public. Call Beverly Long at the center for more information at 301-507-6590. The center is located on the lower level at the Greenbelt Community Center.

At the Library

Tuesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

Greenbriar Board Meeting April 27

On Wednesday, April 27 the Greenbriar Community Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. in the Commons Room.

Barix Support Group to Meet

The Greenbelt Barix Clinics Support Group will hold its first meeting at Greenbelt Community Church on Monday, April 25 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The group provides support for all Barix Clinics patients, those considering the Barix program and supportive family members and friends. This is not a general weight loss surgery support group.

Following the initial meeting, the group will meet the fourth Monday of each month from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church Fellowship Center in meeting room A at 1 Hillside Road.

For more information call Jan at 301-474-8389 or contact Barix Clinics at 800-282-0066 or visit the website at <http://www.barixclinic.com>.

GHI Notes

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. – Architecture and Environment Committee, Board Room

Goddard Session Celebrates Hubble

On April 25 at 6:45 p.m., the Goddard Space Flight Center will celebrate the Hubble Space Telescope's 15th anniversary. The celebration will include the unveiling of new, spectacular images, science and servicing lectures about Hubble and stargazing with the support of the Goddard Astronomy Club. Do not miss this opportunity to explore the universe through the eyes of Hubble scientists. Bring binoculars and stargaze with the Goddard Astronomy Club. Hope for clear skies, dress for the weather and enjoy the show.

This "Space Chat" presentation is free but registration is strongly recommended. To register, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/spacechat/home/index.html> and click on "register" at the top of the page. Further information is available from Natalie Simms at 301-286-8955.

GHS Plans Reunion Luncheon for May 7

The Greenbelt High School annual reunion luncheon will be held on May 7 at 11 a.m. for all GHS students, spouses, friends, guests and faculty at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Call Pauline Bordas for information at 301-474-8657.

Silver Diner Hosts St. Hugh's Fundraiser

Wednesday, April 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Silver Diner in Greenbelt is hosting a fundraiser for St. Hugh's School. Bring family and friends and join familiar faces for a fun meal. Order burgers, shakes and fries or something more traditional like a "Blue Plate Special." The hostesses will have surprises for participants, who should indicate they are there for the fundraiser.

Miller's Genesis Play To Open April 29

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) announced the seventh play of its Silver Anniversary season, "The Creation of the World and Other Business," Arthur Miller's unusual comedy/drama about Genesis come to life.

Miller plays his most persuasive and fascinating theme: a power struggle between God and his favorite angel Lucifer, who lusts for equality with God in heaven. As the first all-too-human family is caught between these two combatants, Miller uses comedy as well as drama to convince, persuade and answer the question: can two Gods reign in heaven?

Director Norma Ozur, Producer John Calhoun and the cast will present such heavenly characters as God, the angels Azrael, Chemuel, Raphael and Lucifer and human characters Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. Miller's interpretation of the story takes a jaundiced view of the natures of God, Lucifer and the humans.

The production will run for 10 performances from April 19 through May 21. Friday and Saturday night performances are at 8 p.m. There are two Sunday matinees, May 1 at 2 p.m. and May 8 at 5 p.m. Call 301-441-8770 for ticket prices and reservations. GAC is located at 123 Centerway.

Girl Scouts Sponsor Parents' Night Out

The girls in Girl Scout Troop 2142 will sponsor another Parents' Night Out for moms and dads to enjoy an evening away from the kids.

The kids can be dropped off at Greenbelt Community Church on Saturday, April 30 at 5 p.m. and picked up at 9 p.m.

This year's theme is Kiddie Karnival where kids ages 3 to 8 will check in at the "Ticket Booth" and be whisked into a carnival environment. They will have the opportunity to win prizes at a fishing derby, ring toss and laundry basketball. Other events include a photo shoot, face painting and bowling. Food will be served in miniature style with a choice of mini-hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza. What would a carnival be without caramel apples (slices) and popcorn? The troop specialty is chocolate banana bites.

For a fee each child receives food, prizes and a take-home photo. The troop will donate all profits and any additional donations from the event to the 2004 Tsunami victims through the Girl Scout Council Nations Capital.

Toddlers must be potty trained. Children need to be pre-registered, contact Karen by phone at 301-982-4544 or email greenbeltgs@netscape.net. The deadline for pre-registration is Monday, April 25.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., April 25	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Indians
Tues., April 26	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Athletics
Wed., April 27	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Tigers
Thurs., April 28	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Lions
Fri., April 29	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cubs
Fri., April 29	7:00 p.m.*	Indians vs. Tigers
Sat., April 30	10:00 a.m.	Lions vs. Giants
Sat., April 30	1:00 p.m.	Tryouts/Rain Make-up

Major League Standings as of Monday 4/18/05

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

2005 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., April 25	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies vs. Mets
Wed., April 27	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Marlins
Fri., April 29	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Phillies

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.

Green Man Festival Coming to Greenbelt

Greenbelt's first Green Man Festival begins May 1 and continues on May 14 and 15. The Green Man Festival is a celebration of Greenbelt's commitment to preserve its acres of forests by choosing wisely and acting locally to honor this green earth. The festival will feature many artists, musicians and performers from Greenbelt and the surrounding areas.



"The Nature of Green Man" exhibit, part of the recreation department's "An Artful Afternoon," opens on May 1 at 1 p.m. in the gallery of the Community Center. A reception will follow, lasting until 5 p.m. In addition to the exhibit, there will be storytellers, a chance to build a small Green Man and a Maypole will be constructed. Music will be provided by the Greenbelt Concert Band.

On May 14 and 15 the festival continues at Roosevelt Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be musicians, dancers and storytellers throughout the afternoon along with food, crafts and exhibits on eco-friendly gardening techniques and products and more, including a visit from Green Man and his friends.

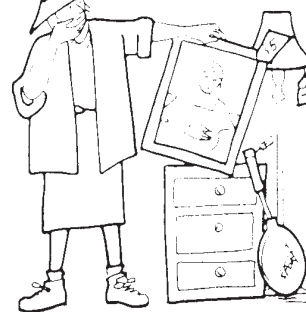
PGRC Offers Training Program

The Prince George's Running Club (PGRC) will hold training programs for intermediate and beginning runners. The training begins this Saturday, April 23 and will last 16 weeks. The goal for beginners is a 5K race PGRC will hold in August of this year. The goal for intermediate runners is to increase distance, targeting a 10K, 10-miler or increase in speed.

Training each Saturday will be in the Sweetgum Picnic area of Greenbelt Park and starts at 8 a.m. For more information, call Coach Bob Grumbine at 301-982-2457 or check the website at <http://www.pgrc.org>. The programs are free to PGRC members.

YARD SALE

2005



Saturday, April 30

(if rained out, May 1)

9 am - 3 pm

Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt



GHI Community-wide Clean Up and Tree Potting Saturday, April 23

Help spruce up the GHI common areas by removing fallen branches, leaves and picking up litter.

Free paper yard waste bags are available from GHI on Saturday from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

The city will collect yard waste from court entrances on Monday, April 25. No household trash please.

Volunteers are also needed to pot trees for the new GHI nursery. Seedlings will be raised for planting around GHI. All supplies provided. Meet at the GHI Admin. Building.

Local Woman Wins National Recognition



Greenbelter Michele Burton (Laurel Hill Road) is one of 20 winners of USA Today's All-USA Community and Junior College Academic First Team. She received a \$2,500 cash award and was recognized at a ceremony in Boston. Recipients of these honors are selected from approximately 1,500 associate's degree candidates nominated by their colleges nationwide. Selection is based on high academic performance and significant community service.

While maintaining better than a 3.0 grade point average at Prince George's Community College (PGCC) in Largo majoring in history, Burton was also recognized for her pioneering efforts to start a teen performance troupe that promotes abstinence from drugs, alcohol and premarital sex. That group, the Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT), was established in February 2002. Burton was a key organizer of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's first abstinence-education club in October 2003. She also performed at the Labor Day Festivals in 2001 and 2002 as an actress and a break dancer.

Burton has toured with the WAIT performance troupe in New York, California and North Carolina. The WAIT group also per-



Above, Michele Burton, center, break dances at a Palestinian community center in Jerusalem as a performer with the Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT). Back row from left: Wongil Dadachanji, Triton Marks, Dan Hutcherson and Kensei Tsubata. At left, Burton, center, poses with Israeli high schoolers who are planting trees around their school.

formed in Jerusalem and other cities in Israel for 10 days last February at the invitation of the mayor of Jerusalem. The Jerusa-

lem city government's at-risk youth department sponsored a multi-cultural troupe of Palestinian and Israeli youth that joined WAIT in a program. These groups will tour the U.S. in July performing in Washington, D.C., New York and possibly other venues that may include Greenbelt.

An avid long-distance runner, last spring Burton organized PGCC's first-ever 5K run/walk to benefit the work of WAIT.

Prior to receiving the All-USA Scholarship, Burton was the recipient of a full scholarship to PGCC and she received \$1,000 in scholarships from the Coca Cola Foundation and the Points of Light Foundation.

Burton stays close to Greenbelt, where she works as a swimming teacher at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and as a waitress at the New Deal Café. In addition, she has served as vice president of the Student Governance Board, launched a voter registration drive registering more than 400 voters and participated in the Model United Nations.

Our sympathy to Mike Fox in Public Works on the death of his wife Billie Jo.

Congratulations to Michele Burton, daughter of Douglas and Keiko Burton of Laurel Hill Road. Burton is one of only 20 nationwide members of the USA Today All-USA Community and Junior College Academic First Team. (See story at left on this page.)

It's a girl for Shayna Skolnik and Ramon Ramirez Linan of Ridge Road. Sabina Grace Ramirez-Skolnik was born on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at 11:07 p.m. She weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz. and has a full head of dark hair. Maternal grandparents are long-time Greenbelters Lola and Steve Skolnik of Ridge Road. Paternal grandparents, Carlos Ramirez de la Lastra and Isabel Linan Sabio, live in Seville, Spain. Proud uncles Benjamin and Kevin Skolnik are also long-time Greenbelters.

A warm welcome by Mike, Colby, Isabel and Catherine Storck of 69 Court Ridge Road to the newest member of their family, baby Joseph Anton, born April 12, 2005.

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1) April 26, 7:30PM at Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 M Street, NW
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Details on the group at: www.celebrationafrica.com
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Cummings Hosts Statewide Meeting

Congressmember Elijah E. Cummings, who represents Baltimore and Howard County, has called a statewide town meeting for Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the "Q" theater at Catonsville Community College. The subject will be fixing the USA Patriot Act. Many Greenbelt groups will be there, including the Peace and Justice Coalition and the Prince George's and Maryland Bill of Rights Defense Committees.

Doug Love, among others, will be providing rides to Catonsville that night. He can be reached at work at 301-985-6457 or at home at 301-474-8663 or by email at dlove@mygreenbelt.com.

City Notes

Code enforcement staff posted a rental property in Greenbriar as "Unlawful to Occupy" and three municipal infractions were issued to the property owner for failure to abate overcrowding in the unit.

Public Works

The horticulture crew transported trees from the National Arboretum and from the TREEmendous Maryland Program to the city. Parks crews over-seeded and aerated Braden football field and the football field at Schrom Hills.

Watershed Cleanup

Despite rainy weather on Saturday, April 2, seven volunteers removed 320 pounds of trash and recyclables from the Springhill Lake Stream.

The cleanup of the Northway Tributary of Beaver Dam Creek April 9 had nine volunteers who removed 370 pounds of trash, tires and recyclables.

Recreation Dept.

Camp sessions two and three of Operation Branch Out are now filled and accepting wait-list enrollments. Spaces in Camp Pine Tree I and II are filling up quickly. Anyone interested in signing up their children for camp this summer should inquire about spaces as soon as possible.

City Receives Award For GAIL Program

The City of Greenbelt is to be recognized for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) programs by the Maryland Municipal League at its spring conference in June. City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin told the Greenbelt City Council the good news at its first budget worksession on April 4. This is the fourth time in the past seven years that Greenbelt has received the League's Award for Excellence for large municipalities and the fifth time overall.

The council approved McLaughlin's request to have Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey attend the conference to accept the award for the city. He also noted that Dr. Elizabeth Park, Director of Greenbelt CARES had prepared the nomination papers.

Instrumental Concert At Catholic Univ.

Instrumental ensembles from Catholic University will present a concert at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 26 at the Ward Recital Hall on the university's Washington campus. The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call 202-319-5416.



City Information

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET Municipal Building – Council Room – 8pm April 25, 2005

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Introduction of New Green Ridge House Services Coordinator
- Certificate of Appreciation – National Depression Awareness Campaign
- The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program
- Introduction of New Community Planner
- Maryland Chiefs' Challenge – Proclamation

Public Hearing on the FY 2006 Budget

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.)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- New Assistance-in-living Programs – Briefing
 - AARP Foundation's Money Management Program
 - Volunteer Maryland – Application
- 2006-2008 County Cooperation Agreement for CDBG Programs
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2005
- *Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

TENNIS LESSONS

The Recreation Department is offering group tennis lessons for all skill levels. Class space is limited. **Pre-Registration is required.** Private lessons are also available by appointment.



Ages	Time
6 - 9	11:00am – 11:45am
10-13	12:00pm – 12:45pm
14 - 17	1:00pm – 1:45pm
18 - +	2:00pm – 2:45pm

When: Saturdays – Saturday, May 7 through Saturday, June 11 (six classes)

Where: Braden Field Tennis Courts

Fee: Resident \$30 Non-Resident \$36

Info: Greenbelt Recreation 301-397-2200

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

Spring Mini-Session

Dates: May 9 thru June 3

Passholders & Residents register: April 25 & 26

Open Registration: April 27 until classes are filled

Adult Classes only

ATTENTION: The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center will be entirely closed on May 4, 5, and 6 for various repairs. For further information call 301-397-2204.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 28, 2005, at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt on the following variance application:

An application filed by Solomon & Latanya Robbins for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 6610 Springcrest Drive, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 4' from rear yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a 12' x 24' deck.

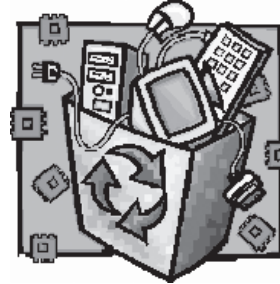
For more information call 301-345-5417

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 30, 2004

9am-12noon at Buddy Attick Park

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.



Accepted Items Include: central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment

(NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)

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For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 25th at 8:00pm: City Council Meeting/Public Hearing on the Budget "live"
Tuesday & Thursday, April 26 & 28: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Veterans' Benefits," **7:00pm** Greenbelt Museum presents "Livable Modern Furniture," **8:15pm** Replay of City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 27 & 29: 7pm "Future View," **7:30pm** GAC presents "Flutar," **9pm** GAC presents "Mid-Summer Nights Dream."

Meetings for April 25-29

Monday, April 25, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing on the Budget, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, April 27, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session, Public Safety, Community Center.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board Park and Recreation Advisory Board For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

CELEBRATION OF SPRING

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ANOTHER MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WORKS MONTH EVENT

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Prince George's County facility. Following this news the city has decided to obtain a single packer truck for \$126,497 from Mid-Atlanta Waste Systems, at a considerable savings from the original bid of \$150,000. When the new system comes on line, the city can consider expansion of recycling and elimination of the separation of materials to make recycling easier for citizens.

Northway Field

The council unanimously approved a contract for \$22,000 with Clinton and Associates to prepare a master plan for the Northway Fields. Three proposals were submitted and evaluated. Staff reviewed this company's work on a project similar in scope to that of the Northway project and the company provided pro bono design work to the city's wetland education center.

The contract calls for development of two master plan alternatives that creatively respond to the needs and constraints of the site. Possible components to evaluate for the site include softball and other group sports fields, viewing areas, playgrounds, picnic areas, star gazing observatory and parking. A public meeting will be scheduled to gain community input.

Health Survey

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), will be conducted in Prince George's County beginning April 15. Sandra Smith, public affairs officer at CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, and Dr. Kathryn Porter, medical officer for the survey, gave a presentation about the upcoming survey and its importance in producing health information for the nation.

The survey is the nation's

largest and most comprehensive survey of the health and nutritional status of the population. It collects data through household interviews and standardized physical examinations with a statistically-selected sample of the population. The survey travels to 15 locations each year. While in Prince George's County the survey's mobile examination centers will be located in Greenbelt. (See story in the News Review, April 14.)

Proclamations

The meeting began with proclamations celebrating a number of special occasions and accomplishments. The city issued an Arbor Day proclamation and presented it to Charles Jackman, chair of the Advisory Committee on Trees. The proclamation noted that Greenbelt is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day was celebrated in conjunction with Earth Day events on April 16.

Also on April 16 the Greenbelt Astronomy Club and the Goddard Astronomy Club offered a program at the Howard B. Owens Science Center to mark International Astronomy Day. Doug Love described the program, which he said included door prizes and meteorites. According to the city's proclamation, International Astronomy Day was designed to bring the joy of astronomy to everyone.

Municipal government gets a whole month of attention in the city's proclamation naming April 2005 as Municipal Government Month. The proclamation describes municipal government as closest to the people and, as in Greenbelt, striving to enhance the quality of life for its residents by providing a full range of services and programs.

Beverly Palau, the city's public information and communications coordinator, described many activities taking place throughout the

month. Among them is the "It's Municipal Government" competition and championship with the schools on April 22.

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week was April 10 to 16 and in its honor the city issued a proclamation paying tribute to the communications specialists of the City of Greenbelt's Police Department. Cpl. Carolyn Breck and Capt. Thomas Kemp were at the meeting to receive the proclamation. Kemp said it was a difficult job, which the staff had executed in an excellent and dedicated manner. Council agreed and sent its thanks.

Jill St. John, curator at the Greenbelt museum, also attended the council meeting to speak about the city's involvement in a History Channel program, "FDR: A Presidency Revealed." A preview was shown at the Greenbelt Theatre on April 12.

Library Has Council Meeting Tapes

Greenbelt citizens now have an additional way to be informed and up-to-date on the doings of their local government. Tapes of the city council meetings in VCR format are now available for check-out at the Greenbelt branch of the county library. Beverly Palau, communications director for Greenbelt, began making an extra tape at council's January 24 meeting this year. Administrative procedures within the library are now completed so that the tapes are available to be checked out.

Council meetings are broadcast live on Greenbelt Access Television, Channel 71, as they occur and are re-broadcast on the following Thursday evening. Residents who cannot watch at these times or who do not have access to cable television can now view the proceedings by tape in their own homes.

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city Parks and Playgrounds grant. When bids previously were sought for this facility, they came in way over budget.

Staff decided to rebid the construction along with the much larger addition to the Public Works facility, which is to be financed out of the proceeds of a voter authorized bond issue. Public Works Director Ken Hall said the plans are now being reviewed for building permits, and he hopes bids can be sought in another month.

Skateboard Park

The skateboard park is facing design challenges, according to Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, because of the limited space and topography. When these issues are resolved and the plans are complete, \$162,000 is budgeted for construction of the facility to be located next to the Greenbelt Youth Center. The project is expected to be completed in the next fiscal year.

Another budgeted project is \$95,000 for stabilizing the stream on the south side of the Hillside Road underpass where erosion has been a problem. Of this, \$15,000 is to be expended for engineering and design work. The city hopes to get a Maryland Department of Environment grant of \$55,000 for this project.

The city has entered into new agreements with GHI and other communities in which the city would share in the cost of maintaining their privately-owned playground facilities. In turn, the playgrounds would be open to public use. The city will pay 75 percent of the cost of upgrading these playgrounds. In the proposed budget, \$50,000 is provided for upgrading three to four of these playgrounds.

Another \$25,000 is provided for a master plan for the "Northway site," the area at the end of Northway not included in

the newly created forest preserve, which includes the site for an observatory, an area used by the city for recycling of yard materials and the Northway ball fields.

There is concern by some that part of the ball fields have been designated forest preserve. Instead, the city will consider for inclusion in the master plan only the area that is not wooded. Craze told the council that it was decided not to have a property survey of the area because of the cost. (At the April 11 meeting the council awarded a contract to Clinton and Associates for \$22,000 to do this work.)

Other Projects

Besides the \$20,000 budgeted for the Boxwood drainage problem, other small projects budgeted are improvements to the police station parking lot (\$20,000), two new bus shelters (\$2,000), a \$10,000 city contribution to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area for directional signage (if that falls through the money will be used for gateway entrance signs) and miscellaneous concrete repairs (\$30,000).

Cherrywood Lane landscaping of medians installed this year (\$8,000), crosswalk replacement between the Municipal Building and Roosevelt Center (\$10,000) and a storage shed at Braden Field for athletic equipment and possibly to include space for a dry concession stand (\$13,000) are also included in the budget. Other items are construction of a "Wall of Honor" memorial to recognize the accomplishments of Greenbelt residents (\$13,000) and the cleaning of the stone carved reliefs at the Community Center and Mother and Child sculpture at Roosevelt Center (\$40,000).

GIVE BLOOD
April 29 (See p. 3)

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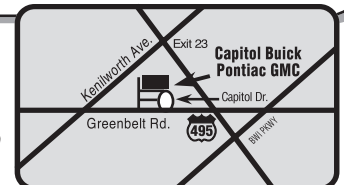
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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

April 8, 10 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he had just exited his vehicle and was walking toward a residence when he was approached from behind by two men, one armed with a shotgun, the other with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining the victim's wallet both left in a nearby dark maroon vehicle. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'11" to 6', wearing a dark jacket, pants and ski mask and a black male 5'6" to 5'8", wearing dark clothes and a skull cap.

Carjacking

April 14, 10:14 a.m., 7200 block Mandan Road, a woman reported that she was walking to her vehicle when she was grabbed from behind by a man who punched her several times and took her car keys. He fled the scene in the victim's vehicle described as a silver 2005 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 6ACG82. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 24 years of age, 5'8", wearing a black T-shirt, black baggy pants and a black baseball cap with some type of head covering underneath the hat.

Assault

April 8, in reference to an assault reported March 18 in the 6400 block of Capitol Drive, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident woman with first and second degree assault.

Weapon

April 12, 10:48 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a nonresident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon after police responded to a report of several juveniles entering an apartment during school time. As police entered the apartment building they heard voices inside the laundry room and detected the odor of what they believed to be marijuana. Several juveniles were located, with one being in possession of an "asp" type baton. The youth was released to the principal at Northwestern High School pending action by the juvenile justice system. The other youths (including several located in an apartment in the same building) were also students from Northwestern High School and were identified and released pending action by the school board.

Drugs

April 9, 7:27 p.m., 20 block Crescent Road, a Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of marijuana after police stopped a suspicious vehicle. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

April 10, 9:57 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, theft and traffic charges after police stopped a vehicle for a registra-

tion violation. Investigation revealed that the tag on the vehicle was stolen. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

April 13, 9:29 a.m., Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and driving without a license after he was stopped for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the man did not have a license and he was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine. He was released on citations pending trial.

DWI

April 7, 12:54 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance and driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance and/or alcohol after he was stopped for a traffic violation. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

April 10, 1:45 a.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision as a result of the investigation of a traffic accident. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

April 13, 12:43 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Fleeing and Eluding

April 11, 8:58 a.m., 7400 block Frankfurt Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driver fleeing and eluding uniformed police on foot. A nonresident youth was arrested for trespass, obstructing and hindering, possession of paraphernalia and false statement. Police responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle in a parking lot. Upon arriving on the scene both suspects bailed out of the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. Both were apprehended after a foot chase. The youth was found in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The man was released on citation pending trial. The youth was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Intoxication

April 7, 8:05 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication in a public place. A second nonresident man was arrested and charged

with driving while impaired and driving under the influence. The first man was observed standing in the roadway speaking to the second man who was in his vehicle stopped in the roadway. Police noticed that the first man was holding a beer and urinating on the road. Both were released on citation pending trial.

False ID

April 8, 7:15 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of false identification and traffic charges after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed that the man was in possession of a fake Social Security card. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

April 11, 11:20 a.m., Schrom Hills Park, it was reported that unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti inside a restroom.

Burglaries

April 11, 8:21 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. Money was taken.

April 12, 6:48 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. DVDs, video games and a video game player were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were stolen: a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a green 1999 Land Rover 4-door, Maryland tags 362M829 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; and a 1996 Honda Accord 4-door from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Four vehicles were recovered, all by non-Greenbelt police departments. One arrest was made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: the 7800 block Mandan Road (two incidents) and the 8000 block Mandan Road.

School Board Committee Meets

The Student Support Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in open session on Wednesday, April 27 at 5:30 p.m. (changed from 4:30 p.m. on the original board calendar) in the Board Executive Room at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. The meeting will be open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

For additional information, contact Jackie Gray, executive assistant, at 301-952-6116.

Hospital Sponsors Alcohol Awareness

The public is invited to join in a program for Alcohol Awareness Month and discuss some of the controversies regarding this drug. Washington Adventist Hospital will sponsor this free program on Tuesday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. For information call 301-681-1255.

Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a bi-weekly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) The report includes recent incidents, news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

Incident Report

From April 2 to April 15 the GVFD&RS responded to a total of 51 engine and 69 ambulance calls. Of those calls, 21 were reports of smoke or fire, two were hazardous material incidents, 22 were motor vehicle accidents and 49 were medical calls.

Fatal Accident

On April 7, just before 11 p.m., Greenbelt and Riverdale Heights were alerted to a motor vehicle accident on the northbound side of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near the Beltway. There was a report of one vehicle over the embankment. Upon arrival, crews found a two-car accident and it was determined that the driver in one of the vehicles involved had not survived. The other vehicle had gone over the embankment, causing non-life-threatening injuries to the two occupants. Ambulance 359 transported one of the patients. Chief 35-A had command of the scene.

Motorcycle Crash

Just before noon on April 9, Greenbelt was alerted to respond to a motorcycle crash in the northbound lanes of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway north of Greenbelt Road. Arriving units found a single motorcycle in the woods and one injured rider. The patient's injuries were non-life-threatening. After extricating the motorist from the woods, the patient was transported to an area hospital by a paramedic unit.

Volunteers Sought

The GVFD&RS is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more call the station at 301-345-7000, visit www.engine35.com or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments can be directed to 301-345-7000 or public-info@engine35.com.

PG Students Aid Tsunami Relief

Seeing images of other children and families suffering through the horrific Indian Ocean tsunami, Prince George's County public school students, parents and school leaders could not sit idly by. Dozens of public school communities have been engaged in fund-raising drives to contribute to the worldwide relief effort.

As a result, the Board of Education and Chief Executive Officer Andre J. Hornsby will present a check for nearly \$44,000 to the American Red Cross of Prince George's County to aid and express compassion for victims of a natural disaster that occurred thousands of miles away.

"We look forward to presenting a check to the American Red Cross on behalf of the children, parents and employees in our school system," said Beatrice P. Tignor, board chair. "The children showed great initiative to start the fund-raising efforts. Entire communities have expressed overwhelming compassion and generosity toward families they will never meet, which is demonstrated by the large donation."

In early January fund-raising activities began. Student government associations, student councils, parent-teacher associations and other school-based groups were engaged in many creative projects to contribute to the relief effort.

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safety improvements, traffic calming studies and implementation and developing the Greenbrook trails. Staff works with the Forest Preserve task force in developing of a forest preservation plan, reviews the draft environmental impact statement for the Intercounty Connector and works with the designer of a skateboard park next to the Youth Center.

Community Development

Sterling told council that the objective of his section of the department is to monitor new development construction and to protect the legacy of existing infrastructure. He is responsible for property maintenance inspection, parking enforcement, animal code enforcement, construction inspection of sediment control facilities and any work within the street rights-of-way and site development inspections. His crew is responsible for the inspection of housing complaints, about 200 a year, mostly tenant-related.

Sterling noted difficulty in working with state inspectors on two matters – the grading at the A. H. Smith property and at the new postal facility site. The state has taken over sediment control enforcement at the postal facility. The city will enforce violations for tracking mud on the streets. The city inspectors have a much better working relationship with the county inspectors.

Some other activities of code enforcement have been: improper grading and retaining wall construction at Patriots Village office park on the Golden Tri-

angle; reforestation work on Hanover Parkway and in Springhill Lake; and fire lane improvements at Lakeside North and various other locations.

Other miscellaneous responsibilities include window replacement at apartments on Crescent and Parkway; rats, rubbish and debris in a home in Greensprings I; improper trash disposal; and unfit properties.

Commercial properties are inspected once a year. Sterling cited there was a fire in a store-room at Beltway Plaza that was put out by just two sprinklers. He emphasized the importance of good fire safety codes.

Parking

Under parking enforcement, Sterling noted a special effort to enforce regulations against the parking of oversize vehicles on city streets. He noted the new procedures for flagging and collecting fines for violations. New procedures have been set up for voiding tickets in order to provide more accountability. The only regulations for vehicles on private property that the city can enforce are handicap parking, fire lane and expired tag violations.

The new prefabricated animal shelter has been erected and the city is waiting for PEPCO to perform the electrical installation. The city sponsored the third pet expo and again had a Pooch Plunge for dogs and their owners at the end of the outdoor swim season.

The animal control officer is involved in placing unwanted pets, public speaking engagements and, with other staff mem-

bers, volunteering time at an animal rescue facility in Davidsonville. If a stray animal is found that is deemed fit, the city will seek a new home for it. Volunteers will be helping out at the new shelter.

An educational booth was provided by the department at the Labor Day Festival.

Problems

"We have outgrown our space," Craze told council. When the department moved into the Community Center, it had six employees. It now has 11 full-time and one half-time person, with another to be employed. "We can't find space for all of our paper," she said.

Davis noted that Board of Education representatives have indicated they are not interested in the historic building section of Greenbelt Middle School (originally Greenbelt High School) and that if they get their new building as part of the Springhill Lake redevelopment, the city could have the old building. She thought that might be a way to provide the department with more space.

Craze wants to review permit fees. Some projects go on for a very long time. The Villages at Greenbelt Lake involved city enforcement for a nine-year period. She believes the city loses money on sediment control fees.

Parking Fines

The budget proposes increasing parking violation fines from \$25 to \$40. Sterling characterized the increase as being a little on the low side as compared to

other jurisdictions. On the other hand, he felt that fire lane violation fines were just right and that handicap parking violation fines were high.

When Davis asked council how they felt about increasing the fine, there seemed to be concurrence. Councilmember Konrad Herling said that it was OK, but that he could go a little higher. Sterling cautioned against going too high, as people are then more willing to go to court, which costs the city extra money and usually results in the judge awarding a lower penalty.

Craze felt that some positions needed reclassification so that office workers could do more of the administrative work now done by professional staff. That would be carried out as part of a reclassification study and not impact on next year's budget.

Training funds are sufficient to provide for only two planners to attend national conferences, which Craze feels are the single best training opportunity for planners. Both Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach expressed support for adequate training funds. McLaughlin, however, noted that the budget provided more funds than were provided this year.

Craze also raised the generic question of "Grants: are they worth the effort?" She noted a state grant of \$2,200 for the Greenbrook trails which would entail the city doing extensive paperwork.

Widowers Group

The next Patuxent Widowed Persons Service 6-week support group session will be begin on May 19 in the Community Center. The meetings take place every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. More details will be forthcoming in the News Review.

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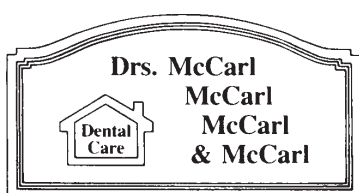
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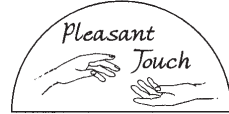
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by Matt Johnson

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Greenbelt's Potomac Watershed Cleanup is part of a larger effort to remove trash from the shoreline of the Potomac River and its tributaries. This spring 3,500 volunteers purged 162 tons of trash from 166 sites.

At the Northway Tributary of Beaver Dam Creek, nearly a mile into the woods of Northway Park, fish were discovered in a stream by a diverse group of volunteers taking time out of their day to clean up other people's trash.

"What really got me today was them fish," said William Smith, of the Public Works Department. He and Cindy Murray were there on behalf of the City of Greenbelt, supplying the trash-collecting hooks, bags and directions to the site. Trees were marked with spray paint to lead volunteers through the woods.

The Northway crew included Marjorie Gray of Crescent Road, Matt and Valerie Elliot of Mandan Road, Paul Downs from the Committee to Save the Greenbelt, Susan Barnett from the Beaver Dam Creek Watershed Group, Miae Kim also from the Beaver Dam Creek Watershed Group and Neal Barnett, chairman of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

The Elliots brought along their dog Heidi, an adventurous black Labrador retriever.

Among other objects, the crew found a plastic milk crate, a softball, two tires, a bin from a refrigerator and a log from a log cabin, long gone.

Gray said that last year, while cleaning up the watershed in Springhill Lake, her crew found toys, balls and Frisbees. "There was even a shopping cart," she added.

Downs has participated in the cleanup nearly every year since he started almost 20 years ago. His committee has turned the area around Northway Park into a forest preserve with the help of the community.

He remarked that in his time he's discovered countless water bottles carelessly discarded in Mother Nature. He theorized that most of the trash comes from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

"When I was growing up they had commercials [which increased] public consciousness on littering," Downs said, giving the example of a popular PSA featuring a Native American standing beside a littered highway with a tear in his eye.

"To me the serious violator here is the bottling company for refusing to [give compensation] for returning the bottles," he said. "With the middle class shrinking and people becoming poor you'd get a lot of people out there picking up bottles."

Downs and the rest of the group scoured the stream from both banks, even wading into the muddy water when they had to in order to ferret out trash half-buried in the streambed.

"I feel like [the environment] was created beautiful and human beings messed it up, so I feel like it's our responsibility to try to get it back the way it was, as close as we can," Gray said. "People just litter, wherever they go they



Volunteers at Beaver Dam Creek included (on left bank) Valerie Elliot, (on right bank from back to front) Susan Barnett, Matt Elliot with dog Heidi, Marjorie Gray and Paul Downs.

just leave their stuff, their trash." Nonetheless, Gray enjoys cleaning up the environment, calling the effort "fun."

The Northway cleanup took place on April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon while the Springhill Lake cleanup took place as scheduled, on April 2, during the same hours. Locations for the cleanup are decided on a yearly basis but the stream behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center has been a popular site in the last few years.

SHL Stream

Seven people turned up on April 2, including two University of Maryland students. Sam Orgel, a freshman business major, said he and his friend Stephen Ross, also a business major, showed up because of a "class assignment slash desire to better our community."

Brian Gibbons, a 52-year-old citizen of Springhill Lake, was there to clean up "all this debris and actually recyclable materials

that get caught up in the streams and the roads and the wetlands."

"I have to walk by it everyday when I go to the Metro," he said. Gibbons was well-decorated with rain gear, right down to a brimmed hat and galoshes. He wheeled his collected trash around in a shopping cart. The shopping cart also came out of the stream.

"Other people driving through here seem to use their car window as a disposal," he said.

When Gibbons gets a week-day off of work, he usually combines a bike ride with a cleanup of bike trails between the recreation center and Bladensburg Park.

"I filled about 100 [trash bags] last summer," he said. "Between writing letters and getting involved in the community, this is something I can do that tends to be worthwhile - the unfortunate part is that there's always more."

Gibbons' reward is that he'll



Cleaning the streambed at Beaver Dam Creek are Marjorie Gray (standing) and Susan Barnett (stooping).

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"be able to walk by a place, and it'll be a lot cleaner." He also hopes to draw the attention of government funding agencies to environmental issues with his participation in organized clean-ups.

The remaining four, Robert and Margaret Cahalan, Rob Oerter and David Gleason, represented Mother Jones Tutoring.

"We wanted to make the area look better, give the kids a chance to have some fun," said Oerter. "Unfortunately, none of the kids came along."

The Springhill Lake crew had their work interrupted by a sudden deluge of rain around 11 a.m. Nevertheless, they were able to collect 230 pounds of trash and 105 pounds of recyclables. The Northway crew collected 320 pounds of trash and 42 pounds of recyclables.

Jeanette Tate-Mims, of the Public Works Department, said she cleans up trash everyday.

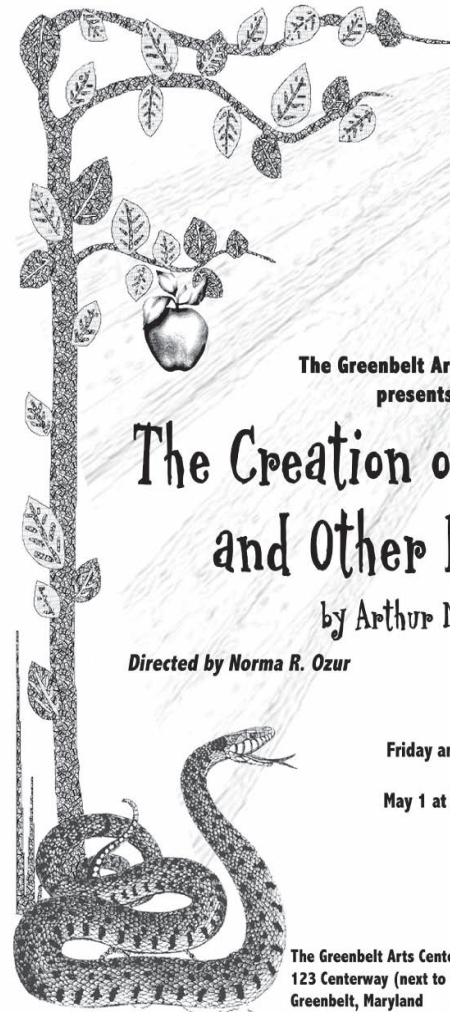
"When I ride down the street and there's no trash, it's a good feeling because I know that I'm responsible."



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University of Maryland students (left to right) Sam Orgel and Stephen Ross help with the cleanup at Springhill Lake.

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