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Greenbelt students were honored by state, county and city officials at the ACE Awards Ceremony on May 9, held at the municipal building as part of the regular city council meeting. From left to right in the first row are: Alla Lake (ACE); Delegate Anne Healey; Delegate Tawanna Gaines; Andikan (Victor) Eno; Tierra White; Roberto Martinez; Kelly Le; Kathy Lewis (ACE); County Councilmember Douglas Peters; Magnolia Principal Phyllis Gillens; Tim Wedig (ACE); and Judy Austin, principal of Greenbelt Middle School. In the second row, left to right, are: LaShelle Ferguson (ACE), Jou Waih Lau, Ariela Haber, Elies Moumena, Megan Shaffer, Wesley Hilliard, Kayla Greenhill, Shameika Willis and Eva Griffin (ACE). In the back, left to right, are: Jeffrey Morissette (ACE), Senator Paul Pinsky; Prince George's County school board member Jose Morales; Zachary Yokel; City Councilmember Edward Putens; ERHS Principal Sylvester Conyers; City Councilmember Leta Mach; Dominique Daniels; Mayor Judith Davis; City Councilmember Rodney Roberts; Delegate Justin Ross; and City Councilmember Konrad Herling.

Greenbelt Students Receive Special Awards from ACE

by Marat Moore

Greenbelt's outstanding students of 2005 were honored on May 9 by state, county and city officials at the 11th Annual Student Awards Program, presented by the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) as part of the regular city council meeting. One girl and one boy from each of six area schools were recognized for their academic performance, outstanding citizenship and leadership contributions to their schools. An additional

State Delegate Award was presented by Delegate Anne Healey. ACE Chair Eva Griffin served as master of ceremonies for the presentations.

Presenting the awards were State Senator Paul Pinsky; State delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross; County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters; and members of the Greenbelt City Council, including Mayor Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Konrad

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Site Plan Exemption Sought By GHI; City Support Needed

by Diane Oberg

The overflow crowd at the May 26 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) Board of Directors cheered and applauded when newly re-elected President Julia Eichhorst announced that County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters had introduced a bill two days earlier that would allow GHI members to construct additions without undergoing a detailed site plan review as required for additions larger than 25 percent of the original gross floor area of the unit by a previously unenforced 1988 county law. Joyce Abell, Dorothy Lauber and Sylvia Lewis were also re-elected as vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. The board also unanimously approved a board resolu-

tion asking the Greenbelt City Council to support the requested change.

Peters' bill does not mention GHI by name but there is only one "cooperative housing corporation that has [a]t least 1,000 residential dwelling units in its community; and [a]n internal review process for additions or alterations to residential units" located in an RPC zone in the county.

The GHI Board unanimously (with Boardmember Chuck Hess absent) approved the resolution. The bill had been submitted quickly by Peters to meet county council scheduling requirements and asking that additions that

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What Goes On

- Saturday, June 4**
8 to 10 p.m., Family Swim, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
- Sunday, June 5**
12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI Home and Garden Tour. Begin at Museum. Maps available at Community Center
- 1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
- 2:50 p.m., Anniversary Remarks by Mayor and Council, Community Center
- Monday, June 6**
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Adoption of FY2006 Budget, Municipal Building
- Wednesday, June 8**
8 p.m., Council Worksession with Civic Associations (stakeholders), Community Center
- Saturday, June 11** – Passholders and Residents Register for Children's Swimming Lessons, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
- Sunday, June 12 and Monday, June 13** – Open Registration for Swim Lessons between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only. Register in person at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Greenbelt Day Celebration
Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5

Greenbelt Day Weekend: Some History and Activities

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt is celebrating its 68th anniversary on Greenbelt Day June 5 with a whole week-end of festivities. Greenbelt is now a relatively large and diverse city and many newcomers may not be aware of the history that is being celebrated. The following summary is taken from the Prince George's County Historical Society marker that can be found at the Southway entrance to the city:

"Greenbelt was the first of three planned garden towns built and owned by the U.S. Government during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was a 'new deal' experiment in community planning, of note to urban planners throughout the world. The 885 original homes were built in a series of clusters, joined by interior walks and circling central business, civic and recreation facilities.

"Greenbelt was incorporated June 1, 1937, as the first Maryland city with council-manager government. In 1952, the residents of the community formed a

cooperative and purchased most of the government built houses. By 1954, the U.S. Government had sold all developed property and most vacant land. While many new neighborhoods are also included in the present city, the original planned community continues as a cooperative."

The annual celebration takes place on the first weekend in June and includes activities and festivities starting early Friday, June 3 and continuing through Sunday evening. Mayor Judith Davis and city councilmembers will commemorate the anniversary with a brief presentation on Sunday at 2:50 p.m. at the Community Center.

Every day, there will be many activities to enjoy. Swim all weekend in both the indoor and outdoor pools. Many ballgames will take place on Friday evening and Sunday at Braden and McDonald fields.

The Greenbelt Police Department is hosting the United States

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2006 Budget

City Offered Suggestions To Contain Budget Growth

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council held its second and last public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 and heard mild comments on the need to hold the line on taxes from a few citizens. Mayor Judith Davis toward the end of the hearing announced that the council at its final budget worksession had agreed to changes in the budget that would reduce the amount of the six cent proposed rate increase by between one-half and two cents. The amount of reduction is dependent on final actions taken by the Prince George's County Council in adopting its budget and by the governor in signing or vetoing bills passed by the legislature. Citizens wishing to be heard on the city budget still have one final chance on June 6 when the council considers the budget for adoption, as citizens are permitted to give comments on any subject pending before the council.

The first citizen to speak, Keith Chernikoff of Boxwood Village, did not advocate for changes to the current budget but urged the council to institute a rewards program for employees who suggest cost-cutting measures and that council take a closer look at the cost structure for inspection fees to insure that the revenues from such fees cover the costs of inspection. To the first suggestion, City Man-

ager Michael McLaughlin advised that the city had done such programs in the past and that perhaps it was time to try one again. Davis noted that City Planning and Community Development Director Celia Wilson had looked into our fee structure and found Greenbelt to be in the middle of inspection fees imposed by various jurisdictions and McLaughlin chimed in that the fees had been raised by six percent last year.

Chernikoff concluded his remarks by telling the council that Greenbelt is a desirable community in which to live. "Greenbelt is the place it is because of the people who live here and the services which are provided."

Informal Poll

Clement Lau of Lakewood said he was there to speak on behalf of other Greenbelters to whom he had talked. He wished that they could have been there as well. He noted that of the approximately 40 persons he had talked to, about half were opposed to raising the tax rate on top of the increase in property assessment which will cause taxes to rise as well. A couple of these expressed no feelings about the subject noting that they could always sell and move if taxes got too high. One neighbor, he said, was unaware that a tax increase was proposed.

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Editorial

A Job Well Done!

The Greenbelt City Council can take great satisfaction in its success in obtaining a meaningful voice earlier this month in the development of Greenbelt Station when the city entered into agreement with the developer-owners. This proposed massive development at the west end of the city including the Metro Station parking lot and adjacent undeveloped land to the south outside the city limits along the eastern side of the CSX and Metro rail tracks will unquestionably affect our city. With strong support at both county and state levels for the project, it is important that the city have a strong voice in its development rather than to oppose what appears inevitable.

The city's success seems to result directly from its lawsuit by City Solicitor Robert Manzi at the direction of council that challenged county approvals of the development's preliminary site plan and conceptual site plan. It was necessary for the city to take that case all the way to the state's highest court after suffering a series of defeats.

As is typically the case with negotiated agreements, this is not to everyone's liking; it involved give and take by both parties. Still, there is benefit for the city - particularly in the agreement's recognition of the city's role in the plan approval process - for the council majority to have wisely approved it. Other significant features include the developer's agreement to seek annexation to the city of the now unincorporated South Core (with no commitment on the city's part to agree to it), dedication of land for public use, financial support for six additional police officers and amelioration of environmental impacts caused by the development.

It has been a long, drawn out and costly process to reach this point of agreement. Both current and former members of city council who were involved, the city manager, the city planning staff and the city attorney can take pride in a job well done. We extend to them our congratulations.

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Police Canine Association certification trials Friday and Saturday at Schrom Hills Park. The Greenbelt Photo Club will have an exhibit at the Aquatic Center - "Small Wonders; Images for Spring." It will be the final weekend for the Nature of Green Man art exhibit in the Community Center gallery featuring works of more than 20 local artists. Also in the Community Center is the Greenbelt Museum Exhibition "Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era."

A family swim night from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt outdoor pool will be the highlight of Saturday evening

Sunday, Greenbelt Day

Many activities are concentrated on Greenbelt Day itself - Sunday June 5. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will hold a home and garden tour featuring remodeling and renovation projects as well as landscaped gardens. Walking tour maps will be available at the Community Center. The Greenbelt Museum historic house on Crescent Road will also be open for visitors.

Greenbelt Artful Afternoon will host an art project with an Asian theme for all ages at the Community Center. Participants will create whimsical sculptures that will be used for the July 4th celebration at Buddy Attick park. No experience is necessary to participate. Following the mayor's comments on the 68th anniversary, there will be a performance of Japanese dance Kotobuki Kai. This presentation features dancers in full costume and is for the entire family. In fact, some children will be selected from the audience to participate. Many of the artists-in-residence at the Community Center will have studio open houses that afternoon.

At 4 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will host the lecture "Something Old, Something New: Inventing the American Wedding" in the Community Center multipurpose room. Alden O'Brien, curator of Costume and Textiles for the D.A.R. Museum is the presenter.

The weekend festivities end with a reception at the New Deal Café on Sunday night for two Greenbelt artists whose works will be on display. The community is invited to come and meet photographer Dorian Winterfeld and artist Shirl Hayes.

(Last week's News Review included the full schedule of events for Greenbelt Day weekend.)

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Sun., June 5	2:00 p.m.	All Star Game
Mon., June 6	6:00 p.m.	Rain Makeup
Tues., June 7	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Cubs
Wed., June 8	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cardinals
Thurs., June 9	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics
Fri., June 10	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
Fri., June 10	7:00 p.m.*	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Sat., June 11	10:00 a.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Sat., June 11	1:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Lions

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/31/05

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	9 - 4	Cardinals	7 - 6
Orioles	8 - 5	Cubs	6 - 6
Tigers	7 - 6	Indians	6 - 7
Athletics	2 - 9	Lions	6 - 8

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

Machine Pitch

Mon., June 6	6:00 p.m.	Marlins vs. Mets
Wed., June 8	6:00 p.m.	Phillies vs. Marlins
Fri., June 10	6:00 p.m.	Mets vs. Phillies

All games at Braden #3

Foreign Students Seek Host Families

Hosting a high school exchange student is like bringing the world to the doorstep.

Foundation for Intercultural Travel (F.I.T.), a State Department designated exchange visitor program, is currently matching international students, ages 15 to 18, with host families in this area. Families of all "types" are eligible to host. Retired couples to single-parent families as well as two-parent families can enjoy hosting an international son or daughter.

Students arrive approximately one week before the local school's start date and bring their own spending money for

clothes, entertainment and other expenses. They have their own medical insurance. Most importantly, they bring a sincere desire to become part of the family.

Host families agree to provide room and board and to include their student as a family member. F.I.T. has one semester as well as full academic year students available. All students speak English. Call to set up an interview with the local representative.

For more information about hosting a student or joining the team of local area representatives without any obligation, call Foundation for Intercultural Travel at 877-439-7862.

Letters to the Editor

Invasive Plant Control Not Brush Fire Cause

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) in response to a letter printed in the May 12, 2005, issue of the News Review.

The letter stated that a recent brush fire near the 13 Court of Hillside was caused by the inappropriate actions of GHI and criticized the integrity of our cooperative organization. The fire appears to have originated in a pile of dried leaves at the edge of the woodland area, not as a result of invasive plant control efforts as the letter asserts.

For the last several years, GHI has been pursuing a proactive management plan to control the spread of harmful invasive plant species within our forested areas. These plants pose a significant threat to the health and integrity of the forested areas that make our community so special. They crowd out native plants and de-

stroy the food source for native wildlife. If left unchecked, these plants will kill mature trees and ruin entire forest ecosystems.

GHI's plan calls for eradicating plants such as English ivy, bamboo, multiflora rose, bush honeysuckle and others in our woodlands. Our plan and management techniques are based on expert recommendations from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy.

We welcome the support of the public and volunteers in helping GHI protect the health of our woodlands. More information is available online at www.ghi.coop/woodlands/.

*Julia Eichhorst,
President
GHI Board of Directors*

SHARE Food Network Distribution Site

Community-based, non-profit network providing nutritious, low-cost food packages (\$35-40 value) for just \$16 per box and 2 hrs. volunteer service. Available to everyone.

Greenbelt Baptist Church
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads
Contact Church Office (301) 474-4212 x4



Call Church Office for June's menu and June's specials menu.

Order date for June: June 13 / Pickup Date: June 24 6-7 pm
Also available June special box (same price as regular box)

Make checks payable to **Greenbelt Baptist Church** and write "SHARE" in the memo portion of your check. Mail or bring your check to the Church Office. **Payment in FULL due BEFORE pickup date.**

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Week of JUNE 3

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Friday

*4:30, 7:30, 10:15

Saturday

*1:30, *4:30, 7:30, 10:15

Sunday

*1:30, *4:30, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*4:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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

Community Events

Greenbriar Board Meets June 7 & 22

Greenbriar Condominiums Phase III Board Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7. The Board Meetings for Phase I and Phase II will follow at 7:30 p.m. in Greenbriar's Commons Room.

The Greenbriar Community Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 in the Commons Room.

For more information on these meetings, call Bridgette Ferrell at 301-441-1096.

Park Seeks Help Resurfacing Trails

The National Park Service, in cooperation with REI Outfitters, will sponsor a volunteer service event to repair trails in Greenbelt Park. The event will take place Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the park's Holly Picnic Area. The rain date is September 10.

At least 100 volunteers are needed to resurface and redirect trails in the park. Volunteers should be at least 14 years of age due to the nature of the work. Chaperones are necessary for ages 14 to 17 years. Participants should wear heavy shoes and dress for the weather. Gloves will be provided by the park. REI will provide lunch at the end of the day.

Community service forms will be honored for participating students at the end of the day's program. Interested persons are encouraged to RSVP for this event by calling Mal Fordham, Greenbelt Park trail maintenance event coordinator, at 301-982-9681. For further information contact Park Ranger Alex Culver at 301-344-3944.

At the Library

Children

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. – Teddy Bear's Picnic for ages 2 to 5 years with caregiver. Bring a teddy bear or other stuffed animal.

Adults

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. to noon – Poetry Plus Club, Multicultural Poetry – Arthur Rimbaud's poetry.

Greenbelt CARES

Teresa Smithson attended a workshop sponsored by the Maryland Psychological Association on Friday, May 27. The workshop was entitled "Research and Practice in Normal, Aging and Cognitive Impairment, and Dementia, and was led by Felicia Hill-Briggs, Ph.D., ABPP, of the Department of Medicine and Rehabilitation at John Hopkins.

Liz Park attended the Maryland Juvenile Justice Coalition Meeting on May 17.

During the month of May, 14 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. Forty-six individuals on average came on a weekly basis among whom 22 were 18 years of age and younger. Sixty-seven students participated in tutoring services

GHI Notes

June 5 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. – House and Garden Tour, starts at the Museum, 10B Crescent Rd.

June 8 at 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee, in the Board Room

Summer Tutoring At Springhill Lake

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will again conduct a summer tutoring program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center starting on Saturday, June 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and continue every Saturday through August 13. The program is for all area students, grades 1 to 12, and will provide tutoring at remedial, review and advanced levels. SAT help will also be provided as needed.

The program will be patterned after the Homework and Tutoring Program and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program held during the school year. Computers will be used when appropriate.

For more information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Mishkan Torah Choir Gives Spring Concert

Mishkan Torah's Concert Choir will present its fifth annual spring concert on Sunday evening, June 5 at 7 p.m., directed by Becky Silverstein, a retired music and choir teacher in the Baltimore County school system. The guest accompanist will be Chris Wells, a long-time music director of MAD musicals at Goddard.

Available for purchase at the concert will be the choir's first CD. It includes 15 songs featuring different soloists and instrumentalists. The choir sings with instrumentation as well as a capella on the CD.

Arts Center Presents Season's Last Play

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents the final play of its silver anniversary season, "Over the River and Through the Woods," by Joe DePietro.

The play is a warm, family, ethnic comedy with some very dramatic and poignant moments and laughs all the way. A young, single Italian-American man from New Jersey announces his great out-of-town promotion to both sets of his grandparents, whom he visits for dinner every Sunday. As the grandparents cook, conspire and cajole to get him to stay "for the family" he gets to know and love them even more. This play is by the author of the long-running musical revue "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

This production is directed by Bob Hoffman, 25-year veteran of the area's Community Theatre and produced by Pamela Hutchinson. It is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Performances will be on Fridays and Saturdays, June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. There are two Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on June 12 and 19. All performances take place at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. There is a fee.

For reservations, call 301-441-8770. For general information and directions, call Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770 or visit www.greenbeltartscenter.org.

Sunday Art Reception At New Deal Café

The public is invited to an artists' reception on Sunday, June 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. for Dorian Winterfeld and Shirl Hayes, at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This is a joint show of Winterfeld's photographs and Hayes' artworks.

Winterfeld's photographs are colorful and unusual portraits he has taken at various festivals. Hayes' silk flower/plaster artworks celebrate nature and are in the spirit of the seasons. She is known to Greenbelters through her art and music reviews in the Greenbelt News Review. She also worked at the New Deal Café following her return in 2002 after living in Germany for three years. She says that through the New Deal Café she became part of the community.

The monthly art exhibits at the New Deal Café are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with a supporting grant from Prince George's County, courtesy of County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters.

GIVES Holds Annual Meeting on June 11

The annual meeting of GIVES (the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will take place at the Community Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 11. A new policy concerning the provision of transportation as a service will be introduced for approval at the meeting.

A new special award for past outstanding service will be offered this year to members of the organization who will be honored with wall plaques and certificates.

Also on the agenda will be the election of officers for the new year.

National Trails Day At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is celebrating National Trails Day (an annual celebration aimed at raising awareness of and appreciation for trails) on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Take the Path to a Healthier You!"

Come help remove invasive plants, replace mile markers, enjoy a walk discovering the Exercise Fit trail or the other trails in the park. There will be giveaways including water bottles, T-shirts and water. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area near the entrance of the park.

National Trails Day is coordinated nationally by the American Hiking Society, a national non-profit group.

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

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

An Evening of Comedy and Music

Featuring Christian Comedian

Dan Brennan

**Friday, June 10, 8PM
Mowatt Memorial UMC
40Ridge Road**

**Tickets \$8.00
Desserts for sale**

On Screen

"Cinderella" Fella

A first-run film, "Cinderella Man," opens Friday, June 3 at Old Greenbelt Theatre. Superstar Russell Crowe plays the title role of heavyweight boxer Jim Braddock. A standout – for real – in the 1920s and '30s, family man Braddock runs into setbacks that would have put many a badly-beset boxer, much less a contender, on the ropes. He wins key support from his wife (played by Renee Zellweger) and combined corner man, manager and best friend (Paul Giamatti).

Director Ron Howard, backed by a clean-jean script and balanced score, has helped bring out top-ticket performances by a savvy cast. Nor are punches pulled in the tough matches, while tough Depression times get their due. This film is cut from different cloth than "Million Dollar Baby" and other boxing-centered productions of recent vintage. PG-13, 144 minutes.

– *Eli Flam*

Greenbelt Elementary PTA Meets Tuesday

Parents of next year's kindergartners and of other students are invited to attend a meeting of the Greenbelt Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. in the School's Media Center. Free babysitting will be available during the meeting. At this final meeting of the year, the PTA will plan activities for next year, including school events, the Labor Day book sale, fundraising and other ways that the PTA supports the school. More information about the PTA is available on the website at <http://greenbelt.com/gespta>.

Parents are also reminded that registration of kindergarten students is now open at the school.



Park Seeks Junior Rangers

The Rangers of Greenbelt Park are looking for Junior Rangers.

Greenbelt Park is an 1,100-acre forest featuring ten miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior Rangers will participate in environmental education, field trips and become stewards of the National Park Service.

Applications for the 2005 Junior Ranger program will be available starting on Wednesday, June 1. Pre-registration is mandatory and all applications will be reviewed and applicants will be contacted. The program is for 8 to 12 year olds.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, June 14 through Friday, June 17. Each session will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline for the first session is Wednesday, June 8.

For more information, call 301-344-3944.

*Congratulations
to the
Graduating
Classes of 2005*

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church
10110 Greenbelt Road
is holding its annual yard sale
on Saturday, June 4, 2005.
Vendor space is available on the
church lawn on a first come basis
on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
Call Jean at 301-794-8082
for additional information.

MISHKAN TORAH CONCERT CHOIR

Presents:

FIFTH ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, June 5, 2005, at 7 pm

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md.

First half of the concert will consist of excerpts of Haydn's "Creation in English."

Soloists: Phil Greenfield, Cantor of Mishkan Torah Synagogue
Yael Fischman, Cantor of Beth Torah Synagogue
Benjamin Greenfield, Nadine Wobus, Don Juran

Second half of the concert will consist of new compositions by Don Juran and will include the three soloists listed above. Plus there will be a medley of Paul Simon songs and other compositions sung in Yiddish, Ladino and Hebrew.

For tickets call the synagogue at 301-474-4223 and leave a message for Ms. Pearlman. Price for adults in advance is \$12/at the door \$15. Price for children under 13 years of age in advance is \$6/at the door \$8.

Correction

Greenbelt House and Garden Tour

Sunday, June 5, 2005

12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Start at the

**Greenbelt Museum
10B Crescent Road**

Obituaries

Margaret Feeney

Margaret (Marge) Feeney, 74, a long time Greenbelt resident died at home Wednesday, May 25, 2005.



Mrs. Feeney was born and raised on a farm near Nashville, Tenn. She graduated from East Nashville High School in 1949 and moved to Washington, D.C., to work for the AFL/CIO. While living in a boarding house on Connecticut Avenue, she lived across the street from her future husband.

On June 4, 1955, she wed Andrew Feeney. They soon moved to British Guyana where Andy was on a government mission to educate the countrymen toward agricultural independence.

In 1958 they made their home in Greenbelt, first at 14 Court Ridge Road and, as their family grew, they moved to a larger home on Northway.

Mrs. Feeney was active in Democratic politics, including campaigning and fundraising. She hosted lively parties for her favorite council candidates. She was a member of the local Democratic Club and was also a member of GHI.

An active member of St. Hugh's Church, she taught CCD and was a member of the Sodality and Ladies of Charity.

Her husband Andrew Feeney died March 13, 2002.

She is survived by sons Andrew and his wife Rhonda, of N.J.; David of Greenbelt; Patrick of Ohio; Mark of Deale, Md.; and Steven and his wife Kelci of Laurel; and daughter Andrea of Greenbelt. Steve and Pat are currently serving in Iraq. Steve is in the National Guard and Pat is with the Department of Defense.

Survivors also include sisters Willette Winfrey and Mildred McKee of Tennessee and Eleanor Douglas of Georgia and one brother Lawrence Jones of Tennessee.

There will be a memorial mass at St. Hugh's Church on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Ladies of Charity at St. Hugh's Church.

St. Hugh Knights Celebrated Their Charter Night May 7

by Austin Conaty

The Greenbelt St. Hugh Knights of Columbus Council celebrated Charter Night on May 7 commemorating the founding of the local council. "It was 13 years ago on May 6, 1992, that the council was formed," said Charter Grand Knight Joe Griffith.

Since then 14 of the original charter members have died. The fallen Knights, their widows and children were remembered by current Grand Knight David Lockwood as he addressed those in attendance, adding that six of those 14 Knights had died in the year since the last Charter Night.

The council participates in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival with the pancake breakfast and by marching in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Since the council's founding, the Knights have also raised money through the Tootsie Roll campaign for organizations in the community and for the mentally handicapped including Special Olympics Prince George's County. Charter Night celebration includes a dinner and council and community awards presentations.

Awards

This year the Knight of the Year was John Winfrey. John and Gloria and their children contribute in many ways to the council and have been helping with the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival in recent years.

The Family of the Year was the Hilliards. Larry and Leslie Hilliard and their children have been involved in St. Hugh's in so many ways it is no wonder they were selected. Sons Harrison

and Wesley are frequent St. Hugh's altar servers. Larry, as CYO president, directed the formation of the St. Hugh's CYO Track Team, coached by Karen Spruill. Daughter Haley is a member of the track team and along with others received her First Holy Communion the weekend of the Charter Night dinner. Larry organized the Ten and Under Triathlon held in Greenbelt on May 21. Leslie has been a room mother at St. Hugh's for many years. She maintains the web pages for the CYO and Home & School Association (HSA). Leslie has been involved in many fundraisers for the HSA including the recent Silent Auction.

Community awards included: Citizen of the Year Bob Janus for tireless excellence and dedication to the Prince George's Special Olympics, Catholic Teacher of the Year Mary Nauman for inspirational instruction as a 4th grade teacher and religious educator, Firefighter of the Year Randall Mangum of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for always being there when he's needed and Police Officer of the Year Robert Thomas of the U.S. Park Police (Greenbelt Station) for helping to keep Greenbelt safe by patrolling the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Newly appointed Chief of U.S. Park Police Dwight E. Petitford attended the evening in support of Thomas, who recently has been reassigned from Greenbelt to Rock Creek Park.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of long-time Greenbelter Marge Feeney. Our sympathy to her family.

Our sympathies to News Review staffer Kathie Jarva on the death of her father in Arizona.

Congratulations to Nyssa Jean Cummings, daughter of former News Review staffer Cynthia and Jay Cummings of Northway. Nyssa, a freshman at Goucher College, was named to the Dean's List for spring 2005.


Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Frank Dorsey of Lastner Lane who recently underwent additional back surgery.

We wish a speedy recovery to city employee John Wojcik, who is also recuperating from surgery.

Congratulations to all of Greenbelt's high school and college seniors who are graduating with the classes of 2005!

NARFE Meets


The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be a buffet supper on Wednesday, June 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Willows Senior Community Center in Bowie. Ron Bowers, IPP, of the Maryland Federation will be the speaker. After the meeting members may elect to attend the Bowie Baysox baseball game as a group. Call 301-937-7987 for information and reservations.



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PG Library Offers Summer Reading

Summer reading programs for adults, teens, children and preschoolers will begin registration June 1 at all branch libraries. Programs end August 31. These programs encourage reading with small incentives, prize drawings and free special summer programs.

Prince George's County Public Schools students will receive a recommended summer reading booklet. This booklet, produced in partnership with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, provides grade-level reading suggestions.

Pre-K & Kindergarten

"Reading Ever After" for pre-K and kindergarten. Parents are asked to share a love of reading with their child this summer. Whether the child is reading-ready or learning to read, the library will provide a fun sheet of age-appropriate reading activities for the little one.

Ages 6 to 12

"Wild About Reading" for children 6 to 12 - Join a swinging safari this summer and find excitement and rewards (including a Bowie Baysox ticket). Stop in to register and pick up an activity/reading log.

Ages 13 to 18

"Just Read It" for teens 13 to 18 - Visit a branch library to register, pick up a reading log and start reading. Finish four books before August 31 and win a small prize and become eligible to win a gift certificate to a store of one's choice.

Adults

"Escape to Reading" for adults over 18 years of age - Join in a summer of reading, relaxation and rewards at the local branch library. Pick up an "Escape to Reading" registration brochure, which includes program guidelines, a personal reading log and prize drawing form. Finish six books and become eligible to win a special grand prize.

Arboretum Shows Flower Arranging

On Saturday, June 11, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum presents the Sogetsu Ikebana flower arranging show.

Enjoy the surprising materials in the arrangements entered in this free annual exhibit of Sogetsu, a modern school of Ikebana or Japanese flower arranging. Co-sponsored by the members of Sogetsu Maryland and Washington Sogetsu, the event will be held in the auditorium at the U.S. National Arboretum. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-4523 for more information.

Law Enforcement Job Fair June 11

People interested in a career in law enforcement should attend the Law Enforcement Job Fair on June 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The job fair will be held at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Va.

Individuals will meet representatives from over 25 federal and local law enforcement agencies from Maryland, Virginia and D.C., including the Greenbelt Police Department. Information will be available about careers in police work, corrections, investigations and civilian positions as well as criminal justice education. More detail can be obtained from www.lejobfair.com.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

**Municipal Building
Regular Meeting
Adoption of FY 2006 Budget
June 6, 2005 - 8:00 p.m.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Introduction of City Manager's Office Intern - Brent A. Elrod

National Small Cities and Towns Day - Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.) - Forest Preserve Task Force, Communication (Trash in Preserve Area)

LEGISLATION

Adoption of the Budget

An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Temporary Disability Reserve Fund, Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2006 Beginning July 1, 2005, and Including June 30, 2006 (1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Increasing the Fine for Various Violations of This Chapter, Effective July 1, 2005 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 973 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 2005 (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Approval of Metroland Covenants
- RPC Zoning Regulations
- Election Issues
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2005

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.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

Meetings for June 6th to June 10th

■ **Monday, June 6, 8:00pm**, Regular City Council Meeting/Budget Adoption, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

■ **Wednesday, June 8, 8:00pm**, Council Work Session with Civic Associations (Stakeholder), Community Center

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **June 14, 2005, at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 202, Greenbelt, MD on the following variance applications:

An application filed by Ibrahim Uyar for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 6807 Landon Court, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 7.5' from rear yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a 12.7' x 23.2' deck.

An application filed by Marcel & Bernadette Onuorah for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 7920 Greenbury Drive, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 10' from rear yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a deck.

An application filed by Tonya & Alieu Ceesay for consideration of a request for variances on premises located at 6815 Green Crescent Court, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 15' from rear yard setback requirements and 3' from side yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a 16' x 36' deck and catwalk along rear of home.

An application filed by Donald Chomas for consideration of variances on premises located at 1 Forestway, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 15.5' from front yard setback requirements and 2' from side yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing an addition on his home.

For more information call 301-345-5417

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, June 6 at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting/Budget Adoption **Tuesday & Thursday, June 7 & 9: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert, 7pm" "Springhill Lake Elementary School presents Ray: The Legacy of a Legend," **8:00pm** Replay of Council Meeting of 6/6.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, June 8 & 10: 7pm "Future View," **8:30pm:** GAC presents "Betty the Yeti."

Bring the family out to enjoy a celebration of Greenbelt's 68th year. Greenbelt Day Weekend is Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5. A full schedule was published in last week's *News Review* and can also be found at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or on Channel 71. Patrol Dog Competition, GHI House & Garden Tour, An Artful Afternoon, Baseball Games, Museum Lecture/Slide Show, Family Swim and much more!

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* Mortgage Loan Fees may include appraisal, credit report, processing, document preparation, an underwriting fee, flood certificate, tax service, wire transfer, and other fees. Please note that the actual APR may vary depending upon the Mortgage Loan Fees the participating lender charges the borrower. Rates are subject to change.

Footloose

Taking Refuge

Since Dubya recently left his footprint – well, bikeprint – at the Patuxent Research Refuge, just north of Greenbelt, should the News Review be far behind? On a recent Wednesday, when Washington, D.C., was on alert, President Bush biked mid-day in a closed stretch of the Refuge; the next Sunday morning Footloose and wife hied over to the almost 13,000-acre retreat's open South Tract. First stop: the National Wildlife Visitor Center, take-off point for a net of six short walking trails.

A volunteer inside the bulwark of a building noted that the far side of Cash Lake Trail was closed until mid-June, to permit ducks, geese and other birds to nest there. At least one duck was breeding, he reported.

Starting with the Loop Trail, the lone paved and largely untreed stretch, we passed a group of Brownies and their adult leaders, then segued through nicely-spaced woods to Goose Pond, where a bleacher-backed area is available to educationally-minded groups. A pleasantly twisting route tracked by the near side of Cash Lake, which looked to be at least twice the girth of our Greenbelt impoundment. Threatening skies sprinkled as we trended up Valley Trail and then on Fire Road Trail. In stepping out some three miles under elm, pine, tulip poplar and other trees the only creatures we saw – squirrels aside – were three people walking in the distance and a couple of bikers (without escort) on a paved road for vehicles. Quiet reigned except for a few well-hidden birds and, at the end of Cash Lake, a concerted hum from traffic along tree-camouflaged Rte. 197.

Refreshed from our jaunt, we headed back into the Visitor Center (open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily). It's billed as the largest science and environmental education center of the Department of the Interior. Maybe that's why a huge stuffed polar bear stood on alert in the extensive lobby, joined by an arctic fox and a few ptarmigans.

At hand were exhibits and brochures aplenty that identified critters familiar to this spread of woods and wetlands just east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (exit onto Powder Mill Road eastbound). A list for May alone had several dozen birds, from American kestrel and Caspian tern to cedar waxwing and white-eyed vireo. The Refuge advertises resident frogs, salamanders, turtles, lizards, snakes and butterflies, plus beaver, fox, skunk, opossum, bobcats, rabbit and deer. Come mid-June you can fish in Cash Lake for the likes of largemouth bass, eel, channel catfish, pickerel, warmouth and pumpkin seed. After school is out weekend guided tram tours will run daily from the Center.

The heart of the Wildlife Center, which includes a conference center and gift shop, is an extended series of exhibits under the rubric, "The Wisdom of the Wild." A quick scan in these cleanly-limned, backlit rooms informed that half the species living today could be gone by 2150. That more than 1,000 acres of wetlands are lost daily to development in the U.S. That worldwide 24 billion tons of fertile top soil are chewed up annually. That every minute another 175 people are born . . .

After a thorough grounding we exited "The Wisdom of the Wild" by plate-glass windows with an expansive view of Lake Redington, adjacent to Cash Lake. How agreeable a panorama, how comforting on the surface. Chattering away nearby was that group of Brownies passed earlier, now led by an enthusiastic woman in uniform, a Center ranger. The thought surfaced: What will the status of our globe be when these youngsters are as old as this senior visitor to the Center, this wanderer on the trails? How much will they be able to allay any of the global concerns they'd just seen? How much will the rest of us – including any big-time visitors to the area – do to mitigate matters? In sum, what individual and collective footprints/bikeprints will we all leave on this earth? – *Eli Flam*

Churchmembers Participate in CROP Walk

Members of Greenbelt Community Church joined with members of about 20 other area churches in a CROP Walk at Lake Artemesia to raise funds to feed the hungry through Church World Service.



The Hamlin family, Josh, Jarred, Natalie and Rev. Dan (with cap) also joined the walk.



Included among the participants were Doug Tull (with Missy), Larry Voigt and Lynn Clinedinst.

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There will be many fun and educational activities for the entire family to participate in with the 4-H Club. Meet the Dairy Princess. Try milking a cow, making ice cream and making cheese. Children can make a milk mustache, paint their faces and have a photo to take home.

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2006 Budget

Council Reviews Budget For Green Ridge House

by Thomas X. White

One of the last scheduled Greenbelt City Council budget worksessions was held on Monday, May 16 at Green Ridge House (GRH) to review the proposed budget for the city-owned apartment facility for the elderly and handicapped at 22 Ridge Road. Operations for the 101-unit apartment building, which was opened in 1978, are funded nearly two-thirds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 Housing assistance program. The balance comes from tenant rent payments. No city funds are expended on GRH and the city contracts with Community Realty, Inc., to manage the facility and grounds.

The proposed budget for the GRH operations for Fiscal Year 2006 is \$1,118,700, an increase of approximately \$98,000 from the Fiscal Year 2005 adopted budget. Both city council and the residents seem to look forward to the annual budget review worksession at the facility.

In addition to the budget review, which is somewhat perfunctory, the residents use the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions on the apartment's operations, the facilities and their concerns. This worksession was no exception.

For the residents it was like a night out, the dining room was nearly full, everyone was in good spirits and the council business was over in about an hour, followed by refreshments and socializing.

Mayor Judith Davis, who opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 p.m., went through an informal list of concerns that had recently come to the city's and council's attention:

Misinformation

The lead item had little to do with the budget but apparently was something on the residents' minds. Some misinformation had been circulating that the property's mortgage, held by the State of Maryland, was near its end and that some changes would be made to the GRH operations when the mortgage was paid off. Davis allayed those fears, indicating that the mortgage had a term of 40 years and, therefore, had quite a few years left. In any case, she said, there would not be any untoward changes anticipated when the mortgage was paid off.

The first year of a 10-year program for replacing the heating/cooling convector units in the apartments has been completed and funds were included in the budget to continue this program. This program affords residents more control over the temperature in their individual apartments and also eliminates water leaks associated with existing units.

Davis asked the residents present about their experience with the smoke detectors in their units. The question arose in response to concerns expressed that they were not inspected frequently enough. The residents' reactions were

mixed but the GRH management staff assured everyone that the smoke detector inspections were frequent enough and that they were paying attention to this safety issue.

Some questions were raised regarding rent increases and how they were established. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that approval for a rent increase has been obtained from HUD, which has established the rent for a GRH unit at \$942 per month. He noted that rents are set by comparing the market for similar apartments in the area. No GRH residents pay the full rent, however; all residents receive some level of subsidy.

Zipcar

Some residents complained that when they are returning the Zipcar (shared-car rental program) after use, the Zipcar space on Ridge Road is usually occupied by another car, even though there is a reserved sign for the spot for the Zipcar. Funds in the budget for GRH Zipcar use have been increased in the proposed budget, reflecting its actual use.

Following discussion, there seemed to be support for the mayor's suggestion that one of the six or seven free spaces in the GRH parking lot be considered for the Zipcar.

Referring to the budget, McLaughlin drew everyone's attention to an amount of \$60,719 that has been carried over for many years as "Construction Surplus." It consists of funds left over from the original construction budget for the facility.

Following discussion with State of Maryland housing officials, McLaughlin has been able to transfer these funds to the GRH "Reserve for Replacement" account, where they may be used for large-ticket replacement items in the future, such as roofs, elevators, boilers and HVAC.

Other issues raised by individual residents during the comment period were generally dealt with in a positive manner. The city and the GRH management will address the concern regarding adequate replacement for trees that had been removed from the terrace patio area, with a focus on trees that would provide good shade for that area.

Residents seemed to be satisfied with GRH management's determination that construction of a permanent canopy structure for the patio would be too expensive. The current policy for periodic rental of a tent canopy for outside functions would be continued. When residents objected that the existing patio umbrellas were too small, management agreed to replace them with larger umbrellas.

Residents were also assured that adequate funds were budgeted for maintenance and replacement of the computer systems for resident use in the community room.

By 8:30 p.m. everyone was enjoying the refreshments.

2006 Budget

Volunteer Groups Request Financial Aid

by Al Geiger

Each year the city budgets specify amounts of financial assistance to various groups and organizations active in Greenbelt. Groups that receive assistance are also expected to raise funds on their own, however, to help support their activities.

These various groups met with the Greenbelt City Council on Wednesday, May 11 to request funds for Fiscal Year 2006 and to relate their fundraising efforts to council.

All applications for funds from these groups have been previously reviewed by the Recreation Department staff, the Arts Advisory Board or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board as appropriate.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club provides recreational and social activities and travel opportunities to seniors including educational and cultural enrichment programs. They are not requesting any funds this fiscal year but Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Karen Haseley will be making travel arrangements for the club. Otherwise travel is self-sustaining. Other fiscal requirements are met through dues and fundraisers such as 50-50 drawings. All members are from Greenbelt and are 60 years of age or older. Since the club does not receive any funds from the city it is technically a "Recognition Group."

Concert Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band, founded in 1943, is requesting \$4,600 for FY06, the same as last year. The band is an adult musical organization with a mission to provide musical entertainment free of charge to the citizens of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and surrounding areas. Only the conductor receives a stipend, \$3,600 per year. An additional \$1,000 is needed for equipment and supplies.

There are about 70 participants of which only 10 percent are Greenbelt residents but the city gets much recognition and publicity through the band's activities.

Sports Teams

Senior Softball is requesting \$1,000 to be used for uniforms and equipment. While only 25 percent of the participants are Greenbelt residents, the team represents Greenbelt in a wide area of Maryland. It plays a 42-game schedule in the Baltimore Beltway League.

The team plays its home games at Watkins Regional Park, which is free for their use. Members contribute funds to pay umpires and to cover other expenses.

Greenbelt Baseball sponsors machine pitch baseball for 7 to 8 year-olds and "Major League" baseball for 9 to 12 year-olds. Eighty-five percent are Greenbelt residents. They are requesting \$7,000 to be used for uniforms and equipment for 12 teams. The remainder of its budget comes from membership dues, corporate support and concessions.

The Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters Swim Team is requesting \$7,600, the same as last year and about 27 percent of its \$28,160 budget. It raises the remainder of its funds from membership dues, individual donations and concessions. Approximately 57 percent of participants are Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must have a nonresident pool pass.

The Greenbelt Babe Ruth Association is requesting \$9,000 for FY06. They provide spring, sum-

mer and fall baseball and softball programs for 11 to 18 year-olds. About 90 percent are Greenbelt residents. Their expenses include \$8,550 for supplies and equipment and \$6,500 in franchise fees.

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, Inc., requested \$15,000 from the city, the same as last year. The club provides spring and fall soccer, softball, baseball, football, basketball and cheer-leading to youth between the ages of 5 and 16. Membership is 98 percent Greenbelt residents. Scholarships are available for members unable to pay the required dues.

The Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League is requesting \$5,000 for FY06. This is \$1,000 over last year's request. Mayor Judith Davis stated that it probably will not be allowed because of tight budget considerations. About 60 percent of participants are Greenbelt residents and 80 percent are age 12 or under.

Other Groups

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is not requesting funds but receives much in-kind city participation from the City of Greenbelt Public Works, Police and Recreation Departments.

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is requesting \$25,000 from the city. Its proposed budget is \$79,000 for FY06 including the salary of one part-time employee. Other revenues are from sales, ad-


missions, tuition, dues, grants and other activities.

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is requesting \$1,500 from the city to support its free outdoor concert series and New Year's Eve celebration. This is up \$1,000 from Fiscal Year 2005. Its mission is to provide financial and other support for the performing, visual and literary arts at the New Deal Café and the Roosevelt Center.

The total amount requested by contribution groups is \$75,700 for FY06.

In addition to the above groups requesting funds from the city, the following are groups that have been recognized by the city as contributing to the welfare of the city but are not requesting funds: Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek; Girl Scout Troop #5004; Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, Inc.; Bike4BreastCancer, Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride; Glass Guild of Greenbelt; Greenbelt Dog Park Association; Greenbelt Tennis Association; GIVES; D.C. Roadrunners (Greenbelt Running Club); Friends of the Resource Advocate; Greenbelt Pottery; Jayamangala, Inc.; Greenbelt Children's Orchestra; Mamas and Papas; Girl Scout Troop #2307; and Greenbelt Writers Group.

(Bike4BreastCancer will not sponsor a bike ride this year; the committee lacks a chairperson.)



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Lau's personal view was that the council needed to see what it could do better in the future. He noted that revenues for some programs were decreasing while expenditures are rising disproportionately and took note of some of the Recreation Department program attendance figures. He also felt that compared to other jurisdictions, the ratio of city employees to population was much higher. While he felt that there were many qualified employees who provide needed services, he questioned how many employees were needed to change a light bulb. He was also concerned with what would happen down the road when the real estate bubble burst and property values declined.

Following his comments on the budget, Lau presented a petition bearing 63 signatures, including those of many nonresidents, which urged the city council to keep the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center open until 10:30 p.m. on week-day nights and 10 p.m. on weekends. Although no changes in swimming pool hours were proposed for this year, city staff had recommended in a previous year that the pool be closed at 9 p.m. because the number of persons using the facility did not justify the cost of operating the facility at the late hours. Lau had successfully opposed the earlier closing at that time.

In response to Lau's budget proposals, McLaughlin expressed the view that because the Washington area was fairly much recession proof, and that because of the lag in implementing assessment increases due to annual increases being restricted to not more than 10 percent, he did not foresee a problem with property values declining. Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling took exception to excessive number of employees noting that the council had

continually added tasks to the workload of the employees without increasing the number employed.

Down the Road

Frank Gervasi of Research Road concurred that he did not feel that property values would go down, but he felt that the council needed to take a closer look at what the city's finances will look like down the road. There is a need for finding other revenues to support city services. He also suggested that council could save money by deferring the resurfacing of Ridge Road between 5 Court Crescent and Southway, noting that he felt there were streets in poorer condition than Ridge.

Davis replied that Public Works Director Ken Hall and staff surveyed city streets each year and determined which were in greatest need of maintenance work. She noted that another street project had been deferred because the city expected to receive less state shared highway user taxes. McLaughlin felt that the problem of revenue growth not keeping pace with city expenses would continue for the next few years. He noted a revenue drop this year from the loss of admissions tax revenues as a result of the six-theater movie complex at the Beltway Plaza closing and the further possibility that the remaining eight theaters would also close.

Julia Eichhorst of Research Road and president of the board of Greenbelt Homes Incorporated had appeared at the first public hearing to express concern with the proposed tax increase. She now told council that from her own experience she knew how difficult budgets are and of the GHI board's efforts to keep costs down. Noting that two employee positions had been cut from the budget by council at a worksession, she commended council for its hard work.

Golden Agers Celebrate Anniversary



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Greenbelt Golden Agers gathered at La Fontaine Bleu Banquet Hall for their annual anniversary luncheon on April 20. Among those attending were: (standing) Gudrun Mills, Gil and Micki Weidenfeld; (seated) Pat Hand, Elsie Forbes, Lydia Goldstein and Bernie Giese.

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Greenbelt's Business

Local Spa – Pleasant Touch Reopens in Renovated Space

by Pat Davis

Pleasant Touch, after many fits and starts, has moved into larger quarters at 133 Centerway above the Beijing Restaurant. The spa originally opened on April 7, 1995, in a small space at the far end of the Center. From its location under the floor beneath the movie theater screen, one could often hear the movie audio throughout the spa.

Enter the newly designed spa through the door to the right of the Greenbelt Theater box office.

Beyond the door a long flight of steps goes up. But not to worry. A glide chair has been installed to take clients comfortably up to the spa. Although a sign by the chair indicates that it is for handicapped persons, Gwen Vaccaro, owner of Pleasant Touch, wants all her clients to use and enjoy the chair.

New Spa

One senses immediately that the new space is indeed different from the old. It is so spacious that, how ever many people are there, it is never crowded. Windows flood the large reception area with light,



Gwen Vaccaro, owner of Pleasant Touch, applies makeup at the antique vanity that sits at the top of the stairs in the reception area of the spa.

had its legs. She failed to realize, however, that the sink needed to be recoated with porcelain, it needed a faucet and handles (luckily the contractor was able to use original ones found elsewhere in the space) and brackets to attach it to the walls had to be purchased. The sink turned out to be beautiful though the \$75 bargain ended up costing nearly \$1,000! One of Vaccaro's clients, who had lived in GHI during the '40s and early '50s, remarked, "That looks like the sink in our kitchen on Ridge Road but it looks like new."

Restoration

Vaccaro says, "I am delighted with this space. It was a dream of mine for so long. For four years I wanted to be up here. It was a very difficult road to go. Everyone wanted me to modernize [the space]." She was discouraged from leaving most of the ceilings exposed. Her plumber didn't want to deal with the old fixtures. Even her lawyer and accountant tried to talk her out of restoration instead of modernization.

But Vaccaro persisted and the resulting spa is an Art Deco dream.

On May 20 the Art Deco Society of Washington hosted an International Tea in which the Greenbelt Museum was involved. The museum arranged for society members to visit Pleasant Touch as part of the event. Eight groups of people toured the spa, were delighted with what they saw and left with very positive comments.

Gwen Vaccaro

Vaccaro, who is a registered nurse, says, "I stayed home and raised children for a number of years. When I decided to go back to work my husband was ill. I went into esthetics because it was fun." She became licensed in esthetics in 1986.

Vaccaro, who had learned massage in nursing school, had done it professionally before licensing was required in Maryland. When the state decided

to require the licensing of massage therapists, she went back to school, graduating from the Baltimore School of Massage in 1988 and becoming licensed. As an esthetician and massage therapist, Vaccaro feels she is still "utilizing all my nursing skills."

The spa is open 76 hours a week. It offers many services besides massage – facials, allergy elimination, body wraps and scrubs, waxing and sugaring, natural nail services, aculight and many others. Five massage therapists use different approaches to therapy. In addition, there is one full-time and one part-time nail technician.

Vaccaro says that Pleasant Touch's facial services are premium services because, "We use a large variety of products and techniques to insure individualized care, much different from the national chains."

For Future

In the future, Vaccaro plans to add a conference room for private parties, bridal groups and for teaching health and lifestyle changes. She wants to add three more treatment rooms and a hydrotherapy tub. For now, she is looking for four more massage therapists.

Vaccaro is committed to Roosevelt Center. She, not the owner of the building, arranged and paid for all the work at Pleasant Touch. Vaccaro says, "A large part of this was about the vibrancy of the Center. The more people at the Center at night, the safer it is. I truly have an investment in Greenbelt."

Grand Opening

Pleasant Touch will have its grand opening on Saturday, June 4 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Mayor Judith Davis is scheduled to cut the ribbon to officially open the new spa. Tours will be given, two manufacturer representatives will be on site and there will be door prizes and a grand prize drawing.



Massage Therapist Vicky Wilson sits in one of Pleasant Touch's treatment rooms. The cabinet behind her could have come from a GHI home of the 1930s. The massage table is thankfully of the modern era.

Carlson Restaurants Receive Award

The Maryland Work-Life Alliance has announced Carlson Restaurants Worldwide (CRW), parent company of T.G.I.Friday's and Pick Up Stix restaurant chains, as one of 52 Maryland employers to be presented with the 2004-2005 "Workplace Excellence" Seal of Approval Award. The alliance, a coalition of public, private and nonprofit organizations founded by Montgomery County and Discovery Communications, Inc., is committed to building and recognizing excellent places to work throughout Maryland. CRW and other winners were honored on April 8.

Learn Food Safety With Project Chill

Giant Food is partnering with the Food Marketing Institute and the Partnership for Food Safety Education to promote Project Chill, a national food safety education program developed to educate consumers on the importance of maintaining home refrigerator temperatures at 40 degrees F or below.

Project Chill is an extension of the popular and effective "Fight BAC!" public food safety education campaign featuring the basic food messages: Clean, Cook, Separate and Chill. Giant also reminds consumers to follow the four "Fight BAC!" rules for safe grilling and summer food preparation.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, refrigeration at 40 degrees F or below is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of food-borne illness. The best way to ensure that a refrigerator is maintaining the recommended temperature is to check it with a refrigerator thermometer. As part of Project Chill, certified refrigerator thermometers are available for sale at most Giant locations and in the housewares department at many other stores as well.

Follow the four "Fight BAC!" rules and put them into practice in the kitchen and at cookouts:

1. Clean – wash hands, food surfaces and utensils often with hot soapy water.
2. Separate – don't cross-contaminate by using plates or utensils for raw and cooked food. Use a clean plate for those cooked burgers coming off the grill.
3. Chill – keep foods in the refrigerator or a cooler filled with ice.
4. Cook to proper temperatures – use a thermometer to get to the right temperature.

For more information, visit www.giantfood.com.

Safeway Announces Nonprofit Support

Safeway's Eastern Division contributed an estimated \$5.5 million in cash and in-kind donations to nonprofit agencies throughout the mid-Atlantic region during 2004. The total includes \$4.08 million donated by Safeway stores in the Washington and Baltimore metropolitan areas.

The company has identified hunger relief, education and health-related causes as its three key areas of need. Safeway's largest contribution in 2004 was \$2.2 million to local schools.

In 2004 the Safeway Foundation provided grants totaling \$241,000 to organizations, including \$50,000 to the Greater Washington Urban League, \$10,000 each to the United Negro College Fund, Covenant House of Washington, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Starlight Children's Foundation, Alexandria Walk of Breast Cancer and Baltimore Associated Black Charities for its Bea Gaddy Day celebration.

The Safeway Foundation hosted a Pro-Am golf tournament to benefit Easter Seals, which generated over \$260,000 to help children and adults with disabilities in the region.

Other causes receiving Safeway donations were prostate and breast cancer campaigns, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and holiday meals and a job fair for about 4,000 people before Thanksgiving.

Help Giant Food Fight Cancer

Giant Food stores are conducting a unique in-store promotional program called Triple Winner, which is designed to raise funds for the Children's Cancer Foundation. Giant's goal is to raise \$1 million to help fight childhood cancer. The Triple Winner program continues through July 2, 2005.

Triple Winner is a scratch card promotion in which every ticket purchased provides three ways to win an instant prize of either a free product, a gift card or cash up to \$10,000. The program allows customers who make a \$1 donation in any Giant or Super G store to receive a Triple Winner ticket. All money raised by the Giant Triple Winner program will directly benefit the Children's Cancer Foundation.

Giant has raised over \$12 million for the Children's Cancer Foundation over the past 25 years.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Sexual Assault

May 18, 10:12 a.m., Lakeside Drive and Westway, a woman reported that on Tuesday, May 10, she was walking near the basketball court when she was approached by a man who propositioned her and then exposed himself to her. He then attempted to sexually assault her. The woman screamed and the man ran from the scene. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, tall with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes.

May 22, 6:05 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a woman reported that she was watching a movie at the Academy 8 Theaters when a man next to her touched her inappropriately. She chased the man from the theater. The suspect is described as a black male, 40 to 45 years of age with a skinny build and bald head, wearing a green jacket, dark shirt, light pants, dark shoes and sunglasses.

Robberies

May 22, 4:59 a.m., Greenway Center, police responded to a report of a hold-up alarm at Jasper's Restaurant. A manager reported that he was cleaning the foyer area when a man struck him from behind and took the office keys from his pocket. The man took the manager to the office and forced him to open the safe. After obtaining money the suspect left the restaurant and fled the scene in an unknown direction. The manager refused treatment for minor injuries to his head. The suspect is described as a black male wearing a black ski mask, a black leather jacket and blue jeans.

May 24, 8:38 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a man and woman reported that they were inside the mall when the man stopped to use the restroom. As the woman was waiting outside the restroom, one of two other men grabbed her purse. As she struggled with the suspect, the man came out of the restroom and was grabbed from behind by the second suspect and was thrown to the floor. The suspects took the purse, took money from the man and then fled the scene on foot. One suspect is described as a black male wearing a green shirt.

DWI

May 22, 5:21 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence. Police responded to a report of a vehicle stopped in the roadway with the driver passed out behind the wheel. The driver was arrested and released on citations pending trial.

May 23, 4:38 a.m., 7700 block Kenilworth Avenue, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and speeding after being stopped for traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

May 22, 1:21 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia for distribution, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and underage possession of

alcohol. Police observed a vehicle parked in a fire lane with the driver passed out behind the wheel. Police observed a quantity of suspected marijuana, paraphernalia commonly used to package marijuana for distribution, paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana and an open bottle of vodka, all of which was in plain view. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

May 23, 1:52 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Route 495, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The passenger was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 23, 3:43 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a resident man and a nonresident man were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of persons possibly smoking marijuana in front of an apartment building. Arriving on the scene, police detected the odor of marijuana coming from the two men. Located on the ground near the resident was paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The nonresident was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Theft

May 21, 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle theft and several traffic citations after police observed a man driving a vehicle without a seatbelt. Police tried to stop the vehicle as it attempted to leave the scene at a high rate of speed. The man lost control of the vehicle, leaving the roadway and striking a parked vehicle, then he exited the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot. He was located a short time later and was arrested after a foot chase. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1988 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, had been reported stolen. The man was transported to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 23, 6300 block Ivy Lane, when police stopped a suspicious vehicle the driver, a resident, could not produce identification. Investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 1993 Acura Integra 2-door, had been reported stolen. The driver was released pending further investigation.

Vandalism

May 22, 2:52 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident youth was petitioned for malicious destruction after he allegedly kicked over and damaged a photo-processing center at Jeeper's! Indoor Playground after an employer/employee dispute.

Fake ID

May 23, 11:10 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of a fake government identification card. Police responded to a report of beer drinkers in a parking lot. Three

Body Found Along Highway

by Shamla K. Shakir

Inmates cleaning along the inner loop of the Beltway discovered a body Tuesday afternoon 100 yards away from the Greenbelt Metro Station, a spokeswoman for the Prince George's County Police Department said.

The Department of Corrections reported the discovery around 1:47 p.m., Cpl. Kim Brown said. Police responded to the southbound lane close to the Greenbelt Metro ramp.

The body of an adult black female was transferred to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Baltimore to determine cause of death, she said.

people were located in the area and one of them produced a fraudulent resident alien card. He was transported to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglaries

May 20, 3:25 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) possibly used a key to enter a residence. A diamond ring was taken.

May 24, 2:36 p.m., 100 block Westway, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by cutting out the screen of an open kitchen window and climbing through. Once inside the suspect(s) took a purse, money and a cellular telephone. The victim was asleep in a bedroom at the time of the burglary.

May 24, 6:33 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of an open bedroom window. A DVD player, DVDs, a video game player and video games were taken.

May 24, 7:49 p.m., 100 block Westway, a man reported that he observed another man outside of his apartment with a screwdriver. The resident yelled at the suspect, who fled the scene on foot. Two of the resident's window screens had been tampered with. The suspect is described as a white male, 12 to 16 years of age, 5'11", 150 to 165 pounds with blonde hair, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a black 1991 Acura Legend 4-door, Maryland tags LJY362 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a 2004 Jeep Liberty 4-door, a blue 2001 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Maryland tags DAS716 and a 2003 Jeep Liberty truck from Beltway Plaza Mall.

Three vehicles were recovered by Prince George's County police with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7200 block South Ora Court, 8200 block Canning Terrace, 7600 block Mandan Road, 6400 block Capitol Drive, Springhill Drive and Market Lane and Beltway Plaza Mall (three incidents).

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 May 14 to May 27 the GVFD&RS responded to a total of 60 engine and 81 ambulance calls, including 24 reports of smoke or fire, two gas leak calls, one hazardous material call, 27 motor vehicle accidents and 53 medical calls.

Pool Safety

Now that most of the swimming pools in the area are open, the GVFD&RS reminds people of some simple safety measures to protect everyone, especially children in or near a swimming pool. Pool owners should be sure the pool is fenced off from the house. The majority of children who drown wander out of the house and into the pool when they are not being supervised.

Be sure to keep rescue equipment such as a life preserver nearby as well as a phone to call 911. It is a good idea for anyone supervising children at a pool to be trained in CPR so it can be provided until first responders arrive. Training can be obtained through the American Heart Association. Their website is www.americanheart.org or they can be contacted by phone at 1-800-AHA-USA-1.

Those using a public pool with children should be sure to have a phone with them and to monitor activities even when there is a lifeguard on duty. Should something happen while at a public pool, allow lifeguards to handle the emergency. Call 911. Without proper training, more harm than good can be done by trying to assist trained lifeguards.

Whether at a private/home pool or a public pool, always

remove toys from the swimming pool when not in use so that children are not tempted to reach out for them. Children should not use inflatable "swimming aids" in lieu of approved safety vests as swimming aids are unreliable.

Adults also need to take precautions. Adults and teens should never swim alone, no matter how proficient they are. A phone should be nearby in case of emergency. Never swim while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. Do not dive into shallow or murky water where the depth is uncertain. It is best to have at least nine feet in depth and 25 feet of clearance in front of where people dive. Every year people are paralyzed or even killed in pool accidents, most resulting from diving or roughhousing around the pool.

Swimming pools can be dangerous, even to those who can swim. In all emergencies, be sure to call 911 immediately.

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 the website at www.engine35.com or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

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Hospital Releases Injured Firefighter

Assistant Volunteer Chief of the West Lanham Hills Fire/EMS Station 48, John Ray, was released from the hospital on Monday, May 23 according to a May 24 press release issued by the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.



He was hospitalized after sustaining injuries in a three-alarm fire on Saturday, May 14 at 6710 Lake Park Drive. The fire was ignited by a lightning strike, caused \$3 million in damages, displaced residents of 11 units and injured four firefighters.

Ray, 41, was operating on the third floor when the roof and ceiling area collapsed around him. The injured firefighter was unconscious and covered with burning materials when firefighters located him. He was removed from the structure and transported to the Burn Unit at the Washington Hospital Center. He sustained second- and third-degree burns to 30 percent of his body including his back and arms, as well as suffering a fractured leg.

Ray is now recuperating at his home in Lanham and stated, "The injuries still sting quite a bit, I'm taking one day at a time." He still has to undergo some rehabilitation and numerous visits to the doctor. His date to return to duty is undetermined.

Officer Mathews Teaches about Drug Prevention

by Jim Lara

As students from Springhill Lake Elementary School continue to learn subjects like math and English, they'll receive another lesson about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. During April third and fifth grade students were introduced to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. The program is taught by officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department.

D.A.R.E. began 20 years ago as a cooperative effort between school districts and the Los Angeles Police Department to come up with a way to address issues dealing with drug and alcohol abuse. Greenbelt police adopted it in 1990 and an officer teaches the program to students during school hours.

Mathews has been teaching children in grades 1, 3 and 5 about the negative effects of drug and tobacco products.

"It's easy to tell a kid to say no to drugs but what we want is to give them the tools to learn how to resist the temptation," said Mathews. The curriculum basically teaches life skills to prepare kids to respond to a real life situation involving drugs.

"These days kids aren't approached by some stranger but rather someone they know offering them a cigarette or alcohol," Mathews said. He feels it's tough for young people who are influenced by peer pressure and want to just fit in with a group. So he goes through role playing exercises with the students on

how to learn different ways to get out of a situation where drugs are offered.

Sometimes Mathews will show an informational video about D.A.R.E. but he thinks youngsters learn best by being active through re-enacting scenarios. Another activity he encourages students to do is to keep a journal in which they can write what they have learned each day and to have it as a resource. Mathews also has a box where kids can leave any questions about what they see in the news or about any violence in their own community because of drugs.

Sessions are usually held two days a week and last for nine weeks with a graduation ceremony at the end. Students also take part in an essay contest in which they write what the program means to them. The winner is awarded a free computer.

Springhill Lake Principal Linda Sherwood, whose school has been involved with D.A.R.E. and in the late 1980s with a similar anti-drug program, says it's had a positive impact on the kids. "It's important for them to understand as early as possible to know what's right and wrong before advancing further in their school years," said Sherwood.

Mathews, who has been an instructor for the past 15 years, says he has gotten great feedback from parents during graduation. He says every class is enthusiastic on seeing a real policeman and it's important to build a positive relationship between kids and the police. "For me," he said, "I get a sense of gratification and I think any officer would want the chance to be a role model for young people." For more information about the D.A.R.E. program, visit the website at www.dare.com.

Registration Ongoing For Teens Day Camp

The Traveling Teens Day Camp is offered from June 20 to August 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants can enjoy a fun-filled summer, make new friends and get reacquainted with old ones at one of the Traveling Teens Day Camps. This program is designed for teens with developmental disabilities who attend CRI special education classes in middle and high schools in Prince George's County.

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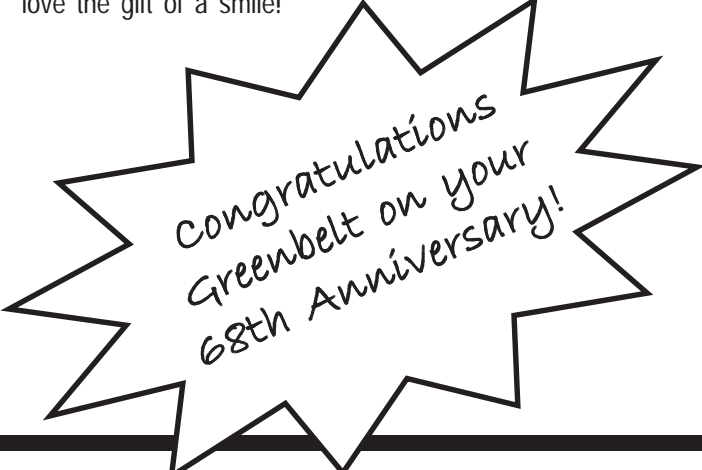
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Knights Gone Fishing

by Austin Conaty

The St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus recently held a Youth Fishing Tournament at Buddy Attick Park's Greenbelt Lake on Earth Day 2005.

Charles Hatcher is the organizer of the St. Hugh Knights of Columbus annual event, first held in 2001. Hatcher promotes love of the sport of fishing and respect for nature as all of the fish are caught and then released.

Trophies and ribbons were awarded for winners and runners up in categories of most fish caught and biggest fish caught.

In all there were 18 youth participants and nine blue gills were caught and released.



Alumni, Friends Gather for Annual Reunion

by Kathleen Scott McFarland '44

About 150 alumni, friends and spouses convened for Greenbelt High School's annual all-class reunion May 7 at the American Legion home. The lone survivor of the five-person class of 1938, Dorma Ashley Dealing of Frederick, sent regrets but every other class was represented. There was no graduating class in 1949 because of the insertion of the 8th grade when the state of Maryland changed from a 7-4 system to the 6-3-3 junior/senior high system. The last graduating class from Greenbelt High was 1951 but alumni of the class of 1952, who'd spent most of their high school years at Greenbelt and were transferred in their senior year to the newly built Northwestern High School and graduated from there, were the largest and most enthusiastic group at the reunion.

People were having such a good time socializing with old friends that Mistress of Ceremonies Jeri Bryant Piteleski ('50) had difficulty getting folks to settle down so she could start the program. Jeri was assisted by Bob Sommers ('42), who read one of the humorous pieces we've come to expect from him and announced the names of the attendees. Rev. Julian Tavenner ('50) gave the blessing before the delicious buffet luncheon was served.

Sommers announced that Roland Sliker, the first principal of GHS, from 1938 to 1941, had died recently at the age of 93. My own memory of Mr. Sliker is of him standing before my nervous freshman class and reciting "Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears," insisting that we all should memorize that piece.

Gloria Shelton Drake ('51), chairman of the reunion planning committee, read an article she'd prepared about her years at Greenbelt High. When she told of going to the prom in Center



At last year's reunion Greenbelt High graduates dedicated a bench near the Community Center in honor of alumni, teachers and friends. Pictured are: (front) Rita Snoddy O'Brien, Joanne Taylor Grego, Janet Roby, Ed Burton; (standing) Winston Hazard, Eunice Birtman Burton, Pauline St. Martin Bordas, Gloria Shelton Drake, Bob Sommers, Herman Krumpke; (partially hidden in back) Betty Bond Bauer Dodson.

School auditorium, dancing to the music of Mahlon Eshbaugh's band, my own memories kicked in. I can still see Mahlon and his friend LeGrand Benefiel in front of the stage in the auditorium, playing popular tunes after our regular weekly practices of the Greenbelt Community Band. I can hear LeGrand perfecting his imitation of Artie Shaw's clarinet glissando in "Begin the Beguine." It seems like yesterday. Mahlon, an outstanding musician and athlete, died young. There is an award in his name which is still given at Greenbelt Middle School's graduation. My granddaughter's friend was the recipient a few years ago.

As the reunion celebration ended, friends parted reluctantly, vowing to meet again next year - the first Saturday in May. I thought of the words to our Alma Mater, composed by Harold Kidder ('43): "Near the Nation's Capital, in Maryland's sunny clime, stands a school whose memory we'll cherish through space and time." We do cherish those memories of the school and the friends we made there.



Winnie Leesnitzer ('47), her sister Stella ('44), Donnie Wolfe ('45) Doloris McWilliams Fitzpatrick ('47) and Richard Day ('44).

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have been approved by GHI but not the county be exempted from the detailed site plan requirement. The bill can be amended in committee or by the full council as it moves through the review process. It is not yet known whether the city will ask that it be amended to cover other areas in the city affected by the 1988 law nor whether the city will support GHI's request. Peters said at the May 19 annual meeting that he would pursue the legislation provided he had the backing of both GHI and the city government. The issue is expected to be discussed at the June 6 regular city council meeting.

General Support

At the board meeting, there appeared to be general support for exempting GHI from the county processes among those present. Some would go further than Peters' bill now goes.

Ray Stevens of Ridge Road argued that GHI should be exempted from the law since it owns all of the land and has an internal process for reviewing requests. He urged the board to defend GHI's rights as a cooperative community, by working to keep the county out of the process for reviewing members' additions. In a similar vein, Bill Phelan of Ridge Road called GHI's internal review processes "way better" than county procedures.

One point of continuing sensitivity was how this issue came to light. Mark Commins of Southway pressed Eichhorst on how the law came to light and why the county had not previously been enforcing it. She confirmed that one member of the A&E Committee doing research

about county requirements regarding additions brought the law to the county's attention. As to why it was not being enforced until now, "We may never know."

But there was not unanimous support for all additions. Mary Chapman of Ridge Road wanted to preserve GHI's ability to review additions on a case by case basis, while Boardmember Sylvia Lewis questioned the use of a formula based upon percentage. She called such a basis "not helpful." In some locations, such as her own unit, an addition one quarter the size of the original unit would be "appalling," she said.

Boardmember Sheila Alpers expressed concern about "some of the badly done additions." In some areas big additions have blocked the light from a neighbor's unit. She was concerned that some members may consent to a neighbor's request to avoid upsetting the neighbor. Like the others, however, she said "it's better for us to do than the county."

Boardmember Don Hudson said that he had been asked by the A&E Committee to relay its members' concern that the boardmembers did not support the committee at the annual meeting. They felt that the boardmembers had an opportunity to explain that committees only make recommendations to the board but did not do so.

At the end of the meeting, Eichhorst said she wanted to dispel the idea that the board is not appreciative of what the A&E Committee (or any other committee) does. Committees are an integral part of the cooperative, she said, and GHI could not function without its committees.

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FCS Holds Groundbreaking on April 30

by Peter H. Curtis

Gray and threatening weather did not dampen the spirits of about 150 people who gathered to break ground for the new home of Friends Community School on Saturday, April 30. Located on land strip-mined in the 1920s and '30s just south of the Westchester Park apartments and townhouses, a one story "green" building of about 27,000 square feet will accommodate about 175 students in grades K through 8 when it opens in the fall of 2006.

Many of those children, their parents, teachers, school board members, school alumni and local residents joined in a circle for the joyful ceremony. Head of School Tom Goss briefly addressed the group, noting the crucial importance of the building project. The school is likely to lose its rented space in College Park at the end of the next academic year, he said, but the new building will ensure that "your children and your children's children and on and on" will have a school in which to grow and develop.

Goss also pointed out that the new building will allow the school to reach its long-planned goal of



PHOTOS BY SHARON NATOLI

Head of School Tom Goss wields the official first spade at the Friends Community School groundbreaking.

adding grades 7 and 8 to its existing kindergarten through 6.

Following Goss' comments a short meeting for worship was held in the manner of Quakers, the silence punctuated by the sounds of bird songs and wind. After the service the whole group sang several songs, most in the form of "rounds."

Goss then introduced a number of persons important to the school. The first Head of School, Jane Manring, visiting from Massachusetts, was warmly received by her old friends.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis

and Councilmember Leta Mach were also welcomed. Davis noted that while the first response to the school from Greenbelt had not been entirely positive, she was sure that the relationship would now be strong and successful.

Dave Frederick, president of the Westchester Park Civic Association, was also introduced, along with George Phellem, president of the Westchester Park Phase I Homeowners' Association. Phellem

commented that he was delighted to have the school coming to the area: "You are completing our community by bringing children to join us in this neighborhood," he said.

Fred Cunningham, superintendent of Greenbelt Park, also welcomed the school. He said that he looks forward to a variety of joint projects with teachers and students.

Goss then introduced key members of the team who will help construct the building. These included Peter Doo of Hord, Coplan and Macht, the lead architect; Robert Heddon of Synthesis, Inc., the owner's representative; and Polly Bart, a member of the construction team assembled by the Gilbane Building Company and a specialist in using straw bale insulation. Ken Kubu, a vice-president of Sandy Spring Bank, the lending institution, was also introduced.

As the sky darkened Goss turned over the first shovel of soil. Immediately following his action, scores of trowels were distributed to the many children and adults attending the ceremony. They were invited to break ground themselves in three designated areas. As dirt and mud flew the first light drops of rain began to fall and the ceremony concluded.

(Peter Curtis is a member of the Greenbelt News Review staff and a board member of Friends Community School.)



Key players in the next year as the new school is constructed pose with Greenbelt officials: from left, front row, Larry Taub, lawyer for FCS; Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis; Councilmember Leta Mach; and Peter Doo, architect. Back row: Ken Kubu, banker; Tom Goss, head of school; and Bob Heddon, project manager.

Fendlay Honored as CYO Coach of the Year

by Larry Hilliard

Greenbelt friends and family gathered at the North Bethesda Marriott on May 10 to honor home-grown Outstanding Coach of the Year Frann Fendlay. Fendlay received the award for being a St. Hugh's CYO softball coach in the Archdiocese of Washington but she also served many years as CYO athletic director.

She was also assistant coach in the 2000 Greenbelt Little League Champion A's team and all the near-misses leading up to that year. She has been a DeMatha hockey mom and St. Hugh's cheerleading mom for many years in addition to her other contributions. Some excerpts from her nominations follow:

"Fendlay began her association with the CYO as athletic director for St. Hugh's Elementary School in 1993. She went on to hold this post through the year



PHOTO BY CAROL KRAMER

Greenbelt friends and family honor Outstanding Coach Frann Fendlay. Left to right seated: Devin Fendlay and Outstanding Coach Frann Fendlay. Left to right second row: Laurie Lemieux, Kevin Fendlay and Shane Fendlay. Left to right back row: Janice Bistany, Judy Cocchiario, Jim Berard and Larry Hilliard.

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"In 2001 Fendlay became the head coach of the third- and fourth-grade St. Hugh's girls softball team. Fendlay and her girls managed to go undefeated in their rookie season. In 2003 Fendlay and her team were able to best the perennial powerhouse

St. Hugh's.

"In the last four years Fendlay has managed not only to hone these young players' ball playing skills but through her instruction and example, team parents say, has taught her team to aspire to the highest moral standards of good sportsmanship."



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Winners of the ACE (Advisory Committee on Education) literary contest are (front row, L to R): Janet Jones, Sarah Smith and Tera Ford. (Back row, L to R): Mayor Judith Davis, Travis Jolly, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Jesse Duff-Woodruff, Liana Womble, Erica Butler, Grace Chen and Anastasia Vinnikova.

Greenbelt Students Show Off Their Writing Talents

by Jim Lara

Local students got the chance to read their own poetry and fiction work to an audience as part of Greenbelt's Youth Literary Showcase on Friday, April 15. Eleven students from Greenbelt Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools participated in the event which was sponsored by the ACE Reading Club and was held in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

It started as a contest open to students in grades 6 to 12 in which they submitted their written work and were judged based on creativity and writing skill. ACE publicized the contest in November and entries were accepted this past February. All those selected were invited to the showcase to read their work aloud in front of an audience that included parents, teachers, city council members and Mayor Judith Davis.

Program coordinator Liz Murray of the ACE Reading Club was master of ceremonies and introduced each reading by the students.

Greenbelt Elementary students Janet Jones and Sarah Smith read their own poems entitled "The Beginning of My Day" and "Summer," respectively. Smith reflected the joy of being in grade school, playing outside in the summer and the apprehension of growing up. Jones wrote about her routine of preparing for school every morning through images of washing her face, dressing up and saying goodbye to her mother.

Roosevelt student Liana Womble wrote a short fiction piece called "Leaving the Past Behind." It dealt with characters dealing with the loss of loved ones and being hopeful about the future.

Once students had read their work, awards were given that included a certificate, journals and a cash prize. In the junior poetry section Smith

and Jones achieved second and third place, respectively. Womble was awarded second place in short fiction.

Senior Poetry

Roosevelt Junior Jesse Duff-Woodruff wrote his poem "A Moment" and was a first-place winner in the senior poetry category. "I learned about the contest from my teacher who runs a literary magazine I'm involved in and [who] has been an inspiration to me," said the 16-year-old. Duff-Woodruff said he got into writing just this past year and enjoys writing themes about nature. He listed travel and science fiction as his favorite subjects to read about.

Davis was part of the judging panel that included Greenbelt News Review writer Mary Moien and people from the Greenbelt Writers Group. Davis stood at the podium and gave some final remarks. "I've been impressed the past three years with the talent of these young people. I just want to say thank you for making us very proud, as well as parents and teachers, and to keep up the good work," said Davis.

Murray was proud of the showcase, which is in its third year and has been an outlet for the ACE Reading Club's mission to encourage young people to develop a lasting interest in reading and writing. "I think the students did really well, especially in a room full of people, and it was great hearing them share what they created," said Murray.

The event closed with individual photos taken of the students holding their awards standing alongside Davis and city Councilmember Rodney Roberts. A group shot was taken of all the participants. To read a list of the winners, go to the city website at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us> and click on the ACE Reading Club heading.

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Herling and Leta Mach.

As usual at this annual gala event, the council room was packed with family, friends, teachers and school staff who cheered the accomplishments of the following awardees: Tierra White and Roberto Martinez, Greenbelt Elementary School; Andikan (Victor) Eno and Kayla Greenhill, Springhill Lake Elementary School; Dominique Daniels and Kelly Le, Magnolia Elementary School; Wesley Hilliard and Megan Shaffer, St. Hugh's School; Elies Moumena and Shameika Willis, Greenbelt Middle School; and Zachary Yokel and Jou Waih (Hill) Lau, Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

All winners received proclamation and recognition certificates from the city council, Prince George's County Council and the State House of Delegates and State Senate. In addition, all received T-shirts designed by ACE member Jeff Morissette. The elementary school winners each received a book gift card from Books-A-Million in Beltway Plaza. The high school students each received ACE scholarships of \$750.

Elementary Winners

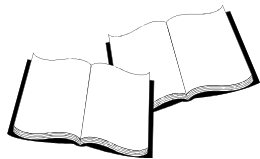
At Greenbelt Elementary, Tierra White was honored as a "highly able student," "a prolific reader and a strong math student," according to Griffin. She has "great camaraderie with friends" and "uses this camaraderie to influence her peers to make positive decisions." White has assisted in the After-School Program by helping younger students with their homework and also participates on the local double-dutch team.

Roberto Martinez, also at Greenbelt Elementary, was called by Griffin "a delightful student with a positive attitude. Roberto is willing to stand up for what is right," she said, and has been both a good student and a good role model. He plays baseball on the Little League team and his family sets high standards for sportsmanship and "we believe this is part of the reason Roberto is so successful in school," Griffin added.

At Springhill Lake Elementary School, Andikan (Victor) Eno has demonstrated "excellent citizenship qualities," Griffin said. He has earned Distinguished Honors by getting all A's twice and has earned a Good Student award every quarter. He is an advanced reader and a skillful writer and takes on responsibilities such as the afternoon candy sale program, showing "maturity beyond his years."

Kayla Greenhill, also at Springhill Lake Elementary, is a "wonderful citizen and contributor to the community" and to the school, Griffin said. A school patrol, she was also voted by her peers to be classroom librarian. Although those duties were scheduled at the same time, she found a way to perform both. She has made a strong improvement in reading and "is determined to be among the best in her class."

At Magnolia Elementary, Dominique Daniels is considered "a very conscientious student with a very gentle heart and nature," Griffin said. He has consistently made the honor roll and currently serves as a student council representative. He plays basketball and is "an extremely well-rounded young man."



Kelly Le, also a student at Magnolia, is a diligent student with a straight-A average who has been on the Principal's List every quarter. She was said to be always willing to assist other students or a teacher. Further, Griffin said, "Her work is always neat, complete, correct and handed in on time" and she does a fine job as a school patrol.

At St. Hugh's Elementary, Wesley Hilliard "is both highly intelligent and kind to others," said Griffin. An honor roll student, he is reliable and dependable and takes time to help others with their schoolwork. "He can manage any task without supervision and has a very good head on his shoulders," Griffin added.

Megan Shaffer, also at St. Hugh's, is "bright, intuitive and highly motivated," Griffin reported. She serves on the student government, is a big sister to a first-grader and tutors a younger student in math. Outside of school she is a talented artist and athlete and is called "an excellent citizen and role model" at the school.

Middle School

From Greenbelt Middle School, Elies Moumena is described as "an outstanding student who is highly respected by his peers." He has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average throughout middle school and participates on the school's soccer team. He won second place in the Junior Physics division at the Prince George's County Fair and is a member of the Junior Honor Society.

Griffin said that Shameika Willis, also a Greenbelt Middle School student, is "the true embodiment of the exceptional student." She has shown "outstanding academic performance, a

positive attitude toward the learning process and an unmatched desire to succeed in all that she does." She is a well-rounded student who has earned the respect of her peers and her teachers. She also sings in the school's performing choir.

High School Winners

At Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), Zachary Yokel has won numerous awards in his role in the school music community and also plays in six local bands. In addition, he is involved with the International Student Exchange Program with Japan. He is a science and tech student at ERHS and has contributed to the robotics team and science fairs. He has also contributed to the community by delivering the Greenbelt News Review since 1998 and has done community service with the Boy Scouts and other organizations.

Jou Waih (Jill) Lau, also of ERHS, is active at school and in the community. She is a powerful swimmer and teaches others to swim as part of her job at Greenbelt Recreation Center pool. She volunteers at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge and at the Community Center. Reflecting her academic achievement, she has received the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Award and has been on the honor roll for all four years she has attended ERHS.

State Delegate Award

Ariela Haber was honored with the Maryland State Delegate Award. In presenting the award, Healey noted that Haber has maintained a nearly straight-A average and is an accomplished musician. She is first violin in the ERHS string quartet and was selected last year as first violin for the county's Senior All-County Orchestra. She has been a volunteer goose-counter along the Anacostia River and has volunteered at the Hispanic Festival in College Park. She has also served as a marshal at the Greenbelt Labor Day parade.



Exchange students and their hosts (left to right): Hunter Kristy, Vincent Nadeau, Kyle Herbert, Mathieu St. Hilaire Fortier, Florence Tremblay, Liza Ellis and Ron Ebisawa.

Canadian Middle School Students Visit for a Week

by Martha Kristy

Three Canadian middle school students spent the week of April 24 staying in the homes of three Greenbelt families as part of an exchange program between the Robert Goddard French Immersion and Montessori School and École Notre-Dame-des-Neiges. Their school is an English immersion program located just outside of Quebec City.

The students began corresponding through mail and emailing with their exchange counterparts in early October. Along with 26 of their other classmates, they came by bus to Maryland where they were housed by families of the 6th graders in the French Immersion program at Robert Goddard in Seabrook. The exchange culminated with the Greenbelt students spending a week with their new Canadian friends' families in May.

The visitors were shown all

around Greenbelt. Their activities included fishing at Buddy Attick Park, watching an Orioles-Tigers Little League baseball game, swimming at the Aquatic Center and learning the history of our community. When asked their impressions of Greenbelt, Florence Tremblay, who spent the week with Liza Ellis and her family in Boxwood Village, found Greenbelt "very beautiful and quiet." Vincent Nadeau, who stayed with Hunter Kristy of Lakewood, added that after walking around town he was very reassured that Greenbelt had a lot in common with his hometown. "You hear many negative things about the problems of big cities like Washington, D.C. I was relieved to see Greenbelt with its lake, town center and the pathways. It is very peaceful and pleasant." The third exchange student, Mathieu St. Hilaire Fortier, stayed with the Ebisawa family of Ridge Road.

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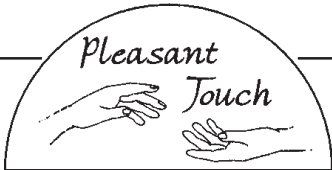
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YARD SALES

YARD SALE – Saturday, June 4, 29 Lakeside Drive, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.. Furniture, lamps, toys, children's videos, computer games, household items, fish tanks.

TRASH TO TREASURE? Have a yard sale and turn the clutter to cash.

YARD SALE – 5 Court Ridge Road. Gas lawn mower, 17" computer monitor, some treasures, household items from several homes. Available 9 a.m.-noon. Saturday, June 4.

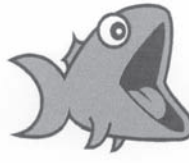
MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE – Sat., 6/4, 9 - 12.30. 11 Laurel Hill Road. Books, tools, bikes, household, miscellaneous.

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Glen Ora
This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom townhome has a fireplace, eat-in kitchen, new appliances, brick patio and more. \$249,900 SOLD

GHI Single Family Home
Yard with picket fence, garage, driveway and more. Enjoy private living in this detached home with the cooperative benefits. \$249,900 SOLD

One Bedroom Lower Level GHI Home
Thousands in upgrades; new cabinets, countertops appliances and more. Everything on one level for your convenience. \$94,500 U.C.

Lanham/Seabrook
3 bedroom, 2 bath home with large fenced backyard and covered back porch & storage area. Full basement & refinish. floors. \$299,900 U.C.

Attractively Priced
This 2 bedroom GHI townhome is a great value. Landscaped front yard, and large, fenced backyard; great location, too. Don't miss at \$152,900

All-Brick Home
This single-family home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, 2 sheds, deck, large corner lot and more. Close to NASA. \$324,900

Linda Ivy - 301 675-0585
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Mary Kingsley - 240 603-2342
Denise Parker - 301 709-8689

Corner Lot
This 2 bedroom townhome is close to Roosevelt Center. The large fenced yard is perfect for your family and pets. A bargain at \$160,000.

Three Bedroom Townhome
This GHI Co-op home has a fenced yard with a large deck. Refinished oak hardwood flooring, w/d, window a/c units & fresh paint. \$169,900

Two Bedroom Greenbelt Townhome
Wooded setting with fenced yard and great neighbors. Own this home for a lower monthly payment than rent; call to find out. \$140,000 SOLD

Loft Condominium
Great location in Gaithersburg with views overlooking a flowing stream. One bedroom unit with large sitting room and balcony. \$179,900 SOLD

One Bedroom Lower Level
This one will go fast! One bedroom townhome with all the extras. True single-level living in the heart of Greenbelt. Priced to sell at \$95K. U.C.

Two Bedroom Townhome
GHI Townhome - Frame unit; long floorplan with updated kitchen and bathroom. Backs to protected woodlands. A great value at \$159,900!

Green Holly Woods
Three story townhome with 2 large bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. Large front porch; perfect for those quiet summer evenings. \$289,900 SOLD

U.C.=Under contract; seller may consider back-up offers



GAIL, City Receive Award



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The City of Greenbelt and Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey each received a plaque in appreciation of the National Depression Awareness Campaign held last year. The city received its award in March at the Suicide and the Older Adult Conference sponsored by Community Crisis Services, Inc., Doctors Community Hospital and the Prince George's County Area Agency on Aging. Mayor Judith Davis announced the award to Batey at the city council meeting on Monday, April 25, saying the credit really went to Batey, who should have received both awards. Pictured above are Councilmember Leta Mach, Davis, Batey and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts.

Butler Recognized for SHL Youth Program

by Barbara Hopkins

The Recreation and Leisure Services branch of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association presents its Innovative Program Award to one outstanding program in the state each year. This year Brian Butler, recreation coordinator at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, received this honor for the mentoring program he developed for youth in Greenbelt's Springhill Lake neighborhood.

Butler developed Boys United in Learning, Developing and Igniting the Next Generation & Ladies Instilling Values, Excellence, Success (B.U.I.L.D.I.N.G.-L.I.V.E.S) to provide safe, positive outlets for youth between 8 and 16 years to develop friendships, build self-esteem and create a strong sense of community.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis presented the award to Butler at the Greenbelt City Council's regular meeting on May 23. Julianna McHale, assistant director for programs in the Greenbelt Recreation Department, introduced Butler and commended him for his outstanding contribution to the program. McHale also acknowledged Butler's wife, Camille, for her voluntary assistance with the part of the program for girls.

Butler said, "It feels good to get an award for doing something that is right." He thanked those who acknowledged that the program is needed and his wife for her much appreciated contribution.

More Honorees

Two other Recreation Department employees received awards bestowed by the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association. Karen Haseley was honored as Outstanding Chairperson for the therapeutic recreation branch. Di Quynne-Reno was named Outstanding Member of the Year for recreation and leisure services



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Brian Butler, center, surrounded by city councilmembers, his wife Camille and their three children, receives the Innovative Program Award from the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association for the mentoring program he developed for youth in Springhill Lake.

branch.

Davis also distributed to Councilmember Edward V. J. Putens a certificate of appreciation from the president of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) for his dedicated service

to MML's 2005 Convention Planning Committee.

Assistant City Manager David Moran received a certificate of appreciation for his service to MML's 2005 Municipal Revenue Issues Subcommittee.



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The City of New Carrollton, along with its Mayor, City Council and Staff, wish the best for Greenbelt in celebrating its 68th Anniversary.

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GIAC 9th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2005, 6:30pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Room 202 (Theater Rehearsal Room)

Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC), aka GREENBELT.COM, will conclude its ninth full year of operation at its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 7th, at the Greenbelt Community Center. GIAC is a non-stock cooperative organized and operated by community volunteers to help others learn about and access the Internet.

Sign in and refreshments will begin at 6:30pm.

The Annual Meeting comprises two separate meetings:

- The Annual Membership Meeting, at 7:00pm, at which any proposed changes to GIAC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be heard and decided by the Membership and vacancies on the Board of Directors will be filled by election.
- The Annual Board Meeting, immediately after the Membership Meeting, at which Officers of the Cooperative for the upcoming year will be elected and other principal jobs, committees and activities will be assigned to GIAC volunteers.

During the past year of operation, GIAC community service initiatives included:

- Funding a New Deal Cafe WiFi (wireless) hotspot.
- Upgrading the News Review office network and broadband connectivity.
- Implementing broadband access for GIAC classes.
- Free hosting of websites and e-mail services for local non-profit organizations.
- Soliciting amateur and professional photographs to expand the online Community Gallery.
- Coordinating user requests for computer support with local service providers.
- and much more ...

GET INVOLVED WITH GREENBELT.COM!

With GIAC support, pursue your own great ideas and interests for Internet-related community activities. Volunteers are needed to serve as Directors, Officers, and committee members and to staff GIAC activities planned for the upcoming year. No special skills or experience are required for most roles and as little as one or two hours of volunteer service each month makes a big difference. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at giac@greenbelt.com or 301-419-8044 for more information or to volunteer for any role. Subscription to GREENBELT.COM Internet services is not required to join the Cooperative or to participate in its activities. Visit the volunteer-supported Greenbelt Community Website at <http://greenbelt.com>.
GIAC Board of Directors