

## Forest Preserve Task Force Has Completed Its Recommendations

by Thomas X. White

When the Greenbelt City Council enacted legislation creating a Forest Preserve in the Fall of 2004, they also appointed an 11-member Forest Preserve Task Force to develop appropriate maintenance and management guidelines. The preserve comprises most of the public woodlands located between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) property and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The task force was charged with helping to define the measures to be undertaken by the city to ensure that the designated forest preserves were managed consistent with the intent of the legislation.

The task force was made up of representatives from existing city advisory boards and committees such as the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), the Advisory Planning Board (APB), the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT), the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) and other citizens. It has worked over the past year and a half to complete its charge and presented its Draft Management and Maintenance

Guidelines to council in December 2005.

At a worksession on Monday, February 6 members of the task force met with council and staff to discuss the Proposed Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines and recommendations for minor modifications to the forest preserve legislation. The task force also recommended that council establish a permanent Forest Preserve Advisory Committee to assist in ongoing efforts to protect the city's forest preserve areas. They also named two additional woodland sites to be considered as forest preserve areas.

Chairman Keith Chernikoff, on behalf of the task force, defined the areas they had reviewed:

**(Area A) North Preserve, Parcels 10, 17, 19 and 20.** North of Northway, west of the Parkway, south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and east of the GHI units on Ridge Road. Popularly known in the community as the Great North Woods, this area is the most pristine, undisturbed and highly-valued area of the city's open space parkland.

**(Area B) South Preserve, Parcels 6, 7 and 8.** This area is south and west of the Northway Fields, relatively flat and has been used for informal experiential or educational events and activities. Because of those activities, it has received informal maintenance or trail development. The task force believes the favorable topography will allow for improved management of the trail system for citizen access.

**(Area C) South Preserve, Parcels 8 and 9.** South of Northway Fields and adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. This 18-acre parcel is difficult to access. As the site of an abandoned city landfill containing junk and debris, the area does not lend itself for inclusion in a planned trail system. Public access in this area should be discouraged, if not restricted.

**(Area D) South Preserve, Part of Parcel 21.** Located between Gardenway and the Community Gardens at Hamilton Place, this is a very flat portion of the preserve and exhibits wear and

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## Comment Period Extended Again on ICC Planning

by Elaine Skolnik

The Maryland and Federal Highway Administrations have extended the public comment and review period for the Inter-county Connector's (ICC) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). According to the State Highway Administration's (SHA) February 22 news release, the close of comments from citizens and other interested parties will "now occur on Thursday, March 23, rather than February 27." The release pointed out that the "previously 45-day comment period already exceeded the legal requirement of 30 days." In addition, SHA calculates that citizens will have had more than 75 days to comment since the FEIS was made available to the public for review via the Internet on January 6 and placed in the Federal Register on January 13.

"Public input is the bedrock

of every action we take," said Neil J. Pedersen, administrator of the Maryland SHA. "Because the ICC is a one-of-a-kind project in terms of size and complexity, we are going the extra mile with this one-of-a-kind process to ensure we keep everyone informed."

The Prince George's County Council and others have argued that the public review process should be extended beyond "the extra mile." In fact, Prince George's County Council Chair Thomas E. Dernoga had requested in his February 8 letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and SHA that public comment period be extended to 90 days to ensure a full and detailed review of the FEIS. He explained that after

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## Three Services Launched Through GAIL Program

by Sharahn D. Boykin

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program (GAIL) has added three new services that can be offered to residents said Christal Batey, community resource advocate, on February 22 at a reception in the Greenbelt Community Center.

The Pediatric Wellness Program educates individual families on health topics. Beginning March 1 on Wednesday evenings, parents and Springhill Lake Elementary School students can participate in a series of lectures and activities on topics that include fitness, immunization, obesity, nutrition and community safety and identification of resources at the school.

The 10-week program is offered in English and Spanish to the 37 families and 68 children who have registered. Students from the Bowie State University School of Nursing will conduct individual wellness assessments with each family and then work with the children individually while parents attend lectures given by representatives of the

Prince George's County Health Department, private physicians and dentists, the Greenbelt Police Department and nutritionists.

### Pediatric Wellness

The Pediatric Wellness Program is an offspring of another GAIL program that matches Greenbelt residents with Bowie State University nursing students. Students in the program provide residents with services such as bathing, health education and vital sign monitoring. Because the student nurses participated in the program as part of a course, their services were only available for a semester. Batey worked with the instructor of the course to develop the Pediatric Wellness Program to utilize nursing students during the remaining school semester.

### Preferred Providers

The Home Healthcare Study Group, a subcommittee of the Friends of the Resource Advocate created the Preferred Provider Program to offer residents the services of registered nurses, li-

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## Studio Artist Elizabeth Morisette Brings Special Talents to Class

by Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt Arts Coordinator

You really know you've arrived as an artist when you get recognized at the local post office. At least, that's the outlook of Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morisette.

An artist-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center for nearly six years, Morisette is well known in the community for her unique fiber arts. From her "people totems" to "found on eBay" tapestries to free-form sculptural vessels, Morisette weaves her lighthearted musings with a colorful array of recycled materials that have tantalized the eyes of local residents.

"I have found the community to be incredibly supportive" she remarks with gratitude. "I remember one time, standing in line at the post office and a total stranger said to me 'I really enjoy the new direction your work is taking.' That was when I felt like a true community artist. The community had invested interest in my work, my success and me."

### Collaborative

Morisette is one of 13 artists participating in the inaugural class of a new master of arts in community arts program offered by the prestigious Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore. A collaborative piece



Elizabeth Morisette stands next to her "Kvitl Project" which collected wishes, hopes, dreams and prayers from members of the Baltimore Jewish Community Center.

that she spearheaded displays her work and that of fellow graduate students in the exhibition "Two Way Street" at MICA's Meyerhoff Gallery through March 12.

The exhibition uses oral history and mixed-media to explore themes of socioeconomic divides and intergenerational dialogue while celebrating untold stories and highlighting the power of experiential education.

The Community Arts program

kicked off with a summer institute in 2005. Teams composed of two graduate students and two high school interns led six-week youth classes in Baltimore's Waverly neighborhood. Morisette, who is no stranger to youth arts education, was able to bring considerable momentum into her placement.

A former manager of the

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### What Goes On

Sunday, March 5

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, March 6

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Briefing on Springhill Lake, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, March 7

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, March 9

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

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## Letters to the Editor

### Concern about Presentation of Information

I'm concerned about the way that the city's recent deal with the Greenbelt Station developers has been presented to the public, both by city officials and by the News Review.

First, I should say that I am sympathetic to the desire to have control over this development and that it may well be a good policy decision to help pay for needed improvements in order to secure valuable concessions. However, what troubles me is the way that policy has been promoted to the public through the suppression of certain quite valid concerns.

At least twice now, city officials have asserted in the News Review that the Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) by which the debt will be repaid will "not affect" current city residents; in last week's issue, it was stated that "existing residents are not responsible for any of these costs." This is highly misleading: although all residents will pay the same basic tax rate, those in the TIF zone will be paying less into the general operation portion of the city budget, while using just as much of it as current residents. So, in effect, current residents will carry a bigger share of the operating cost burden. If it turns out that the TIF residents are not contributing enough to the general fund to cover their operating costs, tax rates will go up, affecting all residents. So all residents are indeed taking on some aspect of the risk associated with this debt and could be adversely affected by it.

A Greenbelt citizen, Robert Fireovid, took great care to explain all this at the January 23 council meeting, in which the TIF was eventually approved. Yet the News Review article on that meeting completely ignored Fireovid's testimony. It was clear to those present at the meeting that he had done careful research (which he outlined in a handout on this issue) and passionately argued that the TIF was "not fair" because of the disproportionate share of operating costs that are placed on current residents as compared to new residents in the TIF zone. I don't

recall a single city official responding to his points - indicating that they had no rebuttal. However, not one word of Fireovid's testimony made it into the News Review. Even if one might disagree with his comments, they certainly were newsworthy by any objective standard; he was known to have led a flyer campaign in opposition to the TIF and the deal with the developer, urging people to attend the meeting and he was the lead-off speaker in opposition, summarizing many key points that were then echoed by other speakers. He's not the only one to have concerns about TIFs; others have raised similar objections (for example, see <http://talktotony.blogspot.com/2006/01/tif-giving-away-store-to-get-store.html> or [http://reclaimdemocracy.org/articles/2006/tax\\_increment\\_financing.php](http://reclaimdemocracy.org/articles/2006/tax_increment_financing.php)).

As I said at the beginning of this letter, it may well be the right decision to enter into this deal to help make the development, as much as possible, an asset rather than a blight. But I am very disappointed in the process by which this decision was ultimately reached and I'm tired of the misleading comments and half-truths still being disseminated in support of what was clearly a foregone conclusion.

Ruth Kastner

**Editor's Note:** In a lengthy article on a very long meeting that took up a full page plus another full column in the February 2 issue, reporter Thomas X. White devoted most of one column to public discussion of the pros and cons of TIF financing including a specific reference to the view that the TIF "was unfair to Greenbelt taxpayers." The better part of another column was devoted to discussion by council both in support of and opposition to the proposal.

The majority of the article was devoted to an explanation of the South Core project, the financing proposal, the many issues negotiated between the city and developer and financing provided by the city to other developments prior to this proposal.

### Still Creek Discovery At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, March 4 at 9 a.m. a Still Creek Watershed Discovery Walk will be held by the Anacostia Watershed Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Summit Fund of Washington.

Still Creek is the stream system that flows through Greenbelt Park and drains portions of the towns of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton. Participants will see Still Creek for themselves, discover the beauties of this stream system and learn how to get involved in the effort to restore Still Creek and the Anacostia River. Meet at Greenbelt Park in the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Walkers should wear sturdy, comfortable footwear. The walk will be on natural-surfaced foot trails with some difficult footing possible but the pace will be relaxed and there will be numerous stops to explore the creek. Even at this time of year ticks and poison ivy are possible so dress accordingly.

For more information or to RSVP contact Kate Levendosky by phone 202-962-3374 or email [klevendosky@mwcog.org](mailto:klevendosky@mwcog.org).

The park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Its website is [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

### Garcia Art Exhibit, Reception at Café

Greenbelt artist Sarah Garcia will exhibit her paintings at the New Deal Café during the month of March. There will be a reception on Sunday, March 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited.

Garcia's exhibition is entitled "Beloved Landscapes." The exhibit is described as landscapes from her most loved places. Included in this exhibit of oil and acrylic paintings are landscapes from her hometown in Wisconsin, her current home in Greenbelt and a few from Italy. One piece is a reproduction of Constable's Wivenhoe Park, Essex, that Garcia did during her time as a copyist at the National Gallery of Art. According to Garcia, "The process of painting is a meditation and the much-loved person or place becomes a part of that meditation. It is my hope that the viewer would share in that meditation." Garcia and her husband Lenny have been Greenbelt residents for 10 years. Currently, Garcia stays home with her 3-year-old daughter Annamarie and is involved with the Mamas and Papas playgroup and the Greenbelt Nursery School.

This exhibit was sponsored in part by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with supporting grants from the Prince George's Arts Council.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAR. 3 CAPOTE (R)

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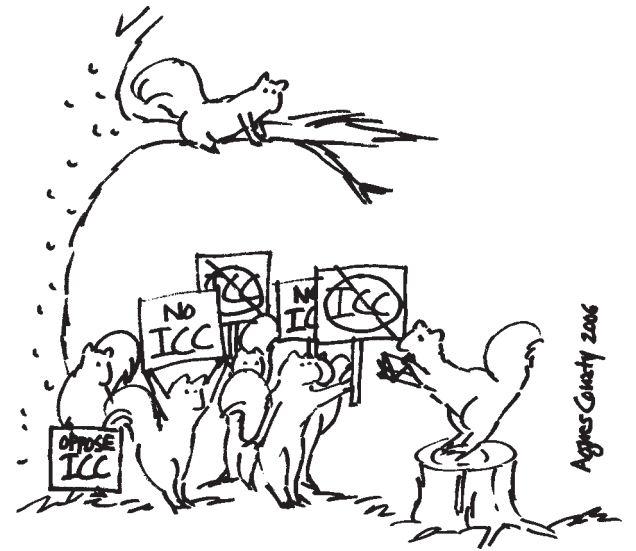
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"This is our last time to voice  
our opposition to the ICC."



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 9, 2006  
GHI Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

#### Key Agenda Items

- Mission Statement Revision
- Spring and Fall Gutter Cleaning
- Yard Line Pilot Project
- CLEAR Project

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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## Arts Advisory Board to Meet

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This meeting is open to the public.

## Time to Reserve A Garden Plot

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station meeting room.

Anyone interested in using a club plot for vegetable and/or flower gardening should attend the meeting, where 50' x 50' and 50' x 25' plots will be distributed.

Members who had a plot in 2005 get first preference on the plot they gardened. If members are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in continuing gardening with the club, they should call Dotty Esher at 202-624-7849 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. before March 21 to reserve a plot.

## Greenbriar Clothing Drive Underway

Greenbriar condominium management reminds residents that it is spring cleaning time and Greenbriar is holding its annual clothing drive through March 31. The clothing drive gives Greenbriar members a chance to help update someone's wardrobe by donating clothing they will never wear again.

Donations will be accepted in the Greenbriar management office. On April 1 all donated clothing will be delivered to an organization serving those in need.

For more information call Community Affairs Director Ramona Davis at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

## GreenBeLT Pride Membership Meeting

GreenBeLT Pride, an organization for gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender citizens of Greenbelt will host its first annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 12 from 3 to 6 p.m., in Room 301 of the Greenbelt Community Center at 115 Crescent Road.

The agenda for the meeting includes the election of the organization's first board, adoption of bylaws, reports on future projects, events and socializing. The guest speaker for the program will be Patrick Wojahn, a board member of Equality Maryland, the statewide organization for the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. Wojahn was also a part of the historic Maryland lawsuit granting marriage rights to same-sex couples. The decision is currently under appeal.

Having formed at the end of May 2005, GreenBeLT Pride has organized social events over the past eight months and has focused on developing an organizational model for itself which will be presented to the membership at this meeting. All are welcome.

The group's name is deliberately spelled with unusual capitalization to highlight the motto "You can't spell Greenbelt without GBLT!"

Door prizes will be available for attendees. For information, visit [www.greenbeltpride.org](http://www.greenbeltpride.org), email [FdeBernardo@aol.com](mailto:FdeBernardo@aol.com) or call Frank at 240-432-2489.

# Community Events

## Monday Is Trivia Night at New Deal

Trivia Game Night will be held at the New Deal Café on Monday, March 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. Game nights are held on the first Monday of each month.

Participants will play "Wits & Wagers," a game created by Greenbelt's local gamemakers. Players can win without answering any questions correctly and can experience a Vegas-style casino game by betting on answers provided by other teams. There are prizes for the winning teams. There is no fee to play; food and drink specials are available for purchase.

For information contact 301-313-0448 or [trivia@northstargames.com](mailto:trivia@northstargames.com).

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Everyone enjoyed the February 22 meeting of the club. Bob Swain demonstrated some very unique bicycles and presented a short film of some of them in parades. A conference bike, ridden by seven people and controlled by Bob was really something to see. Bob is from Pennsylvania and he and his wife are visiting their daughter here in Greenbelt. Maybe we can talk him into being in the Labor Day Parade.

Rena Hull will speak at the March 8 meeting. She will tell us about her experiences as a volunteer nurse in New Orleans during Katrina.

Plans are underway for our anniversary luncheon at La Fontaine Bleu on April 19. Dues must be up to date to be eligible.

## GIAC Monthly Meeting Scheduled

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. New and old members are encouraged to attend to discuss and plan for the future. There is special need for interested people to serve in this all-volunteer organization as officers, members of the board or as assorted individual task leaders and helpers throughout the year. No special technical skills are necessary.

## Senior Softball Team Looking for Players

The Greenbelt Senior Softball Team is looking for players age 60 and over to play for this season. Bring a glove down to the Youth Center any Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for practice and some exercises.

Call Ray Reed, manager, at 301-568-6977 if there are any questions. There are 39 games to be played Mondays and Wednesdays, daytime only so there will be plenty of opportunities to play.

## Help Clean Trails At Greenbelt Park

REI is looking for 100 volunteers to clean up the trails in Greenbelt Park on Saturday, March 15 and/or April 29. Meet at the Holly Picnic Area by 8:45 a.m. Register by calling REI at 301-982-9681 (registration is mandatory). Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

## Dems Schedule Social Night Out

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will not hold a regular membership meeting in March. Instead it will enjoy its annual night of dinner and theater on Friday, March 17.

Dinner is set for 6 p.m. at the Beijing Restaurant, 131 Centerway in Greenbelt, followed by an 8 p.m. curtain at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. The play is "Daughters," a family comedy.

Members, guests and prospective members are all invited to attend. Tickets can be reserved by calling club president Pat Unger at 301-474-1052 by Friday, March 10. Payment may be made that evening.

The group's April meeting will be Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Speakers will be Congressman Ben Cardin (MD-3) and former Congressman Kweisi Mfume who represented Maryland's 7th District for 10 years in the 1990s. Both are candidates for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Paul Sarbanes' retirement. The Democratic Primary is Tuesday, September 12, 2006.

## Phase I Residents Meet on Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7 p.m. the Greenbriar Phase I Annual Meeting will be held in the Greenbriar Terrace Room.

## Strategy Games Club Plays Mah Jongg

The City of Greenbelt's Strategy Games Club holds game play every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Youth Center Multipurpose Room. This week's "Game of the Week" is Mah Jongg. The game of Mah Jongg originated in Ningpo, China, in the late 1800s. Mah Jongg is intellectually challenging as players swap tiles in hope to gain their chosen sequence. Those who have only heard of the game, never learned to play or who want to learn to play are invited. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and to play. All levels of Mah Jongg players from beginners to experts are invited to join in.

The club has a wide variety of other games available to participants. Some of the new strategy games include Carcassone, Go, Cartegena and Ticket to Ride.

The Strategy Games Club is a intergenerational group for ages 8 and above. Registration is not required. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## GHI Notes

The following Greenbelt Homes, Inc. meetings are scheduled for the period March 6-16.

March 7 - Member & Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

March 8 - Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

March 8 - Woodlands Committee, 7 p.m., Lunch Room

March 9 - Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

March 14 - SDP Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

March 16 - Finance Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

## Ceilidh Band Plays At Arts Center

On Saturday, March 11 at 8 p.m., the Homespun Ceilidh Band will present its annual Celtic concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). The band makes a welcome return performance of Scottish and Irish music.

Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-lee) is a Celtic word meaning "visit." The Homespun Ceilidh Band is a nine piece "Celtic big dance band" with lively, toe-tapping jump up and dance jigs, reels, hornpipes, as well as gentle, lyrical airs and even the occasional Irish polka. The repertory includes tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Brittany and, by extension, Cape Breton/Nova Scotia and Quebec.

The band has two fiddles, award-winning Scottish fiddler John Ward and Becky Ross; a hammered dulcimer, Bill Mitchell; a bouzouki and flute, Mike Stoddard; a cittern, Jim Stimson; a guitar, Glenn Arthur; a viola da gamba and recorder, Felicia Eberling; drums and vocals, Trix Whithall; and Irish stepdancing, Jennifer Lubell.

The band was formed in 1993 to play at GAC for a special concert. They have stayed together since then. There is a fee. See ad on page 6.

## At the Library

### Children

Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

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

4 p.m. - Bookids Book Discussion: Gail Carson Levine's "Ella Enchanted."

Thursday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. - Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

### Adults

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

## Explore Interactions With Marine Mammals

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Paula McNeil from Mt. Rainier Nature and Recreation Center. McNeil, will share some of her wildlife adventures with manatees in Florida and grey whales in Mexico, getting up close to these majestic creatures and even touching them.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## St. Hugh's Catholic School Grades K-8th OPEN REGISTRATION

145 Crescent Road, Greenbelt

301-474-4071

[www.sthughs.com](http://www.sthughs.com)

Open Registration begins Feb. 21 for the 2006-07 school year.

## GREENBELT BASEBALL



### Registration for New Players

Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, March 4

10 a.m. to noon

### T-Ball

(5-6 year olds)

### Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

(7-8 year olds)

and

### Major League Players

Born 8-1-93 thru 7-31-97

e-mail: [Jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org](mailto:Jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org)

### Fees:

Resident \$30

Sibling \$20

Non-Resident \$60

Sibling \$30

T-Ball

\$30 per player

Copy of birth certificate is required.

## VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

### Clinic for NEW Major League Players

Sat., March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon  
at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway

# Obituaries

## Harry I. Cohn

Harry Isaac Cohn, age 65, died Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in Greenbelt.

Born in Guilford County, N.C., on January 31, 1941, he was the son of the late Leo and Vera Merritt. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Goldsboro, N.C.

Mr. Cohn is survived by a son, Harry Jay Spurgeon of Boston, Mass.; an uncle, Harry Merritt of Raleigh, N.C.; an aunt, Viola Merritt of Raleigh, N.C.; cousins Susan Merritt O'Brien, Jenny Louise Merritt, Colleen Merritt O'Brien and Nancy Neighbors, all of Raleigh; Jo Ellen Allen of Powell's Point, N.C.; Georgia Ramage of Griffin, Ga.; Lee Porter of Atlanta, Ga.; and longtime companion Beverly Harrington of Greenbelt.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 28 at Shumate-Faulk Funeral Home Chapel in Goldsboro, followed by burial at Willowdale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the First Baptist Church, 125 S. John Street, Goldsboro, NC 27350 or to the charity of one's choice.

## Robert William Hurst

Robert William Hurst, age 82, of Greenbelt died on February 22, 2006, in a local hospital of lung cancer. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Robert Tyler Hurst and Ora Celeste (Hurst) Hurst. He relocated to Greenbelt in 1949.



Mr. Hurst served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. He was assigned to the 9th Air Force, 404th Fighter Group 508th Fighter Squadron based in Belgium. He was a P-47 combat fighter pilot and flew 40 missions in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns in 1945.

He graduated from the College of Business and Public Administration at the University of Maryland in 1953. In his employment he directed public relations programs for large national trade associations including the Producers Council, the National Association of Homebuilders and finally retiring from the National Electrical Contractors Association where he served as a convention manager.

As a resident in Greenbelt he served as a city council member between the years 1953-1957. For part of his second term he served as mayor pro tem.

He participated in other civic affairs in Greenbelt including the Lions Club, PTA, as a Fire Department and Rescue Squad trustee and as an assistant cub master of Cub Scout Pack 202. During this time he was a member of the Greenbelt Community Church and served as the principal of the church's Junior Department. In the early 1950s he drove a school bus for Greenbelt and managed the local drug store.

His high school yearbook inscription states "Congenial is the word for Hurst." This was an accurate assessment sustained for a lifetime. He was an avid reader who was particularly fond of history and politics. One of his favorite pastimes was listening to opera and classical music. He loved to cook.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years Doris Lee (Smith) Hurst for whom he lovingly and devotedly provided care during years of her infirmity. He is survived by and will be missed by his children David Frederick (Theresa Kaiser) Hurst of Salisbury, N.C.; Carol Lee Hurst of Colorado Springs

Colo.; and Leigh Alan Hurst of Mill Valley, Calif.; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and his brother-in-law and lifelong friend Kenneth Martin (Evelyn Collins) Smith, Jr. and seven much-loved nieces and nephews.

He also will be missed by Eastway's One Court gang and the mermaids of the Greenbelt Aquatic Center.

A memorial service and burial at Arlington National Cemetery will occur at a future date.

— Carol Hurst

## Anne Ellen Sucher

Anne Ellen Sucher, daughter of longtime Greenbelters Joseph and Dorothy Sucher, died suddenly on February 27, 2006. She was 39. A Greenbelt native, she was living on Parkway while pursuing a master of social work degree at the University of Maryland at Baltimore County.

Ms. Sucher graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelors degree in English.

She lived for some time in San Francisco and in France before returning to Greenbelt.

Ms. Sucher was a talented folk singer, performing with a



group called "Water's Edge." Only a week ago they attended a ceremony in Falls Church where their CD, "Make a Choice," had been nominated for a Washington Area Music Association ("Wammie") award in the contemporary folk category for best recording. The CD features 10 original songs by Ms. Sucher and her co-vocalist Michelle Murray. It had received airtime on D.C. area radio stations.

As early as the age of six Ms. Sucher began writing songs. Lately she has played regularly with musical friends who called themselves "The Knaves." In addition to guitar, she was trained in classical piano.

A writer and poet, she edited the "Iguana Review," an anthology of works by Greenbelt and area poets. Last year an exhibit of her graphic art "Frames of Mind," a collection of artistically framed mirrors, was displayed at the New Deal Café. She was also a journalist and from time to time wrote for this paper as well as for the Prince George's Sentinel.

Besides her parents, now of Riderwood and Marshfield, Vt., she is survived by three brothers Gabriel of Rockville, Michael and

his wife Carol of Montpelier, Vt., and Anatole and his wife Ann Rasmussen of San Francisco and a niece Rachel. She did make-up for the Montgomery Gazette.

A memorial service will be held sometime in March. Some of her friends are getting together in her memory on Friday, March 3 at 6 p.m. in the back room of the New Deal Café.

— Virginia Beauchamp

## Berwyn Presbyterian Soup/Lecture Series

Beginning on March 8, Berwyn Presbyterian Church will offer a Lenten soup and lecture series on Wednesdays through April 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

All are welcome to join in a light soup supper followed by a Bible lecture led by Dr. Todd Beall. Beall is an Old Testament professor at Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham. The theme for the series is "What is our response to suffering? How the Old Testament saints and Jesus handled suffering guides us in our answer."

The lecture is free and open to the public. Child care is provided.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm

Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am

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Worship Service



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### St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church



7010 Glenn Dale Road

(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays:

8:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

1:30 pm

Wednesdays:

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Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212

www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sunday School:

9:30 am

Worship Service:

10:45 am

Weds. Worship:

7:00 pm

(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

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www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/

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10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



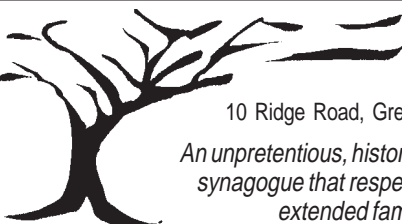
**Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Baha'i Faith

"O Friend!  
In the garden of thy heart,  
plant naught but the rose of love."  
— Baha'u'llah

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
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Who is Muhammad?  
Part 2

Born in Arabia in the year 570 A.D., Muhammad (peace be upon him) was from the most noble family in the city of Makkah. His lineage traced back to the prophet Abraham through his son Ishmael (peace be upon them both). He grew up as an orphan and in his youth, even before being appointed as a prophet, he earned the title among his people of "al-amin" – the trustworthy – for his unflinching truthfulness and integrity.

To order a free DVD or book about Muhammad (peace be upon him) contact www.cair.com/muhammad. For questions or information on Islam, please visit www.searchislam.org, email us at info@searchislam.org or call 301-982-9463.



Condolences to the family of Robert William Hurst, who died February 22. Mr. Hurst was a former member of City Council.

Our sympathy to Dorothy and Joseph Sucher and family on the death of their daughter Anne.

Condolences to Beverly Harrington on the death of her longtime companion Harry I. Cohn.

Sorry to hear of the death of Thomas X. White's brother John Joseph White, Sr. Our sympathy to Tom and family.

Congratulations to Parks Supervisor Richard Mills on his retirement after 30 years of service to the city in Public Works.

Congratulations to Florence Holly who will be 97 on March 4.

### Utopia Film Festival Seeking Films, Help

The second Annual Utopia Film Festival is slated for October in Greenbelt. Festival planners are seeking volunteers and film submissions for the event.

Filmmaker/actor Chris Haley is serving as director of the festival, which will use venues in and near Greenbelt's historic town center including the Old Greenbelt Theatre to show entries. The festival will be held October 27-29 and is accepting submissions of films and videos of any type or length by students, professionals and independent film and video makers.

Narrative, non-narrative, documentary, animation and experimental forms of any genre or subject are welcome. Films with a social context such as community building, the environment and citizen action are of special interest.

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) is the event's primary sponsor. GATE was formed in 1986 as a nonprofit organization aimed at providing cable television public access facilities and production equipment for the community. Its operations are supported by financial contributions from the City of Greenbelt and Comcast Cablevision. The festival has also been supported by the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Prince George's Arts Council, the Prince George's Library System and other groups.

Submission guidelines, deadlines and additional information will soon be available at [utopiafilmfestival.org](http://utopiafilmfestival.org). For information on volunteering to help with the festival or to learn more about film/video entry submissions call GATE at 301-507-6581.

### UM Soloists Hold Free Concert

On Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. leading soloists in the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra (UMSO) Concerto Competition will compete in their final round. The competition will be held in the Dekelbourn Concert Hall of the UM Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Witness the preliminary round of the competition in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall on Sunday, March 5 at 1 p.m. Graduate and undergraduate students will compete to perform as featured soloists with the UMSO next season. Both events are open to the public and free.



# City Information

### Meetings for March 6-10

**Monday, March 6, 8:00pm, Council Work Session,** Briefing on Springhill Lake, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

**Tuesday, March 7, 7:00pm, Arts Advisory Board,** Greenbelt Community Center. This meeting is open to the public. Info: Nicole DeWald 301-397-2208

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:  
Advisory Committee on Trees  
Youth Advisory Committee  
(Opening for adult position)

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

### CITY JOB OPENING

#### POLICE OFFICERS

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland is seeking Police Officer Candidates (\$32,136.00/yr) and Certified Police Officers (\$34,673.60/yr), 21 years of age; U.S. Citizen; H.S. Diploma or GED. The Police Department is a full-time agency whose 54 officers provide service to 22,000 residents in six square miles serving a diverse population in the Washington/Metropolitan area. For job duties and responsibilities, as well as complete requirements and benefits, please see [www.greenbeltmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police).

Deadline: March 30, 2006 for upcoming test.

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Download application and physical agility requirements

### THE RECYCLING BIN

Where can I recycle

#### STYROFOAM PACKAGING PEANUTS?

The following UPS Stores accept Styrofoam packaging peanuts for recycling.

10482 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville (301-595-4080)

4423 Lehigh Road, College Park (301-699-0191)

9900 Greenbelt Road, Lanham (301-552-7453)

For further information on Recycling, please contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

### EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



DESIGN THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S OFFICIAL EARTH DAY 2006 T-SHIRT

(Please limit design to 4 colors)

Submit your original design by 12 noon

Friday, March 10th

Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...or bring it in to this address and place in drop box.

*This contest is open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young. Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC).*

The winner of the contest will receive a \$100.00

gift certificate to REI

For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.

### AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, March 5 from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this monthly, free mini arts festival  
Featuring a Family Friendly Latin American concert with Cantare at 3pm. FREE!



**1-3pm HANDS ON PROJECT** Join Artist-in-residence Ellyn Weiss for a zany, surrealist drawing activity.

#### ART EXHIBITION:

"Lifelines: Photography by Lynn Silverman" Exhibit runs through April 7th.

Guests can also visit working artist studios, enjoy community sculpture displays created at previous Artful Afternoons, see the "Living the Healthy Life" exhibit by the Greenbelt Museum and take a guided tour of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
BARBARA DICKEY DAVIS AT 240-542-2062

### Fit n' Fun Babysitters Wanted

M/W/F 9:15am-11am, \$7.25/hour

Greenbelt Community Center

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000:

Monday, March 6 at 8pm: Council Work Session (live)

Tuesday & Thursday, March 7 & 9: 10am & 6pm

"Ask the Expert-Care for the Caregiver," 7:00pm Springhill Lake Elementary "Tribute to Ray Charles," 8:30pm "Replay of City Council Work Session."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:

Wednesday & Friday, March 8 & 10: 7:00pm "Partners of the Heart," 8:00pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Cabaret."

Greenbelt Recreation Department

### Spring Camp

Monday, April 10 - Friday, April 14

#236501-4

Warmer days are on their way, and Spring Break is right around the corner! We'll keep your kid's break action-packed with a combination of events at the Youth Center, Community Center, Aquatic and Fitness Center and by taking field trips. Tentative trips include: Jeepers, bowling & roller skating, hiking Cunningham Falls, Speed & Thro magic show, swimming and a cookout at Schrom Hills Park. Campers will also take a clay modeling class at the Greenbelt Community Center. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink.

Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm Fee: \$125R, \$150NR

Before Care: 7:00am - 9:00am - \$20/child

After Care: 3:30pm - 6:00pm - \$25/child

Resident Registration: Ongoing

Non-Resident Registration: Ongoing

REGISTER NOW! FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 301-397-2200

The City of Greenbelt's Municipal Website, GREENBELT CITYLINK (formerly at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)) has moved. The site can now be found at

[www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Please make sure to update all your links. Visit us for information on your City Government, City Services, Senior Programs, ACE Reading Club, Arts, City Events and More. Now posted: new SUMMER CAMP information and registration packets!



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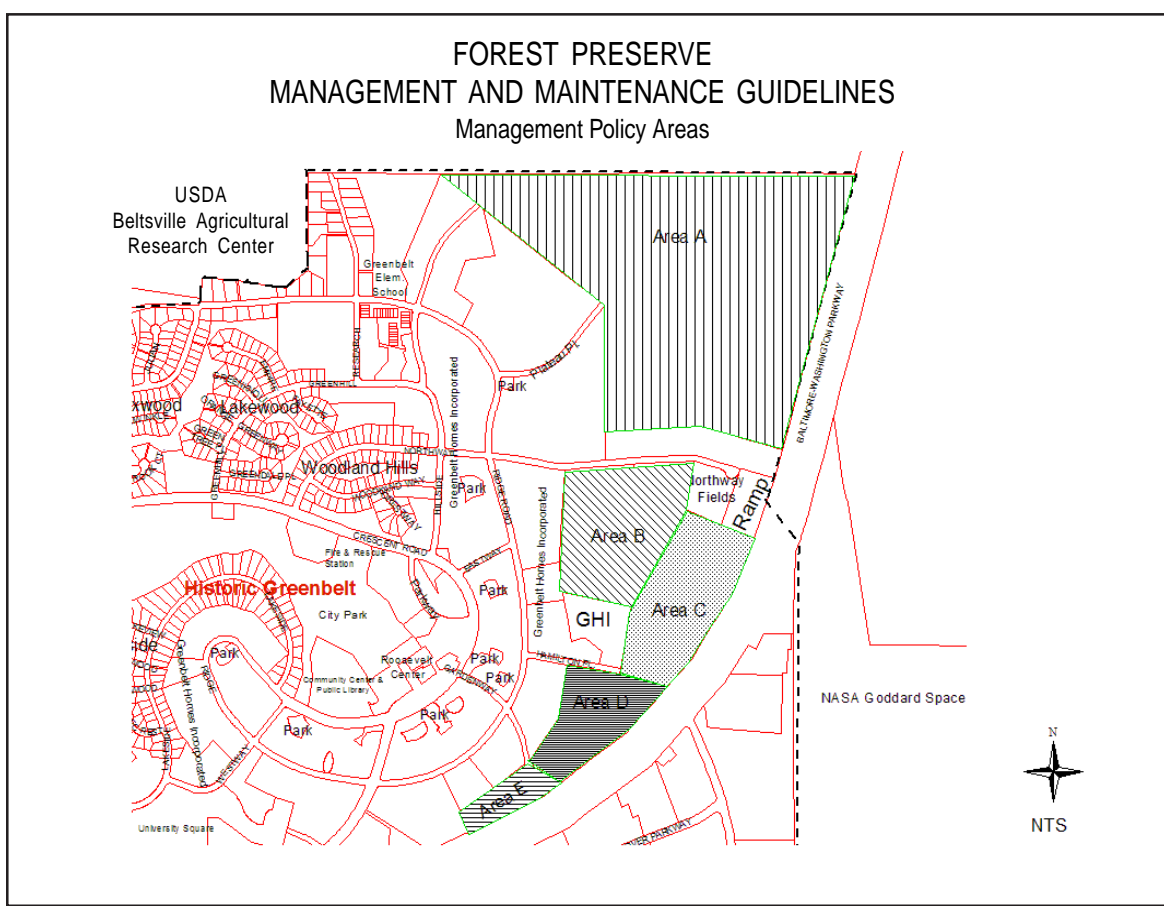
abuse associated with heavy public use. It is also affected by Parkway noise. It shows evidence of illegal and undesirable activity (drug and alcohol consumption, gun use and overnight camping) and is littered.

In spite of these negative conditions, this area could be utilized to provide hiking trails connecting to the North End areas and possibly reverse the pattern of misuse. The benefit of a designated park/hiking area for Area D could reduce the demand on the more primitive areas of the preserve where public use is not encouraged.

**(Area E) South Preserve, Part of Parcel 21.** From Gardenway southeast to McDonald Field, this area is also relatively flat. Except for community gardening near the pathway leading to the Spellman overpass, it is heavily vegetated, not well used for hiking and has few informal trails. Lacking an obvious demand, the task force recommends this area be continued in its existing condition.

**Guidelines**

In reference to these areas, the task force recommended guidelines for signage, maintenance, management of invasive species and existing vegetation, catastrophic events, enforcement of regulations, activities and special events and forest health. A section labeled "contingencies" deals with existing community uses in some areas of the preserve that may be considered incompatible with the forest preserve program or the content of the guidelines.



Using the Community Gardens, the Hamilton Cemetery and the Northway Fields as examples, the guidelines discuss the historical significance of such uses and recommend a mutual balance between them and the adjacent preserve areas where existing boundaries between the respective uses are maintained so that no encroachment shall occur.

Mayor Judith Davis characterized the guidelines as, "... extremely comprehensive and well

thought out." She and other members of council were generally pleased with the effort put forth by the task force and asked for a few clarifications, such as for trail layouts, signage and maintenance issues.

When Chernikoff noted the prohibition on removal of vegetation was intended to assure that plants were to be, "... left for the creatures of the forest," Councilmember Leta Mach wanted to know if that prohibi-

tion extended to the popular picking of wild blueberries from the forest. Chernikoff responded that there were probably enough blueberries for the human pickers as well as the creatures.

**Task Force Members**

Other members of the task force include Susan Gregerson of

REAC, Robert Trumble of ACT and Valerie Elliott (at-large member).

Chernikoff indicated that the report had been considered by each of the city boards and committees with task force representatives and had been approved unanimously.

They will meet again on March 9 to address issues raised and present a revised version to council. Council also requested the task force revisit its recommendation regarding establishment of a permanent Forest Preserve Advisory Committee and look at other possible models that might provide appropriate advice to council. They were concerned about potential jurisdictional issues and the most optimum approach for assuring communication and coordination among various advisory bodies with an interest in this topic.

Two new areas recommended for forest preserve status include Parcel 7 in the Boxwood subdivision. This approximately 8.81 acres are located north of Crescent Road, west of Lastner Lane, south of Ivy Lane and east of Ridge Road. The area to be included in the preserve would be the wooded section only. The second new area would be Parcel 2, a 10.6-acre buffer parcel adjacent to the north side of Northway and immediately south of the North Preserve Area A.

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detailed briefings by SHA, "Several issues were raised by my colleagues which require the council to reconvene in staff worksessions to review the issues and responses."

**Audubon Comments**

Brian Henry, Audubon Naturalist Society's ICC organizer, said he was pleased that state and federal administrations granted an extension of the citizen comment period. However, he asserted, the extension period still does not give adequate time for reviewing the voluminous and extremely technical 2,700-page FEIS document and accompanying reports and the additional new information released in January 2005.

As an example, he pointed to new information on air quality analysis that he said "fails to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards on air pollution." Henry asserted that air toxins were not measured along

the ICC right-of-way where thousands of residents live.

**Decision Pending**

Upon completion of the FEIS review period on March 23, the FHWA will analyze all comments and issue a "Record of Decision." This will be the final determination among the three study alternatives: Corridor One, the preferred alignment (the southern-most of the two proposed corridors), Corridor Two (the northern corridor) and the "no build" option.

The preferred ICC alignment (Master Plan Alignment) is the \$2.4 billion (plus financing) six-lane, multi-modal, 18-mile highway connecting existing and planned development areas between I-270 in central Montgomery County and the I-95/U.S. 1 corridor in northwestern Prince George's County. Both the Draft and FEIS have included toll estimates for ICC commuters.

**FEIS on Internet**

The comprehensive FEIS is now available on the Internet to view and download at [www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org).

Interested citizens may request a free computer disk of the FEIS and technical reports by calling toll free 1-866-462-0020 or by email through the project website [www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org). Printed personal copies are available for a fee. Additionally, the FEIS and the Public Hearing Transcript will be available for review or loan at selected libraries, community centers and government facilities including the State Highway Administration Building on Kenilworth Avenue across from Crescent Road.

Questions or comments may be submitted by March 23 through the ICC website ([www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org)) or by mail to the ICC Project Manager, Wesley Mitchell, at Mail Stop C-301, Project Planning Division, State Highway Administration, 707 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

**NARFE Meeting On Tax Planning**

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Lois Fishmon, a financial planner, will discuss tactics for the 2005 and 2006 taxes. The public is invited. For information call 301-552-2737.

**Star Parties on Saturday and Sunday**

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a star party this Saturday, March 4 at Northway Fields. Members of the society will begin setting up to view a variety of celestial objects at approximately 6 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be canceled without further notice.



Members of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a sidewalk star party this Sunday, March 5 in Roosevelt Center at 6 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Information about other ASG events can be found at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

Greenbelt Arts Center  
presents

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Saturday, March 11  
8 p.m.  
Greenbelt Arts Center  
123 Centerway Greenbelt, MD

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# Police Blotter

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

## Assaults

February 9, in reference to an assault reported February 7 in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with first-degree assault and second-degree assault. A criminal summons has also been obtained charging a second resident man with second-degree assault in the same incident.

February 16, in reference to an assault reported February 2 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a 16-year-old Greenbelt youth has been petitioned for one count of second-degree assault.

February 19, 12:03 a.m., 6400 Ivy lane, a man reported that he was inside Pitcher's Bar at the Marriott Hotel when he was assaulted by as many as five people. One of them struck the man in the forehead with an unknown object, causing a cut over his left eye. The man was transported to the hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as four black males, all 25 to 30 years of age; one was 5'10" with a medium build, black hair in dreadlocks and wearing a black coat.

February 22, 10:30 a.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a non-resident youth was arrested for assault after allegedly pushing a teacher during a confrontation with another student.

## Attempted Rape

February 21, 10:26 p.m., 32 Court Ridge Road, a woman reported that she was walking on the sidewalk toward Gardenway when she was approached from behind by a man who attempted to sexually assault her and then attempted to drag her across the street toward the woods. The woman began screaming and the man fled on foot in the general direction of the 31 Court of Ridge Road. The suspect is described as an unknown male, 5'9" to 5'11", wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt.

## Robberies

February 1, in reference to an armed robbery reported January 7 at Beltway Plaza, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with attempted armed robbery, first-degree assault, malicious destruction and use of a handgun during the commission of a violent crime.

February 11, 8:07 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a food delivery person reported that he had exited his vehicle to make a delivery when he was approached by two men. They punched him several times, took his money and the food he was about to deliver and fled the scene in an unknown direction. The suspects are described as two black males wearing dark clothing.

February 19, 7:50 p.m., 9230 Springhill Lane, a man reported that he was walking from the parking lot to the rear entrance of the Hunan Restaurant when he was approached by two youths, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining money from

the man both youths fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 15 years of age and 5'2" tall. One weighed 120 pounds, had black hair and a light complexion and was wearing dark clothing. The second weighed 100 pounds, had black hair and a dark complexion and was wearing dark clothing.

February 23, 2:06 a.m., 7900 Good Luck Road, a clerk at the 7-Eleven reported that a man entered the store, produced a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money, the man fled the area on foot in the direction of Doctor's Hospital. The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 35 years of age, 5'10", 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He had a bushy beard and a dark complexion and was wearing a puffy black coat, blue jeans and a black wool hat.

## Arson

February 21, 1:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident and a nonresident youth were arrested for arson after they allegedly set a trash can on fire inside a bathroom at the school. The building was not damaged. The youths were released to their parents pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

## DWI Arrests

February 19, 3:08 a.m., 6900 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and other offenses as a result of the investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 20, 12:55 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and/or alcohol, driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance, negligent driving, reckless driving and failure to obey a traffic device after being stopped for traffic violations. He was released on citations pending trial.

February 24, 2:34 a.m., 7500 block Hanover Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, negligent driving, reckless driving, speeding and other offenses after being stopped for traffic violations. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Drug Arrests

February 17, 9:16 p.m., Northway Field, one nonresident and two resident youths were arrested for possession of marijuana. Police noticed an occupied vehicle on the grounds of the field, which was closed for the evening. The vehicle was stopped, and upon approaching it the officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from inside. A quantity of suspected marijuana was located inside the vehicle. All of the youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

February 21, 5:23 p.m., Beltway

Plaza, two nonresident youths were arrested for theft after they were detained as shoplifting suspects. One was also arrested for possession of marijuana when the youth was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. They were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

February 23, 3:04 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone and possession of marijuana. A resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Police responded to a report of persons smoking marijuana in a parked vehicle in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway and stopped the vehicle as it was leaving the area. As an officer approached the vehicle, he detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. Both persons were found to be in possession of suspected marijuana, with the youth having the suspected marijuana packaged as though for sale. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 23, 4:20 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and driving while suspended after police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and further investigation revealed that the woman was in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. She was released on citation pending trial.

February 23, 5:25 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police responded to a report of persons smoking marijuana in front of an apartment building. Police located a group loitering in the area; the man walked away and hid something nearby before returning to the scene. One of the officers located paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The man was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

February 15, 2:45 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, two nonresident youths were arrested for theft after they allegedly took money belonging to another student at the school. The youths were released to the school pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

## Unattended Child

February 20, 12:36 p.m., Greenway Center, a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving unattended children in a motor vehicle. Police observed a parked vehicle with two young children, ages two and four, alone inside. The woman returned to the vehicle approximately 15 minutes later and was released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were stolen: a black 2001 BMW 325CI 2-door, Maryland tags A156265 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a

2001 Toyota Camry 4-door from the 6600 block Lake Park Drive; a 1998 Dodge Neon 4-door from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 2006 Dodge Caravan from Beltway Plaza; and a white 1996 Lincoln Continental 4-door, Maryland tags HLG417 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

Four vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with no arrests made. On February 24 a 1993 Subaru Impreza 4-door, taken during a carjacking October 7 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace was recovered by the Prince George's County police with no arrests.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 22 Court Ridge Road, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, 6200 block Springhill Drive and Beltway Plaza.



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Greenbelt Recreation Department's popular Creative Kids Camp, Morisette has subsequently received support from the Maryland State Arts Council for residencies at area elementary schools. She has also taught with a Head Start program in Howard County, the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School and Kindergarten, Greenbelt-area Girl Scout troops and Greenbelt elementary school children participating in an arts field trip series coordinated by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

### Role as Student

Several of Morisette's classmates are recent college graduates. In light of her longer experience as both an artist and an educator, she has struggled to shape her role within the group. "I try to lead by example," she says, "and I really enjoy getting together with [fellow students] in small groups after class . . . . So, I guess instead of being the mom, I am more like the big sister who tells it like it is."

Morisette is currently busy with the second phase of the MICA program, a year-long residency in conjunction with Americorps. She is serving as artist-in-residence at the Baltimore Jewish Community Center (JCC). With 20,000 members of all ages, this is the largest JCC organization in the United States. The scale of the community far outstrips any that Morisette has attempted to engage previously but she has risen to the challenge with determination and spirit.

An astounding 1,300 people

participated in Morisette's first undertaking with the JCC. The "Kvitl Project," as she calls it, focused on the "wishes, hopes, dreams and prayers of the members of the JCC." Kvitl is a Yiddish word meaning a little message. In 30 suitcases Morisette gathered 2,500 little messages inscribed on rolls of parchment paper which composed her installation now on view at the Meyerhoff Gallery.

Morisette also collected some fond memories of her own in the course of the Kvitl Project. She recalls, "With the kindergartners, they not only placed a kvitl in a suitcase, they also made a 'wish necklace' where the parchment paper was rolled into a bead which they wore around their necks. Drew wore his wish necklace for a whole month. Every time I saw him, he had it on. That must have been some wish!"

Morisette is already looking forward to her next project at the JCC, in which seniors and young children will collaborate in the creation of a felted wall hanging called "The Giving Tree."

### Advocate

Morisette's most ambitious project with the JCC, however, will be to advocate for the organization's employment of an artist-in-residence to serve their community. As the second artist to have fulfilled this function through the support of Americorps, she believes that she and her counterpart have demonstrated the need and desire for arts programming among the JCC membership.

Building the case for a new position will serve as the focus of Morisette's written thesis for her master's program. She plans to hold up the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Arts Supervisor position as a model for the Baltimore JCC, which might in turn serve as a model for other large recreation-oriented organizations throughout the country. "The impact could be far-reaching," she says hopefully.

In the spirit of the "two way street," Morisette also looks forward to drawing on her experiences with the JCC to develop new projects in her own hometown. "I hope to come back to Greenbelt and implement inter-generational art programs, much like the one I am creating here at the JCC. At the JCC I am an outsider coming in with ideas to help create community. Greenbelt is my community and I hope to strengthen it through this work."

### Community

While the master's program represents a new opportunity for Morisette, her personal commitment to the program's underlying values is long-standing. "I enjoy using art-making as a catalyst to create community," she says. "Sometimes the project matters very little - it is the conversation and the buzz in the room when people are engaged that I find intoxicating."

Morisette traces her community work back to the time of her graduation from the North Carolina State School of Design in 1994. Projects which she has completed in Greenbelt have in-

cluded the "Great Glowing Snake" woven for the Community Center by 180 community members taking turns on her large floor loom. Morisette also worked with local youth to create the series of blue, black and purple banners which have adorned the Community Center gym ceiling in recent years for the Festival of Lights and Greenbelt New Year.

"My mantra is 'everyone is an artist,'" Morisette remarks. "I really feel that people who have found the creative part of their persona are happier. I can't tell you how many times I have been told, 'I'm not an artist, I can't draw.' My projects celebrate the everyday and making it extraordinary."

"Ok, so you can't draw. What about sewing? What about sculpture? What about crochet? I like to give options and respond to an individual's need so they can find that inner creative spirit and let it out."

For more information about Morisette's artwork, visit her website: <http://home.comcast.net/~rugworks>. Information about the current exhibition at the Meyerhoff Gallery is available at [www.mica.edu](http://www.mica.edu). Morisette's work is also featured in the exhibition "Plethora" on view March 2 through 30 at the School 33 Art Center in Baltimore; information is available at [www.school33.org](http://www.school33.org).

Learn more about the artist-in-residence program, arts education programs and other services of the Greenbelt Recreation Department at [www.greenbeltdm.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdm.gov/arts) or by calling 301-397-2208.

## Anticlutter Workshop To Be Held March 11

On Saturday, March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Lore Rosenthal will present the Not-for-Seniors-Only workshop "Clutter. Treasure or Trash? Getting Organized and Reducing Clutter" in the Greenbelt Community Center Senior Classroom, Room 114.

Rosenthal is one of the founding members of Simplicity Matters Earth Institute. She has helped form over 100 discussion circles on the topics of simple living and sustainability. Rosenthal has developed an eight-session course, entitled "Getting Organized & Reducing Clutter."

This workshop is free and open to anyone interested in attending. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Boating Safety Course Offered

On Saturday, March 11 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 will teach a one-day course of boating safety for future boaters, new boaters and experienced boaters interested in refreshing their skills. Class will meet from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. This class meets state requirements for anyone born after July 1, 1972, who wants to operate a powered vessel, including personal watercraft, on Maryland waters. It will be taught at West Marine, 8807 Annapolis Rd., Lanham.

Pre-registration is required. There is a fee. To register call Fred at 301-577-0660, Steve at 410-531-3313 after 9 a.m., Jean at 301-779-3184 or email [tsktsk10@hotmail.com](mailto:tsktsk10@hotmail.com).

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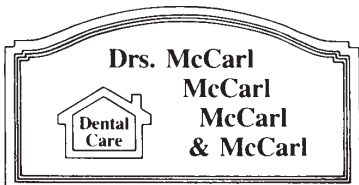


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**Baseball Sign-up Ends March 4**

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A clinic for new Major League players will be held on Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at McDonald Field, 7 Court Southway. Volunteer coaches are needed at all levels. For information contact John White 301-577-1257, [jwhite@greenbeltbaseball.org](mailto:jwhite@greenbeltbaseball.org) or Pat Kennedy 301-552-2493.

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## GFVD Visits Mamas and Papas: Families Learn about Fire Safety

by Susan Belisle

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas playgroup was visited by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday, February 15. The firefighters arrived in full gear and brought the fire engine. The kids got a hoot out of seeing a really big fire engine.

The fire chief spoke to parents and children about the importance of fire safety. There was even a demonstration on how to stop, drop and roll. One key point to remember is in doing this procedure it is important to keep the face covered. Who knew?! Also stressed was the critical need to have working smoke detectors on every living level of the home. Check the batteries every six months – change them when changing the

clocks at the start and end of daylight savings time. This is the number one safety feature in fire prevention. It is the smoke that does most of the damage in a house fire.

When a fire starts in a home the smoke is so thick and so dark that it is next to impossible to see anything. So stay low and have an escape plan. A fireman in all of his gear can look petty scary to little ones, so teach them not to hide. This is a big danger in a fire.

Fire safety is something for all to be aware of and it is never too soon to learn. To learn more – visit the Mamas and Papas every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.



Posing on a warm day amidst the snow-covered backdrop are members of the Mamas and Papas and the firefighters who met with them.

## Tutoring Center Works with Child's School

by Natalie McGill

Its pink walls covered in student progress charts and birthday reminders, C2 Educational Center provides an inviting atmosphere for area students to get an extra push toward high academic achievement.

A C2 franchise in Lanham's Eastgate Shopping Center was started in July 2005 by Center Director Bessie Queen and Dr. Shelton Rhodes. Since then the number of tutored students has risen to 60. Their goal is to make it to 100 by July, their location's one-year anniversary.

"I wanted to be somewhere in Prince George's County," Rhodes said. "We thought this was a great area because of the schools around. There is a great need for this type of place."

C2 offers tutoring at all levels from kindergarten through high school, including preparation for standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT.

Queen emphasized the staff's care and concerns in making sure students progress in their problem subjects and continue to improve.

"We correlate with the public or private school the child goes to," Queen said. "We email the teacher about what areas the child needs help in. The public school and this facility work hand in hand."

Martina Moffett found out about the center after Queen called her at her job at Spartan Plumbing. She thought the center would be a good fit for her daughter Melissa, who was struggling with division and fractions.

"When I found out what the center was about, I inquired about it and went to see it," Moffett said. "It's a nice warm comfortable atmosphere. Melissa's grades have improved a lot and her self-confidence has gone up. All in all I like it and I have referred people there as well."

### Tutors

Currently seven tutors are on staff from a variety of backgrounds ranging from teachers in the Prince George's County public school system to recent college graduates from local schools like Howard University and the University of Maryland.

Rhodes said C2 is strict about assuring the quality of its tutors. Each tutor is screened thoroughly and has to pass with a score of 700 or higher in at least one subject on the old SAT to become a qualified applicant.

After testing the tutors go through training at the C2 franchise headquarters based in nearby Virginia.

Rhodes said out of every three tutors who apply, on average only one is accepted to continue with

training. "It doesn't matter what school you come from, if you can't pass our test, you can't tutor," Rhodes said.

C2 centers are currently located in East Coast states such as Florida, Georgia, New York and New Jersey. Though not yet as established as centers like Sylvan and Kaplan, Rhodes said the one thing this franchise has is the hunger for success.

"We've only been here six months but it's not a disadvantage," Rhodes said. "Because we haven't been here as long, we have to fight harder. We can't rest."

The Lanham C2 Educational Center is located at 10573A Greenbelt Road.

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