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Council Acts on New Theater Lease, Second Cable Service

by James Giese

If expectations are met, city residents may soon be able to make a choice between cable television suppliers. At its June 19 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council authorized city staff to go forward with negotiations with Verizon Maryland, Inc. for a non-exclusive cable franchise in Greenbelt in whatever manner works out to the best interests of the city. Council also approved a three-year lease extension and new operating agreement with Paul Sanchez, president, Greenbelt Theatre, Inc. at a reduced rental rate and no rental charge for equipment used. Most of the meeting was devoted to the adoption of ordinances needed to implement the newly-adopted city budget and to put the current year's fiscal operations in order. City staff also made a presentation on the city's emergency preparedness plans.

Presently only Comcast is franchised to provide cable service in Greenbelt and past efforts to franchise other companies have not been successful. Verizon,

however, has already entered into franchise agreements with the cities of Bowie and Laurel and is in negotiations with the county. The city has been working with the county in working out an agreement with Verizon and staff has a good working relationship with county staff. Obtaining a franchise agreement comparable with the county would be the preferred way to go.

However, legislation pending at the federal level could prevent the city or county from entering into any new franchise agreements. Mayor Judith Davis noted that this is the legislation about which so many ads have recently been appearing on television. While these ads deal with other aspects of the legislation, a provision of legislation enacted by the U.S. House of Representatives would federalize the franchising of cable service while grandfathering in existing agreements. City staff, and council concurred, wants to be sure that an agreement with Verizon with provisions to pay the city franchise

fees is consummated prior to the federal legislation being adopted.

Verizon is willing to enter into an agreement comparable to those made with Bowie and Laurel. Staff is concerned that the county is proceeding too slowly although progress has been made recently. Council's motion gave staff the flexibility to negotiate the agreement in the best way for the city.

Theater Lease

In making final budget adjustments council without discussion or staff explanation added \$26,000 as an expense related to the operation of the city-owned movie theater in Roosevelt Center. By approving a three-year lease extension and a new operating agreement, the reason for this budget increase was made clear. In the new agreements the city will cut the theater rent from \$1,300 a month to \$500. The new rent will yield the city \$6,000 in annual rent for the facility. In the second year the

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Memorial Day Ceremony Honors Greenbelt's Fallen

by Carol Griffith

Recognition of the great debt owed to our nation's servicemen and servicewomen plus gratitude for their sacrifices and those of their families were the themes of Greenbelt American Legion Post #136's Memorial Day ceremony, held the morning of May 29 near the Veterans' Memorial in Roosevelt Center. About 80 people attended the hour-long ceremony.

Commander John Osterfield welcomed attendees, stating that "the day is sacred to the memory" of those who have served their country. He started by asking the color guard of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School ROTC to present the flag. Sam Hoffman, Prince George's County chaplain, offered a prayer and Erin Walpole sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Osterfield introduced the guests of honor, including Mayor Judith Davis and all members of the Greenbelt City Council; Todd Turner, representing the Bowie City Council; officials of



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Members of the ERHS ROTC executed a flag-folding ceremony as part of the American Legion Post #136's Memorial Day tribute.

Post #136; a representative of the Greenbelt George H. Seal Memorial Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans; Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters; Tommy Bryant, Commander of the Post #136 Chapter of the Sons of the American Legion; Rosita

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As I Remember It

Former City Manager Recalls Old Days of Budget Hearings

by James Giese

Once again the Greenbelt City Council has adopted a budget for the new fiscal year with no significant expression of citizen interest. This year Greenbelters and the council appear to be satisfied that the budget proposed by City Manager Michael McLaughlin did not include a property tax rate increase. Most taxpayers, however, will still see increased tax bills because of increased property assessments.

No one appeared to speak at the first public hearing held on the budget. At the second hearing, according to a report by Thomas X. White on the May 22 council meeting, two residents expressed their appreciation that there would not be a tax rate increase.

This was not the case in 1963, when as city manager I submitted my first budget to the city council. I did not propose a tax rate increase either. However, due to a 41 percent increase in property assessments because of new construction and reassessment of vacant land, I was able to propose a 25 percent increase in spending in the new budget. I proposed adding eight full-time and eight part-time employees, a sizeable increase in that time. For example, the two additional police officers I proposed would

have been a 33 percent increase over the six then authorized.

My first budget, News Review Reporter Al Skolnik noted in a May 16 article, "contains many innovations and new accounting procedures." The budget requests that came to me from department heads had varied from the large sums and little detail provided by Public Works Superintendent Buddy Attick to the extreme detail, down to the exact number of paper clips needed, provided by City Treasurer Mabel Kandler.

I had standardized the requests under a new chart of accounts following those recommended by the National Committee on Governmental Accounting. A few years later the city was recognized for its conformance to uniform standards for governmental reporting, a recognition the city has received every year since.

At that time all council meetings were well attended. Members of council were in dispute with a number of members of the city advisory boards and committees over many issues. (At the election the following September, four of the five members of council were defeated and three of those elected had been serving on city advisory boards.)

Executive Meetings

Council's concern with pub-

lic attendance caused the first brouhaha. At that time council had only a month in which to consider the budget. To expedite matters, it decided to hold budget review worksessions in executive session, permitting only a reporter from the News Review to be present.

This procedure did not sit well with many citizens, who turned out in force at the next regular council meeting to protest the ruling. Harvey Geller was the lead spokesman, according to an article by Mary Lou Williamson appearing May 23 in the News Review. In seeking reconsideration, Geller alleged that closed sessions could be "detrimental to good government."

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What Goes On

Tuesday, June 27

2 to 8 p.m., Blood Drive, Municipal Building

Saturday, July 1

9 a.m. to noon, Lake Park

Clean up, Buddy Attick Lake Park

Sunday, July 2

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

M-NCPPC Chair Parker Meets with City Council

by A. Neil Deo

The June 12 City Council worksession turned into a significant stakeholder meeting. Just one agenda item had planned, a "get-acquainted" session with Samuel J. Parker, Jr., the new chair of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Prince George's Planning Board. In setting up the meeting City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin had reiterated the importance of such stakeholder meetings, especially since there are new members on both the city's Planning Board and City Council.

(The M-NCPPC is a bi-county agency responsible for planning. The commission has representatives on it from both Montgomery and Prince George's County. The Prince George's members also constitute the Prince George's Planning Board which makes both planning and zoning recommendations to the Prince George's County Council. The city does not have planning and zoning authority as is the case

in other areas of the state but is granted the opportunity to submit its comments and recommendations on planning and zoning matters affecting the city. In Prince George's County, the Planning Board is also responsible for overseeing the county's recreational programs.)

Parker was accompanied to the council meeting by long-time Planning Board members John Squire, Jr. and William M. Eley, as well as M-NCPPC Administrator Frances Guertin. After a healthy exchange of questions, information and pleasantries on both sides, Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers made it known that the city and its citizens are not against quality growth and development but do have many concerns about how it is done.

The "items of city interest" were then presented to Parker and his contingent: planning and zoning authority for the city, the

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Letters

Outstanding Citizen Nominations Sought

With Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year's Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you!

Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations. Or they may touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2006's Outstanding Citizen, that selection – the 34th since the award began in 1973 – is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our city's outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form (below). Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness.

Nominations are due on August 7. The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The Committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

*Bob Zugby, Chair
Outstanding Citizen
Selection Committee*

Correction

First, let us say we rejoice with Pam Gregory that her mother's condition has improved. Then, that erroneous death announcements are any paper's worst nightmare. With that, our deepest apologies for the inaccurate information in last week's Our Neighbors column.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JUNE 23

Lake House (PG)

Friday
*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
*3:10, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday
*3:10, *5:15, 7:30

Monday – Thursday
*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Greenbelt's True Spirit Found on Artful Sunday

by Joseph P. Harris

In my effort to say "yes" to all things except murder, torture and censorship, I accepted an invitation to write for the Greenbelt News Review. My journalistic debut: find out what happens when Artful Afternoon, occurring the first Sunday of every month in the Greenbelt Community Center, coincides with Greenbelt Day Weekend, occurring once a year to commemorate the issuing of the City Charter in early June 1937.

I spent most of my time in the third floor studios with three artists-in-residence fashioning some explanation of how Greenbelt Day Weekend was transforming Artful Afternoon. We couldn't do it. Sure, some politicians were making speeches in the gymnasium: Rodney Roberts kept his short, simply saying he wasn't going to say anything. Tasteful. I told him in the parking lot that that sort of behavior will get him re-elected. I'm serious, Rodney, keep it up!

After the speeches Jane Love, former long-time Greenbelt resident, was wheeled before the crowd and awarded special recognition for her art and civic activism. Apparently, that doesn't happen every Artful Afternoon and it was a nice moment for a woman who has been having a full life.

The competent Greenbelt Concert Orchestra then commenced a program that started with a march and ended with a march and had a lot of jingoistic selections in between – perhaps celebrating the martial spirit associated with any state function, like, for example, Greenbelt Day Weekend? The musicianship was excellent but I politely exited the gymnasium during the Hymn of Victory.

The obvious story was in Room 113 where Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor for the City of Greenbelt, and Monica Mische, arts education specialist, were helping inspired children to create some initial pieces for sculptures that will float on the lake in Buddy Attick Park this Fourth of July. Apparently these floating sculptures will serve

as the actors and set design for a water-borne play recounting a Sioux myth called "Remaking the World." Floating sculptures for a floating play, people! See you at Buddy Attick Park on the Fourth of July!

And while I was impressed by the focused energy of this little workshop turning out dozens of painted Styrofoam turtles, I decided to climb the stairs to the third floor studios where artists-in-residence were waiting . . . and here is where I found the heart of Greenbelt Day Weekend at Artful Afternoon.

The hushed floor confused me, but I stepped into one of the open doors and found Jean Newcomb, a stained-glass artist and one of the motivating forces behind Greenbelt's annual Green Man Festival. We sat and talked about Greenbelt Day and Artful Afternoon and life.

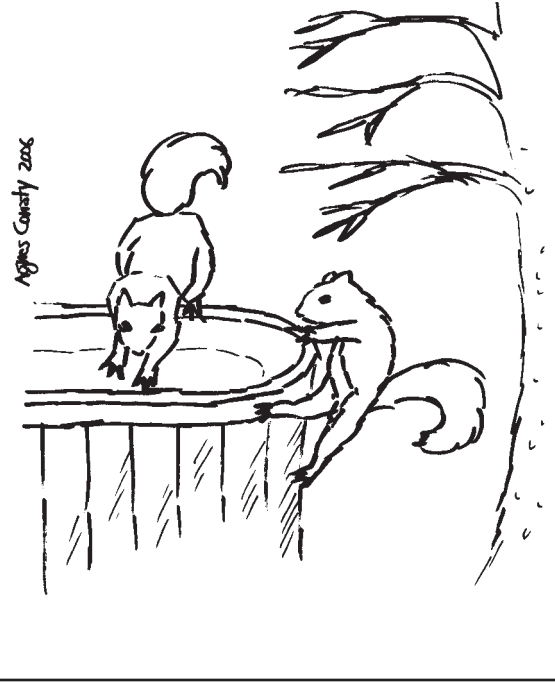
Very approachable, Jean reminds me why Greenbelt artists will always be cooler than artists from New York City. Plus, her work is beautiful and excellent.

After much philosophizing we came to the sentimental and therefore correct conclusion that everyday is Greenbelt Day. It's not about politicians making speeches; it's about people making time for people . . . like what she and I were doing at that very moment.

Newcomb took me to the studios across the hall where I met Pamela Hagerhorst and Loraine DiPietro, a couple of zesty, two-fisted women who work with clay. I visited with them for a good while and walked away with a few amazing ceramic pieces for free.

I can't say that they will give you free ceramic pieces if you visit their studios but that they parted so breezily with pieces that they could have just as easily sold was in keeping with what Jean and I considered the true spirit of Greenbelt. That it happened on Greenbelt Day was incidental.

Grin Belt



"I don't have a pool pass so I'm feeling hot and smelly right now."

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive June 27

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Tuesday, June 27 from 2 to 8 p.m.

The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for no-show appointments.

Free Lunch Program Begins for Children

When schools close for summer vacation, many young people across the state lose access to a vital source of good nutrition – the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) can help by offering free meals at more than 700 locations across Maryland.

Beginning June 26 Maryland parents who would like to find an SFSP site near their home can call toll-free at 1-877-731-9300 during the business day or visit www.mdsummermeals.org. The SFSP telephone hotline is operated by the Maryland State Department of Education.

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 7, to:
Robert Zugby, Chair
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Nominated By:

Name(s) (please print) _____ Signature(s) _____ Phone _____

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!!

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30 include:

Monday – Minestrone soup, seafood pasta salad, sliced beets with onions, garden salad with dressing, two almond cookies.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven-fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, sweet cherries.

Wednesday – Cranberry juice, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, chopped collards, seasoned vegetable penne pasta, fresh peach.

Thursday – Apple juice, veal patty with tomato sauce and spaghetti, asparagus tips, fruit sherbet.

Friday – Grape juice, turkey/ham/potato casserole, mixed vegetables, garden salad with dressing, peach supreme.

Golden Age Hosts Photo Discussion

For those unable to attend the Vintage Photographs of College Park program in February, there will be another opportunity at the joint Golden Age Club-College Park Arts Exchange event Wednesday June 28 at the Community Center.

This slide show and discussion by College Park residents Stephanie Stulich and Katharine Bryant is from their book, "Images of America: College Park, Maryland," which gives a lively portrait of College Park through 215 vintage photographs.

The presentation focuses on the early settlement of the area in the 1890s up through the 1950s, with old pictures of the Maryland Agricultural College, College Park Airfield, B&O Railroad, the streetcar line and Route 1.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or questions call 301-927-3013, email info@cpae.org or visit the website at www.cpae.org.

Jr. Rangers Sought For Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park needs nine junior rangers aged 8 to 12 years. The park is an 1,100-acre forest featuring 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground with 178 sites. Junior rangers will participate in nature hikes and learn about animals, plants and water.

Applications for the 2006 Junior Ranger program are available at Greenbelt Park headquarters and Greenbelt Park ranger station. An application is mandatory and the application deadline is Wednesday, July 5. All applications will be reviewed and successful applicants will be contacted.

This session will be Monday, July 10 through Thursday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or see the website at www.nps.gov/gree.

Inv. Plant Removal At Greenbelt Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

Come on Saturday, July 1 at 11 a.m. to the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program will be held every first Saturday of the month, rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch snack.

This event is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Swim Team Opens Season with Upset

by Marilyn Clune

The summer season for the Greenbelt Municipal (GM) Swim Team has started off with an upset win. Greenbelt swam to victory against the heavily favored Cheverly Swim and Racquet Club Team at that club's June 17 opening meet.

In the win Joseph Lau broke the team record for the 18 and under 50 meter backstroke. His time of 30.80 seconds beat the 31.44 held for 10 years by Alexander Frier Da Silva.

The GM Swim Team represents the City of Greenbelt in many swim meet competitions across the county and state. For years the team has fed many top swimmers to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Swim Team who have helped maintain the school's county championships for both the boy's and girl's teams.

This season's head coach, Jill Lau, graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and is on the University of Maryland's women's water polo team. Lau and her assistant coaches emphasize participation and teamwork as well as improvement of technique, speed and overall performance. The age range for GM Swim Team members is five to 18 years old. Five- and six-year olds who aren't yet ready for competition can join the developmental program. The GM Swim Team practices at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center five mornings a week and is competing in weekly meets on Saturdays through July 22. Home meets at the Aquatic Center will be June 24 and July 1. There is still time to register for the season. Visit <http://greenbelt.com/swimteam/> for information including downloadable registration forms or call Joan Dunham at 301-474-4722.

At the Library

Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 28, Toddlertime at 10:30 and again at 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

7 p.m. – Free screening of Roald Dahl's classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Thursday, June 29, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

New Deal to Present Blues in the Center

The third annual Greenbelt Blues Festival will take place at the New Deal Café and Roosevelt Center on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24. Friday's entertainment will feature a pair of acoustic performances inside the Café. ACME Blues Company will play from 8 to 9 p.m. followed by Rude Dog & Linwood Taylor, Baltimore's Bad Boys of Blues, from 9 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday the music moves outside to Roosevelt Center. The Zach Sweeney Band kicks things off at 1 p.m., followed by Ian Morrison at 2 p.m. The Paulverizers (Tribute to Lazy Lenny) are up next at 3 p.m. with Dru Lore & the Loose Cannons taking over at 4:15 p.m. Clarence "the Bluesman" Turner plays at 5:30 p.m. with Blues on Board wrapping up the outdoor performances at 6:45 p.m. The night's performances will be capped by an acoustic all-star jam in the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

Other Performances

The following week will feature more performances at the Café. An Irish music jam will be held on Sunday, June 25. Alex Martin Jazz plays on Tuesday, June 27, with Wednesday's entertainment to be determined. Magic Ray Jazz takes the stage on Thursday, June 26 with Mike Elosh closing out the week on Friday, June 30.

Seniors Beat Bowie Gold in Softball 24-6

Visiting Greenbelt grabbed an early ten run lead over Bowie Gold Monday, June 19 in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League and went on to win, 24 to 6. All but two of Greenbelt's starters got at least one hit, with four stroking three apiece: John "Triple-threat" Benish (including a name-sake triple), Dave Kerr (single, double and triple), Eli Flam (one double) and Donald "Lefty" Smith. Stroking two hits each were Fred Bohle (one double), Rodney Hull, Harlan Park and manager-pitcher Ray Reed (one double). A key double-header at home against Dundalk was set for this past Wednesday, after the News Review publication deadline.

GRH Residents Bid Farewell to Mason

by Hazel Parent

After 10 years as office manager, Fran Mason left Green Ridge House on June 7. Sixty-five residents attended a party to wish her well. The Green Ridge House Residents Association presented her with a \$100 check.

Social Director Theresa Slone and Resident Association Vice President Hazel Parent presented Mason with a large framed poster board picture signed with the best wishes of the residents. Punch, fudge cake and fruit were served with lots of laughter and tears as those present wished Mason good luck and told her how much she will be missed.

At a second gathering, also arranged by Slone, residents extended a warm welcome to Kimberly Potts, the apartments' new office manager.

MOBILE POSTAL VAN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal Building Parking Lot

Greenbelt Baseball

2006 Final Regular Season Standings

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
#1 Orioles	16 - 1	#1 Indians	15 - 2
#2 Giants	8 - 8	#2 Cubs	8 - 8
#3 Athletics	8 - 9	#3 Lions	6 - 11
#4 Tigers	2 - 12	#4 Cardinals	2 - 14

Celebrate Pride Month

At Greenbelt Park on June 24th, 2006

GREENBELT PRIDE

The one year old organization of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Greenbelt residents invites you to an afternoon of socializing and information. Bring a dish or something to grill, or just drop by and say "hi." ALL interested persons are welcome! Meet your GLBT neighbors, and celebrate our first year of fun and service.

2:00-6:00 PM, Sunday, 24th

Join GreenBELT Pride at the Sweetgum picnic area of Greenbelt Park (6565 Greenbelt Rd.). Look for the table with the rainbow flags. Call for directions to the park or to ask what to bring, contact Michael Mangiapane at vp@greenbeltpride.org or call (301) 356-3996

Stay tuned for future events!

GreenBELT Pride: You can't spell Greenbelt without GBLT!

FREE ADMISSION !!












Obituaries

Margaret McAndrew

Margaret Anne "Peg" (Rooney) McAndrew died unexpectedly on June 15, 2006, at her Eastway home. She was 75.

Born July 10, 1930, in Wilkes-Barre, Penna., she resided there until relocating to Greenbelt in 1955 soon after her marriage to Thomas J. McAndrew, Sr. Peg received her nursing training at Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre where she graduated with the Class of 1951 and after examination became a registered nurse (RN) on December 26, 1951. Peg and Tom McAndrew wed on December 27, 1951, in Wilkes-Barre. After departing Wilkes-Barre, Peg joined the staff of Prince George's Hospital in Cheverly where she worked as an RN until she began raising her six children on Eastway, where she resided for 51 years.

Peg was a parishioner at St. Hugh's Catholic Church in Greenbelt for more than 50 years, where she performed as organist for more than 33 of those years. She was active in the St. Hugh's Parish Council and St. Hugh's school affairs while her children attended the parish school. She also enjoyed bingo games at both St. Hugh's Church and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. She greatly enjoyed the 75th birthday party hosted by her children last summer.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas J. McAndrew, Sr., who died in June 2002 and her daughter Margaret (Peggy) Jones.

Surviving are her children Thomas J. McAndrew, Jr. (Mary), of Chestertown, Md.; Mary Anne Scott of Greenbelt; Michael McAndrew (Karen) of Greenbelt; Patrick J. McAndrew (Linda) of Greenbelt; Kathleen Legendre (Scott) of Greenbelt; and her grandchildren Michael, Lindsay, Laura, Colleen, Kate, Billy and Kristin. She is also survived by her son-in-law Ross Jones and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Viewing was held at Gasch's Funeral Home, Hyattsville, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Hugh's Catholic Church in Greenbelt, which was celebrated by Father Walter Tappe and Monsignor William O'Donnell, former pastor at St. Hugh's Church. A memorial service, with the Rev. Jim Boyle officiating, took place at Jacobs Funeral Home, 47 Old River Road, Wilkes-Barre, followed by interment at St. Mary's Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre.



In Memoriam – Peg McAndrew

I spent most of my childhood growing up next door to Tom and Peg McAndrew and their ever-growing family. They were great neighbors and great friends to my mom. Tom and Peg would come from their back door (GHI likes to call it the "garden" side) down one small step to the sidewalk that stretched no more than 20 feet to our porch, step up and rap on our back door twice and would visit anywhere from five minutes to an hour. It depended on how many doings they had to chat about with mom. This could be accomplished in any weather. It's the Greenbelt way, you know. The kids would come to the front door (facing the street) and knock and ask for cookies. Mike McAndrew and I still laugh about it when we see each other and he'll say "Hey Rick, got any cookies!" It got to where my brother wouldn't fully open the door to a knock in the afternoon. He would just crack it a bit, and hold his hand out with a couple of morsels. When I got older I took Mike out for a ride on my tiny Sears motorcycle (my first two-wheeler of many). I'm not sure Peg liked that and I know Tom didn't.

I guess you could say that I knew Peg well enough that I could stop in any time for something to drink or eat (it's the Pennsylvania way, you know) and a visit. But wait a minute, anybody could do that. Peg's

door (and heart) was open to anyone who needed it. I think my mom, who was quite a bit older than Peg, was a sort of a mentor to her in those early years. My mom was a single parent before that term was even in use. It never mattered to Peg or Tom. They had grand times. After I grew up (in age, perhaps not maturity) mom spent more than a couple of New Year's Eves at the McAndrew's. Peg made sure mom didn't have to spend that time, and many others, by herself.

Peg loved a joke and Tom sure had plenty. Peg was better at those quick, funny comments and at finding the humor in everyday things. Peg was a nurse in her working days and we could always go to her for advice about our illnesses and injuries. She played the organ at St. Hugh's, and she and Tom were always abreast of the "news" in what was then this "little town." She was a tremendous help to mom when my brother was killed in a car accident. She had a quick and ready laugh, often loud and long, and always deep. There was nothing "put on" about Peg.

And what a great family. All you have to do is look at the children, Tom, Mary Anne, Mike, Pat and Kathy, social birds all who always have time to talk to you. There they were, greeting each visitor at the funeral home, making sure that they were rec-

ognized and comfortable. Just like Peg. Tom and Peg lost a daughter, Peggy, to MS. They cared for her in a bed in a separate room downstairs so that her husband could continue to work. Although Peggy couldn't communicate, they tried to keep her involved and aware. I know they agonized but you never knew it by Peg.

In her later years Peg could hardly get around let alone get out. Mike would check on her in the mornings and Kathy, who lives only three doors down, would put her to bed at night. The other children and grandchildren came by often. She spent most of her time in her automatic chair you know, the kind you can press a button and it will lift you up to nearly a standing position. She often napped there or just watched television, with the remote next to her by the phone. Her daughter-in-law Linda said that they should have

put the remote and the phone in the casket. It would have looked more natural. That's the kind of funny little statement Peg would have made. It seems she was contagious. She encouraged life, love and happiness and doted on her grandkids. So many people knew that family and that house. It's the end of an era on Eastway but maybe the start of a new one at Kathy's house!

– Rick Ransom



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

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Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
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– The Holy Qur'an, 13:27

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City Information

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES
SUMMER SATURDAY CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS**
Session Dates: June 24-August 12
Open registration until classes are filled.
For more information on classes call the Aquatic & Fitness Center at 301-397-2204 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
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Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee (adult member)
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2006
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INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES!
Saturday, July 1 from 11am-3:30pm: Arts Excursions. Visit the Re-opening Festival of the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Van departs from library parking lot. \$10 registration-Activity #383600-1.
Sunday, July 2 at 3pm: "Dixie Power Trio" zydeco, jazz and more at the Greenbelt Community Center. FREE part of the monthly ARTFUL AFTERNOON from 1-5pm.

Tuesday, July 4th, Celebrate at Buddy Attick Park. See the floating Sculpture Garden. Art Projects! Greenbelt Concert Band at 7pm.
Immediately following at dusk
FIREWORKS!
In the event of inclement weather on July 4th, fireworks will be set off at 9:00PM on July 5th.
ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event. We do not want anyone to be alarmed by the explosions and flashes of light from the fireworks.
Friday, July 7 at 2:15pm: "It's Almost Recess" a cappella group. Family Friendly! FREE
Info on these events: 301-397-2208



GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, June 27 & 29: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert - Pain Management," 7:00pm "Greenbelt Museum Lecture on Art Deco Buildings," 8:00pm "Greenbelt Museum Lecture Weight and Scales of the 1920s." PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, June 28 & 30: 7pm GAC "Buffoons Anonymous - 12 Steps to Inanity," 8:00pm "US Navy Band's Harbour Winds."

BLOOD DRIVE
Tuesday, June 27th from 2-8pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
To make an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.
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LAKE PARK CLEAN-UP
Saturday, July 1
9am-12noon
Buddy Attick Park 555 Crescent Rd
The Greenbelt Recreation Department Park Rangers and the Youth Advisory Committee invite all interested volunteers to come out and spend time with their friends and neighbors in getting "Buddy Attick" Lake Park ready for this years July 4th Celebration! Meet at the bandstand at 9am. Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants. If you have gloves, please bring them. Some will be provided. Refreshments (bottled water, sodas, watermelon, etc.). Please park in designated areas only! For information call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.
In case of inclement weather call 301-474-5525.

GREENBELT TEMPORARY SKATE PARK SUMMER HOURS
Beginning on Monday, June 12th the Temporary Skate Park, located on the Lakecrest Tennis Courts, will be open:
12-5pm - 7 Days a Week



CERT TRAINING
The Summer Community Emergency Response Team training sessions will be condensed into one Saturday & Sunday Session from 8am-4pm each. It is mandatory to complete both days in order to graduate and receive recognition as a member of the Prince George's County Community Emergency Response Team Program. In order to register for one of the weekend sessions, please contact Tony Hairston at 301-583-1899.
SESSION TWO
Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9
from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building
6820 Webster Street
Landover Hills, MD 20784
Registration is limited to the first 25 to register.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee is looking for this year's
OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
Tell us about someone you think is exceptional. Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.greenbeltmd.gov

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rent will drop to \$400 and the third year to \$300. The city also agreed to eliminate an equipment rental charge that will save the operator another \$9,600. In a letter to Sanchez, City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that the city's agreement to reduce the Admissions and Amusement Tax will provide another \$10,000 in cost savings and, with a reduction of a management fee to \$15,375, produce an annual savings to the operator of \$44,575.

The budget for the 2001 Bond Issue Fund proposed spending \$500,000 for remodeling of the theater in the new fiscal year. With funds already spent in prior years for planning of this project, total costs are expected to be \$672,671.

Ordinances

Five ordinances modifying city appropriations were introduced, the rules requiring consideration at two meetings suspended and the ordinances unanimously adopted by the four councilmembers present (Leta Mach was away on business). The first appropriated \$100,000 out of the city's fund balance to cover over-budget expenses in general government, public safety, CARES, miscellaneous and fund transfers. Another increased Replacement Fund appropriations by \$10,000 to cover the extra cost over estimate to buy a truck. In the Special Projects Fund \$50,000 was appropriated to purchase a trailer to facilitate police officer training. Other ordinances provided \$20,000 more to pay for disability benefits and \$6,000 more for unemployment compensation benefits.

Two resolutions adopted raise fees in accordance with those agreed to by the council in adopting the budget. Residents receiving city refuse collection services will have their service fee raised by \$3 a quarter to a total of \$50 a quarter. Those using another collection service but city service to pick up recyclables only will pay an extra dollar a year making the yearly cost \$26. Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against the resolution without explanation.

Roberts also opposed the adoption of a resolution to raise the annual code enforcement fees for multi-family residential dwelling units by \$15 to \$85 a unit. However, he did not vote against suspending the rules and permitting the ordinance to be considered for second reading and final passage. The motion to suspend the rules required a super majority of four votes of the members of council and with Mach absent, his negative vote could have delayed enactment until the next council meeting.

At the time of budget con-

sideration, staff advised council that city fees were below that of other jurisdictions but had been sufficient to pay for the cost of inspection. Roberts expressed opposition to an increase because he felt the cost would be passed on to the tenants and the extra money was not needed by the city. Other councilmembers felt, however, that there were other things the city should be doing and the costs for inspecting Springhill Lake could increase if reconstruction took place or if nothing was done to improve the property.

Another ordinance and another resolution were introduced for first reading and will be considered for enactment at council's July 10 regular meeting. The ordinance is a result of a request from William Cornett to amend boating rules at Greenbelt lake to enable a person under 18 to be alone in a kayak if an adult accompanies the youth in another kayak. Presently, persons under 18 can only be in a boat if an adult is also on the boat. The ordinance also requires children 16 years of age or under and anyone else who can't swim to wear a life preserver while in a boat. Approved flotation devices must also be available to all other persons on the boat.

The resolution will increase season pass rates at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center by 3 percent effective on the day after Labor Day. For a family the pass rate will go from \$386 to \$398 if the resolution is enacted.

Other Matters

No citizens were present bearing petitions or requests.

Under Administrative Reports, McLaughlin told the council that the recent registrations for summer programs had resulted in a drop in the number of registrants for Camp Pine Tree but an increase for Creative Kids Camp. A basketball camp had exceeded all expectations with 57 registrants.

He also reminded council that there would be a lake cleanup on Saturday July 1 from 9 to 12 in the morning. The volunteer effort was being organized by the Youth Advisory Committee and the Park Rangers.

Councilmember Edwards Putens profusely thanked all who helped him host the National League of Cities Small Cities Coordinating Committee meeting in Greenbelt the previous weekend. He said that the attendees were so delighted with their visit that they wanted to make Putens the committee's chair again next year, an honor Putens said he declined. He noted that the meeting was honored by the attendance of the NLC president from Clarksville, W. Va.

Open House Planned for New Scout Unit

The Greenbelt Police Department has announced the formation of an Explorer Scout post. They are looking for young men and women from 15 to 20 to join the newly formed Explorer Post #1938. City police involvement with the post provides an opportunity for teenagers and young adults to learn about a career in law enforcement from a unique perspective.

There will be an open house at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 at the police station.

For further information call Officer Jonathan Lowndes at

240-542-2120, ext. 0119 or at 301-474-4173.

Kids Circus Returns

From Tuesday, June 27 through Friday, June 30 from 10:15 a.m. to noon the young, spinning, twirling, ball-walking, bike-riding acrobats known as the Russian American Kids Circus are on stage at the Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly.

This year circus workshops will be offered on Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29 at 6 p.m. There is a fee.

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He added, according to the news story, that "News Review coverage could not satisfy in detail all the special interests of individual citizens. Furthermore, council could suffer from the loss of advice and comments from some of Greenbelt's fiscally astute citizens."

Allen Douglas supported Geller's request. The paper reported that "he noted the desirability of observing the positions taken by individual councilmen during budget discussions, particularly in view of the coming fall election of a new council."

Mayor Francis White, the story said, "emphasized the short time allotted to council's consideration of the budget and thus the necessity for making the best possible use of its time." He was supported by Councilman Benjamin Goldfaden, who said "that previous councils on which he had sat had held executive budget sessions."

Goldfaden also "commented on the enormous difficulties which could arise if large numbers of people were to attend particularly if they arrived and left at different times, saying that just the noise factor of people walking up and down the stairs could be considerable." This was before the Municipal Building had been built.

The city offices were located then above what is now the convenience store at Roosevelt Center. A stairway led from the mall to the second floor, where there was a large room surrounded by smaller rooms used as offices.

The city council gathered at one end of the large room around a large wooden table (still in use at the Municipal Building in a first-floor conference room). At the other end were the police offices, including the dispatcher's desk where citizens came to report incidents and officers brought prisoners, but not very often.

Only Councilmember David Champion was opposed to executive sessions. (He was the only councilmember re-elected in September.)

Gung Ho

That year the council was gung ho to cut the budget. There had been a lot of concern expressed by new single-family homeowners about the high tax rate. Residents had been paying property taxes for only a few years following the sale of Greenbelt by the federal government.

Lakewood residents were particularly upset because their primary mortgage lender had failed to put in escrow the funds needed to pay city taxes and residents had had their escrow payments raised to cover both the previous year's city taxes and the upcoming year's as well. Richard Pilski, president of the Lakewood Homeowners Association, had just been appointed to the city council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas Canning.

And cut the budget they did. I had proposed establishing some reserves to cover unforeseen expenses and a future expense to straighten out an accounting problem that the state mandated should be done. Council cut both items.

Other cuts were \$3,500 for maintaining GHI parking spaces (which the city did then but not now), \$3,400 for an additional Public Works employee, \$2,400 from the city bus operation and \$5,340 from recreation programs

by eliminating a cashier at the Youth Center and cutting back on playground equipment and park maintenance.

The budget for the Labor Day Festival was cut \$500. Another \$5,000 was cut from the Capital Improvements budget, the exact item to be determined later. In spite of an impassioned plea by new Police Chief Robert O'Brien for two new officers to bring the city closer to the standard of 12 officers for a city of its size, council cut out one of the additional officers.

According to Skolnik in a June 6 News Review article, Mayor White "pointed out that Greenbelt has a much higher population density than most other areas and thus these standards do not necessarily apply."

After council finished shredding my first budget, what was left – still a substantial increase over the prior year's budget – required a tax levy rate of \$1.31. In comparison, in Fiscal Year 2001, the last fiscal year in which taxes were levied on the old method of determining property assessments, the city tax rate was \$1.54. Under the new assessment methodology used since then, the tax rate has continued to rise each year until this week's adoption of a budget for Fiscal Year 2007 without an increase.

1964 Budget

In 1964 I proposed a budget cutting the tax rate by six cents but still increasing expenditures a whopping 48 percent. According to a May 28 article by Skolnik about the public hearing, "the recreation budget drew the customary exchange of audience views." Frank Perazzoli and Pilski felt that "the amounts spent for various recreation activities were out of proportion to the participants involved."

Defending the program were Jackie Huffendick (who later married the recreation director) and Elaine Skolnik, who observed that the recreation program would be costing each person "just about a cent a day."

Former Councilmember Ben Goldfaden criticized the budget in general as being not justified "since population was only increasing 32 percent." He also argued that "the best way to prevent multiple-family and high-rise apartments construction was to lower the tax rate to the point where developers would be encouraged to build free-standing homes."

A process began that year which was to continue for many more. Council would sit and listen through all the budget hearings and worksessions and not say anything. They would then make their budget decisions at the very last minute before budget adoption. Champion, who was an accountant, would usually lead in proposing changes, as other councilmembers respected his ability to understand the complexities of budgeting.

On the night of adoption, Champion would come forth with a whole slew of budget amendments to be voted up or down – usually up. Then I would be asked to calculate the new total and the tax rate needed to balance the budget. I would sit there with my noisy adding machine working out the answer.

On one occasion, it got so late, and the changes were so plentiful, that I couldn't come up with an answer. Council had to

call a special meeting for the following day.

Al Skolnik

Al Skolnik, who was a statistician with the Social Security Administration, was also a budget wonk. He was the principal budget reporter for the newspaper. Al would ask me or the council challenging questions about budget proposals that would either point out budget errors or foibles in our thinking. Al was also very protective of the public interest and unhappy with this new procedure, as he felt the public needed to know in advance what council planned to do with the budget. His untimely death in 1977 was not only a great loss to the News Review but to all Greenbelters wanting a careful independent review of city budgets.

In its June 4 issue, the paper made its first editorial comment on the procedure, calling the council "remiss" after first complimenting it for not holding executive sessions. "We strongly urge that procedures in future years be revamped to make full use of the democratic cauldron to mold a budget acceptable to a majority of people," the editorial went on to say.

The final budget adopted in 1964 was \$42,850 less than I proposed. It resulted in the tax rate being cut a total of 24 cents to \$1.07. The reduction was accomplished primarily by cutting back various reserves I had proposed. Some operating budget items were cut but others were added. Left intact were the four new police officers I had proposed.

A paid full-time fireman was deleted from the budget. (The city has yet to provide pay for firemen, as the county now provides local stations with paid firemen.) One of the most controversial items, resurfacing the Braden Field tennis courts, was deleted from the budget.

For many years thereafter, council and I could always rely on watchdog citizens to question the budget proposals. I remember on one occasion my newly employed assistant gasping when Ed Thornhill stood before council at a budget hearing and proposed cutting his position out of the budget. (It wasn't.)

However, attendance at budget meetings dwindled in time. But for many years you could rely on two citizens to attend the hearings and complain about high taxes. Joe Hanyok and George Loutsch would come forth and speak eloquently on the need to cut the budget in order to keep housing affordable in Greenbelt. Then they would leave, climb into their Lincoln Town Cars, and go back to their homes and keep silent until the next year.

It's unfortunate the city no longer has budget watchdogs. Annoying as they could be to me and to the members of council, they kept us on our toes and forced us to justify our expenditure proposals. And just maybe, they kept property taxes a little lower.



Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

Police Blotter

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

Carjacking

June 15, 9:34 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he was sitting in his vehicle with two children when one of two men entered the vehicle by way of the front passenger door and produced a handgun. The second man got in the back seat of the vehicle. The driver was robbed of his wallet and cash and was ordered to drive to Greenbelt Park in the 6500 block of Greenbelt Road. The driver and children were released and the men fled in the victim's vehicle. The suspects are described as a black male, 18 to 23 years of age, 5'10", 155 pounds with black hair in short braids, brown eyes, a mustache and a dark complexion, wearing a light colored T-shirt and dark pants; and a black male, 18 to 23 years of age, 5'8", 180 pounds with black hair in thick dreadlocks and a dark complexion, wearing dark clothing. The vehicle taken is described as a green 2000 Mercury Mountaineer SUV, Maryland tags 603M562.

Robberies

June 13, 12:02 a.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive, a woman reported that she was about to enter a condominium building when she was approached by a man who pointed a handgun at her and demanded her tote bag. Upon obtaining the bag, the man fled the scene on foot toward the parking lot. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20 years of age, 6', 250 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing all black clothing and a black baseball cap.

June 14, 4:41 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that as he entered an apartment building he was approached by the two other men, one armed with a gun, the other with a knife. A robbery was announced and after obtaining money the suspects fled the scene on foot. They are described as a black male, 22 to 23 years of age, tall and thin with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a white, red and black striped shirt and long blue shorts; and a black male, 22 to 23 years of age, tall and thin, with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black shirt and blue shorts.

June 14, 11:38 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a man reported that he was walking on a sidewalk carrying groceries when he was grabbed by one of two other men, who kicked him. The second suspect went through the man's pockets, taking his cell phone, glasses and cash. The suspects then fled the area on foot. They are described as a black male, 18 to 20 years of age, 5'10" to 6', 130 to 150 pounds with black hair, wearing a black T-shirt; and a black male, 18 to 20 years of age, 5'6", 130 pounds with black hair, wearing a green jacket and a dark baseball cap with some white on it.

Assault

June 15, 11:05 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, three victims reported that they were walking when they were approached

by several people with bandanas over their faces, armed with handguns. A suspect asked one of the victims, "Do you remember me?" and the victims ran from the scene. The suspects are described as five black males, four wearing bandanas over their faces and one wearing a ski mask.

Theft

June 13, 7 p.m., 6900 Greenbelt Road, a bartender at the American Legion Post #136 reported that two men entered the facility under the premise of being with the Maryland State Lottery Commission. After claiming to fix a broken Keno machine the men distracted the bartender, then took an undisclosed amount of money from the bar area. Further investigation revealed that the two men were not employed by the Maryland State Lottery Commission. The suspects are described as two Latino or Samoan males, one with a heavy build.

June 13, Edmonston Terrace and Springhill Court, a resident youth was petitioned for motor vehicle theft, theft over \$500, malicious destruction and hit and run. A witness observed the youth driving a 1996 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, then saw the car strike a fire hydrant. The youth fled the scene into his residence. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. As a result of further investigation, he was also petitioned for three additional counts each of motor vehicle theft, theft over \$500 and malicious destruction for the June 11 theft of a 1996 Dodge Caravan from the 9100 block Springhill Lane, the June 11 theft of a 1993 Plymouth Voyager van from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road and the June 8 theft of a 1999 Dodge Caravan, reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Intoxication

June 11, 11:30 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. Police were attempting to conduct a traffic stop when he approached the police on foot, interfering with the traffic stop and causing a crowd of onlookers to gather. The man was arrested when he refused to cease his actions. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

June 9, 5:02 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a commercial burglary was reported.

June 11, 5:35 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, unknown person(s) entered a residence, possibly by forcing open a side window. Cash and DVDs were taken.

June 12, 3:55 a.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a red 1988 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Maryland tags 2BXK46 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a 1996 Dodge Caravan from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a 1993 Plym-

outh Voyager van from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a 1995 Honda Accord 4-door from the 7700 block Mandan Road; a 1998 Dodge Stratus 4-door from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a 2001 Dodge Caravan from Beltway Plaza; and a silver 2000 Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags 043M547 from the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive.

Ten stolen vehicles were recovered, five each by Greenbelt police and by outside police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries. One set of tags, Maryland 5BLN18, was not recovered and is still missing.

Theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (four incidents), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 9000 block Edmonston Road, 6100 block Springhill Lane, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 100 block Westway, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive (two incidents) and Hanover Parkway at Megan Lane.

City Notes

Public Works parks crews prepared a site for a playground on Mandan Road.

The Recreation Arts department presented Greenbelt's first workshop on Raku, a special ceramics firing technique on Saturday, June 17.

Animal Control rescued a stolen dog and returned it to its owner, transferred seven cats to the Maryland Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and rescued five baby rabbits from the trash and took them to Wildlife Rescue.

Grieving Teens Find Respite

Hospice of the Chesapeake is now accepting applications for Phoenix Rising, a weekend retreat for teens grieving the loss of a loved one. This fifth season for Phoenix Rising will begin Friday, July 14 at 5 p.m. and end at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16. The weekend retreat will be held at Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center, 975 Indian Landing Road in Millersville, Md.

Especially designed for students in grades 9 through 12, Phoenix Rising provides a challenging, interactive program supported by a professional staff and team of trained volunteers. The group helps teens share feelings and memories in a safe, accepting environment, to find out that they are not alone in this experience, to learn about grief, explore appropriate coping strategies in dealing with grief and to make new friends and have fun.

A participant of the 2005 Phoenix Rising retreat said, "You are not pressured to talk so if you are not ready, try going and listening to others – it can help you get in touch with your own feelings."

For information or to register call Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center at 410-987-2129.

Comptroller Branch Closed June 23 – 29

The New Carrollton branch of the Maryland Comptroller's office at 8181 Professional Place, Suite 101, will be closed for renovations Friday, June 23 through Thursday, June 29.

Taxpayers needing assistance during this time should instead visit the branch offices in Wheaton (11510 Georgia Ave., Suite 190) or Upper Marlboro (14735 Main St., Room 083B), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., until operations at the New Carrollton branch resume Friday, June 30, at 8 a.m.

Tax help may also be obtained by calling 301-949-6030 in Wheaton, 301-952-2810 in Upper Marlboro, calling toll free at 1-800 MD TAXES, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visiting www.maryland-taxes.com.

Community Outreach Volunteers Sought

Hospice of the Chesapeake is seeking dedicated individuals who want to contribute time and talent by becoming community outreach volunteers. Community Outreach volunteers staff the Hospice of the Chesapeake information display at health fairs, expos and community events. In addition they assist with planning, promotion and staffing of annual fundraisers such as Hospice Cup, Stride 'n Ride, the Beacon of Hope gala and the golf tournament.

For those interested, community outreach volunteer training will be held Saturday, July 15 at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. For more information call Julie Medlin, volunteer coordinator, at 301-499-4500 or email jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.



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Dietrich, of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136; and Major Bova of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School ROTC.

Mayor Davis asked each attendee to "look around at this quiet and beautiful spot" and reflect on the meaning of the Veterans' Memorial and how often it is overlooked in the bustle of life in Greenbelt. She reminded listeners of the history of the memorial - its placement in 1944 to honor six Greenbelt residents killed in World War II, with two later additions to honor other residents killed in the Korea and Vietnam conflicts.

Davis added that although life goes on, those we honor on Memorial Day must be kept in our thoughts and prayers. She then read a proclamation paying tribute to "the men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country" and remembering their sacrifice.

Peters read from a proclamation of the Prince George's County Council, which asked that all county residents "recognize those who put themselves in harm's way for our democratic way of life."

Dietrich began her address by recognizing a Gold Star mother in attendance, Rachel Algaze, and recited the words to "Before You Go," a song popular during World War II which saluted veterans.

Recitation of a poem by Ernest Hemingway about a soldier killed in battle began the speech by the representative of the Greenbelt George H. Seal Memorial Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. Noting that "we must defend

freedom or lose it," he stated that Americans must try to ascertain what our "brothers-in-arms" would have us do for disabled veterans.

The ceremony proceeded with the laying of wreaths on the Memorial, while "Amazing Grace" was sung. This was followed by a gun salute and the playing of "Taps."

Members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School ROTC then executed a precise flag-folding ceremony; Major Bova explained that it's conducted at funerals of veterans with the folded flag then presented to family members.

The participating ROTC members were Cadets First Class Brandon Cuffy and Matthew Garton; Cadet Lt. Col. Joyce Ogunlade; Cadet Capt. Cecil Clark; Cadet Second Lt. Baron Mason; Cadet First Lt. Fabian Blaylock. Cadet Fourth Class Kalen Campbell attended from the University of Maryland ROTC.

Concluding the ceremony was another prayer by Hoffman asking that POWs and MIAs be comforted and restored to health and that those now deceased who served our country in both war and peace rest in peace.

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planning review process, recreation funding and recognition of "the professional relationship" the city staff enjoys with the M-NCPPC staff. Neither side expected any of these areas of interest would be resolved that evening but Parker said he would be listening to similar concerns in other municipalities over the coming months.

Planning and Zoning

On planning and zoning authority, the city made known its desire to handle these matters itself, since "the city and town level" is where such authority resides for most of Maryland and the nation.

Concerning planning review all sides were diligent in avoiding references to specific developments and developers. Eley made it clear that the the Planning Board always wants to know whether "communication has taken place" between the developer and the city. The sentiment was reiterated by the stakeholders that developers in Greenbelt who bypassed the city could not hope to "be successful" with M-NCPPC. Mayor Davis and council were unanimous in noting M-NCPPC's staff has had a good working relationship with

the county planning staff.

Recreation

On the subject of recreation, the mayor noted that Greenbelt has always operated its own recreation program funded by city taxes and fees while its residents also pay taxes to M-NCPPC for recreational programming. While the city gets some of this tax money back in recreation program financial support from M-NCPPC, the amount is far less than what city taxpayers contribute. Each year the mayor sends a letter requesting that more of the tax funds be returned. She wanted Parker and the others to remember this context when they receive her letter next year.

Smart Growth

Parker was clearly interested in all aspects of the city's model of development and at one point asked if this model might be expanded, including the idea of co-ops. Councilmember Leta Mach

explained this has been council's approach but that developers often respond that loans and related supports are not available to them for co-op housing and senior housing.

Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Edward Putens emphasized the city's focus on affordability of housing and a desire to balance density with green and open spaces.

The representatives of M-NCPPC left the meeting with a better idea of what the Greenbelt way of development entails. They noted that smart growth becomes more urgent as housing becomes unaffordable for greater numbers of our population.

The meeting also pointed to the urgent need for a broad regional approach to addressing these concerns. Parker said he would explore other channels of communication with the city, because "I know there is a better way."

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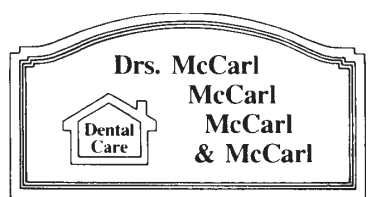


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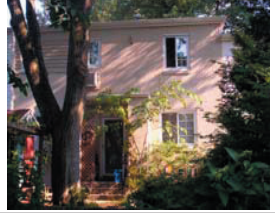



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Tree at Lake Is Dedicated To the Late Hugh Jascourt

by James Giese

A tree was planted in memory of the late Hugh D. Jascourt to shade a new stone bench located at the bay end of Greenbelt Lake. A dedication ceremony was held Sunday morning, May 22. Mayor Judith Davis, City Councilmember Edward Putens, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher represented the city at the gathering of Jascourt's family, associates, neighbors and friends. Jascourt had voluntarily served since 1967 on two city boards, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Employee Relations Board.

Stephen Jascourt remarked on the appropriateness of honoring his father with a tree beside the lake and path his father spent so many hours enjoying. Jascourt was an early advocate of jogging. He regularly ran and, in later years, power walked the lake path.

Also attending the ceremony were former Lieutenant Governor Samuel Bogley, former Judge John Garrity and former County Councilmember Floyd Wilson. Bogley noted how all three had

been members of the County Council and worked with Jascourt on developing and implementing a labor relations law for the county. He said that at the time, few such local laws were in existence and that the county's law became a model for other counties. Bogley later was associated with Jascourt in a nonprofit labor mediation service Jascourt founded.

Associates of Jascourt at the Department of Interior, where he had been assistant solicitor, and from the D.C. Roadrunners, a running organization founded by Jascourt, also spoke at the ceremony.

A reception at the family lakeside home followed the ceremony.

According to Assistant Public Works director William Phelan, the native tree planted to honor Jascourt is a Serviceberry, also called a Shadblow because it blooms while the shad (fish) run in spring. The tree has white blossoms, blue berries and red autumn foliage and is a Native American species.



A tree planted in memory of Hugh D. Jascourt will shade a newly installed stone park bench (located behind it at a lower level) at an overlook of the bay end of Greenbelt Lake.

Hugh Jascourt Given Award

On May 11, Resa Jascourt of Maplewood Court accepted an award for her husband Hugh, who died in July 2005.

The Society of Federal Labor and Employee Relations Professionals (SFLERP) presented the plaque at its 33rd annual symposium at the Crystal City Hilton. The citation is a "Lifetime achievement award for outstanding contributions to the federal labor management relations program and dedicated service to SFLERP."

Resa and Hugh moved to Greenbelt in September 1964 and were both active in many community organizations.

Parks Archaeology Volunteers Needed

For Indiana Jones types, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers to assist archaeologists with archaeological excavations and to help in the laboratory.

People 14 and older are welcome to volunteer year-round on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. No prior archaeological experience is necessary; volunteers will be trained.

For more information call the Volunteer Services Office at 301-249-7208, TTY 301-454-1493 or the Archaeology Laboratory at 301-627-1286.



Our sympathy to the McAndrew family on the death of their mother, Margaret (Peg) McAndrew.

Congratulations to Andrea Anita Ebanks, of Edmonston Road, who received a BS degree in health care management from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Congratulations also to Henry W. Wesley, III, son of Carmelita M. Mays of Village Park Drive, who has been awarded an Air Force ROTC college scholarship. Cadets are selected on the basis of test scores, scholastic achievement, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Scholarships cover the cost of tuition, textbooks, laboratory and incidental fees as well as a non-taxable monthly stipend during the school year. On graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. Wesley is a 2006 graduate of ERHS.

Bats on Stage For All to See

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will present a puppet show for all ages - "Who's Afraid of the Little Brown Bat?" Registration is not required for this free family event. Follow a night in the life of a little brown bat and discover whether or not those creepy bat stories are true. The show will be held Wednesday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. For more information call 301-497-5887.

Free Nature Hike For Young Teens

The Patuxent Research Refuge will host a hike for teens 11 to 13 years on Monday, June 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The hike will start at the North Tract site located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. A naturalist will lead this free hike. Advance reservations are required; call 301-497-5887.

Montpelier Concerts Open Friday, June 30

Summer programs on the lawn at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel begin with a free concert on Friday, June 30 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will be held every Friday throughout the summer. This week's concert will be a performance of Americana and rock'n'roll by the Bill Mott Band. Concert admission and parking are free.

For more information on the summer concerts call 301-776-2805. Directions: Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197), north toward Laurel on Route 197 to Food Lion Shopping Center - Muirkirk Road. Turn left; Art Center Drive is the first right.

In the event of heavy, prolonged rain at the time of the concert the performance will be cancelled. After 5 p.m. call 301-953-7882 for verification.



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN, GES PTA PRESIDENT

Two Greenbelt Elementary School teachers received county-wide recognition on April 25. Beth Novick (left, sixth grade) and Mary Mullennix (right, 2nd grade) received awards for their outstanding job of teaching Talented and Gifted Students (TAG) in their classrooms. The Teacher Appreciation awards were presented at Glenarden Woods Elementary School by PGTAG, an organization of parents and teachers interested in TAG teaching issues. Also pictured are Greenbelt Elementary School students Scott Candey (8), David Gardner (7) and Evan Candey (6). Scott and David are in Mullennix' second grade class.

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