

# GREENBELT News Review

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## City Council Seeks Last Round Of Comments on Elections

by Eli Flam

Greenbelt City Councilmembers, at a regular meeting Monday, April 13, scheduled a final round of three hearings before “indicating our preferences for action” on fairness issues raised by the NAACP and ACLU concerning the voting process in council elections. The hearings – all at 7 p.m. – will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center; Wednesday, April 29 at Greenbelt Community Center; and Thursday, May 7 at Windsor Green.

A statement read by Mayor Judith Davis said the “brief public hearings” are only to get comments about two proposed actions: 1) increasing council size from 5 to 7 and moving the election date to an even numbered year and 2) increasing council size from 5 to 7 but making no change at this time to the election year cycle.

Councilmembers then plan to discuss their views at a May 26 meeting. They anticipate taking action on any agreed-upon changes at a meeting June 8. This schedule should provide enough time to meet deadlines for the election November 3.

### Proclamations

In earlier action, councilmembers proclaimed Saturday, April 25 both as Arbor Day and Earth Day and May 17 through 23 as Public Works Week. They also called attention to the Public Works open house and ribbon cutting April 25 at its new facility off Crescent Road and Greenbelt's Celebration of Spring on Saturday, April 18 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

In separate briefings:

Chris Wilson of the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning

Commission spoke about 12 historic preservation goals and pending action to amend the county's 1992 Historic Sites and Districts Plan.

Public Information Coordinator Beverly Palau showed how the city, via video streaming, is now offering council meetings and other programming live and on demand on the city website.

At the request of Councilmember Rodney Roberts, action on approving the minutes of executive sessions March 18 and April 7 was put off until next week.

### New Restaurant

Councilmembers, while taking no official position on the matter, reacted positively to a presentation about a new restaurant – William's American Bistro – that hopes to open by late June in the former Bennigan's in

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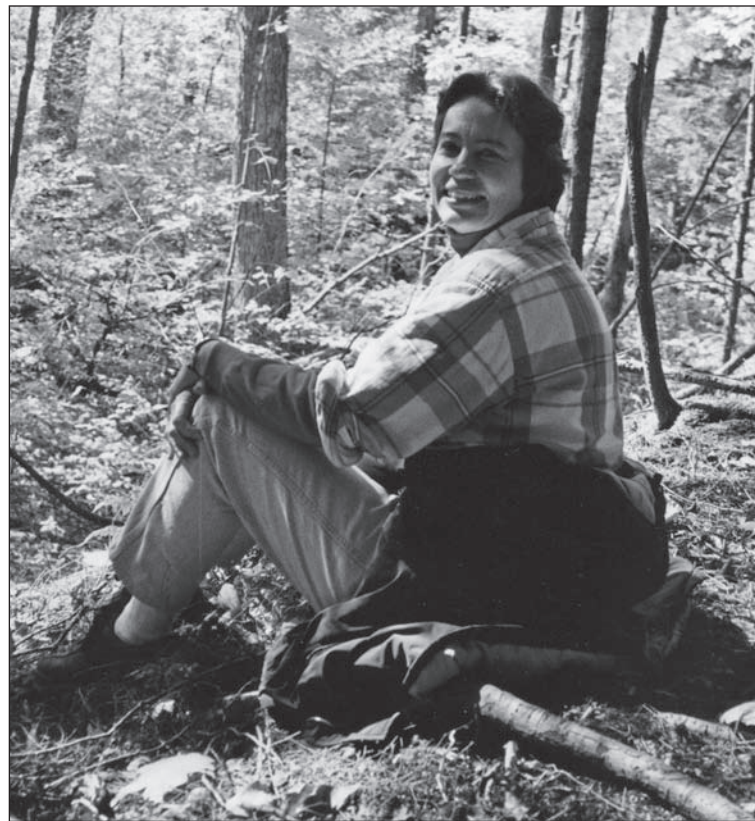


PHOTO BY SUZANNE BATRA

On a golden day Beth Norden sits in the woods of Greenbelt.

### Women's History Month

## Dr. Beth Norden Finds A Safe Haven in Greenbelt

by Megan Gustafson

Entomology expert and a role model for up and coming young women, Beth Norden, finds Greenbelt is a safe haven.

It is in Greenbelt that, she says, she can “recharge her batteries” – an important thing for a woman who has overcome dyslexia, blazed trails in entomology, traveled the world, researched in Sri Lanka as a Fulbright Scholar, survived dengue hemorrhagic fever and successfully sued the Smithsonian Institution.

Born in Milwaukee, Norden struggled with dyslexia and didn't read until she was in the sixth grade. Her first grade teacher effectively told her she wasn't very

smart and that was part of what gave her a “certain motivation” to pursue the highest levels of education, she said.

### Move to Maryland

Fascinated by insects as a child, Norden would collect different insect species in a shoebox. She was intrigued by the vast varieties of insects – there are more insects than any other life forms, she said.

After moving to Maryland with her family when she was in high school, Norden went on to Towson State University where she graduated summa cum laude

See **NORDEN**, page 6

## Council Reviews Public Safety Budget; Police Pay Up 6 Percent

by Thomas X. White

The second budget worksession of the Greenbelt City Council was held on Wednesday, April 1 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. It was devoted to the Public Safety portion of the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 city budget, which includes funding for a full service police department and the city's annual contributions to the three volunteer fire and rescue departments that provide services for the residents of Greenbelt.

Although not related to the FY10 budget, council was also asked to review proposed recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2009-authorized purchase of replacements for seven police vehicles. With council approval, the recommended vehicles would be

purchased by the end of the current fiscal year.

All five members of council and the city manager and his assistant were present. Also participating were Police Chief James Craze and several of the department's senior officers as well as Chief Brian Rudy and Kenneth Stair of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS).

The Police Department, with an overall outlay of over \$10 million and 69 full time personnel, is the city's largest departmental operation. Budgeted funds provide for a full-service police department with around-the-clock patrol in all Greenbelt neighborhoods, K-9 patrol, communications support, criminal investigation, nar-

cotics investigation, crime prevention, traffic enforcement and two school resource officers for Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School and the elementary schools within the city.

Although related to public safety, the city's animal control program and parking enforcement are covered in the budget for the Planning & Community Development Department.

Because Greenbelt taxpayers spend a large amount of money for a full-service department and do not rely on the county for police services, they pay a lower tax rate to Prince George's County under the Municipal Tax Differential rebate. Among city departments the Public Safety budget shows the largest single increase for FY10. This is due to police salary increases agreed to by council in its collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. The CBA calls for a 6 percent increase in pay scale and performance pay for police officers.

### Fire & Rescue Budget

For some time the City of Greenbelt has provided an annual grant to the GVFD&RS that is primarily used to assist the company with replacement costs of their fire and rescue squad vehicles. Last year council increased the annual grant to \$88,000 and the proposed FY10

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## Greenbelt's Social Services Get Kudos from Council

by Virginia Beauchamp

Budget hearings are pretty serious occasions. Speakers representing city departments typically describe what their unit has accomplished over the past year and go on then to suggest ways to expand the mission or range of worthwhile programs.

This was indeed the format of the Greenbelt City Council budget worksession on Monday, April 6 for the Department of Social Services. What was unusual, however, was the meeting's ending.

After Greenbelt CARES Director Dr. Liz Park and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Coordinator Christal Batey had completed their presentations and the evening's work was done, the five councilmembers showed their ap-

preciation not only with the usual word of thanks for what had been accomplished but also with an enthusiastic clap of hands.

What became clear in the course of the evening was how vital is the work of this component of the city's mission in protecting and supporting the most fragile and needy among the individuals and groups within its borders. For example, counselors met with Eleanor Roosevelt High School students in three different eight-week discussion groups, focusing on how to make decisions and develop anger management skills.

At Springhill Lake Elementary

See **SERVICES**, page 12

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, April 18

2 to 6 p.m., Celebrations of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

#### Monday, April 20

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Municipal Building

#### Wednesday, April 22

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Contribution Groups, Community Center

#### Thursday, April 23

7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI Board of Directors' Meeting, GHI Board Room

#### Saturday, April 25

10 a.m., Public Works Open House and Ribbon Cutting, 555 Crescent Road

10:30 a.m. to noon, Earth Day, Youth Center

12:15 p.m., Tree Tour

# Letters to the Editor

## Thanks, Warning

My family and I appreciated so much all the calls, cards, prayers and other kindnesses shown to us during the months my son Karl McFarland was undergoing surgeries for two separate brain aneurysms. We are very thankful that he's now recuperating at his home in Cheverly and looking forward to going back to work in the near future.

I'd like to use this forum to publicize some medical information: If ever persons close to you should suffer a headache, "the worst one they ever had," accompanied by nausea, get them to an emergency room immediately. These are the symptoms of a ruptured aneurysm in the brain. Quick action could save a life.

*Kathleen McFarland*

## THANKS

We would like to thank the City of Greenbelt and the American Legion for hosting the evening fundraising event for us on Saturday, April 4. We want to also send out a special thanks to Barry and Heather Byers, Bob and Dayna Musterman and our lady friends – Kim, Pam and Tracy for their help during the event. We would like to pass on a very big thank you to all of our family and friends who came out to support us during this difficult time. It meant more than you know to us and our family to have all of you there for your love and support.

*Kim and Jerry Potts*

## Try Adding Seats

Like many Greenbelters eager to see greater participation in our city elections, I emphatically support the proposal to expand the number of at-large seats on [Greenbelt City] Council from five to seven. The biggest immediate obstacle to challengers gaining a seat on council is the popularity of incumbents and the advantages they naturally hold. By adding two seats to the body,

Greenbelt voters can show their eagerness to include new voices without penalizing existing councilmembers who have served the community well for many years.

This simple, concrete step will benefit us all and may result in an able African American resident winning a seat sooner rather than later – a goal many share with the NAACP and the ACLU.

However, I must also agree with David Lange's astute testimony at a recent council meeting that the proposal to shift council elections to run on even years (alongside state and national contests) will do nothing to advance this goal. Worse, such a profound alteration of Greenbelt's election process would have worrisome impacts on our local politics – unintended and irreversible impacts.

Specifically, council candidates would need to raise far more money than ever before to be heard above the electoral din; slates and special interests from outside the city would exert much greater influence on our local contest. Sadly, even a cursory familiarity with county politics reminds us all how prevalent cronyism, corruption and backroom dealings can become. Indeed, there is an FBI investigation underway that has resulted in search warrants naming past and current county officials involved in Greenbelt West development, to take one uncomfortably close example. Why would we undertake an electoral reform that would invite this sort of trouble onto our own council?

The politics of Greenbelt have been long characterized by high ideals, cooperation and community service. Expanding our council to seven members would open that tradition to new faces at an important time but shifting balloting to the even-year could permanently damage the integrity and transparency of our politics, leaving them less local than before. More measured reforms, like adding seats, should be tried first.

*Andy Carruthers*

## Reel & Meal Film Is "Scarred Lands"

The next Reel & Meal film to be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m. will be the documentary "Scarred Lands Wounded Lives: the Environmental Footprint of War." The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series that explores environmental and social justice issues and is sponsored by nine Greenbelt community organizations. There is no charge for admission to the film. At 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal is available for purchase.

The film relates that war entails actions that pollute land, air and water, destroy biodiversity and drain natural resources while the environmental damage by war and preparation for war is routinely underestimated, under-reported, even ignored. If people cannot eliminate war, they can at least require a fuller accounting of war's costs and consequences and demand that destructive forces used leave a lighter footprint on this highly vulnerable planet.

The film premiered at the 2008 DC Environmental Film Festival. The filmmakers, Alice T. Day and Lincoln H. Day, will talk about their lives and the making of the film as well as leading a discussion after the movie.

For more information email [sr.kane@verizon.net](mailto:sr.kane@verizon.net).

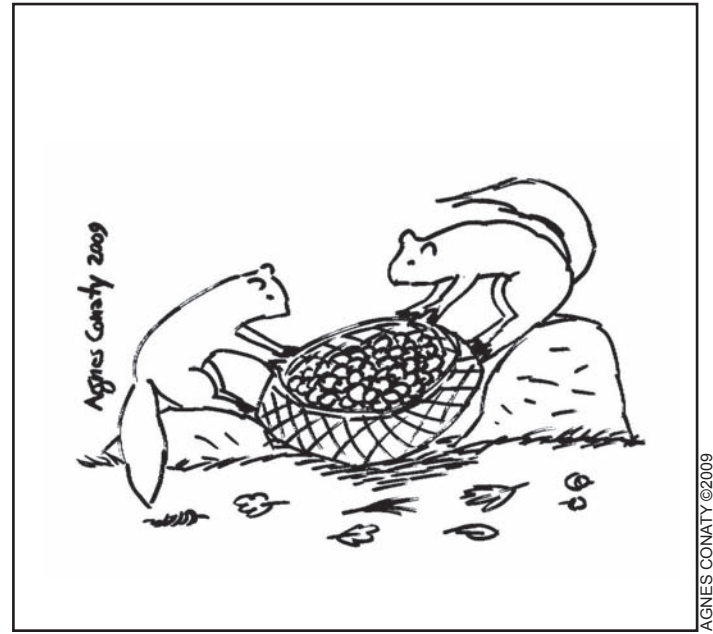
## Garden Club Talk Covers Invasives

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School at 11204 Evans Trail in Beltsville.

The guest speaker will be Michael Raupp, Ph.D., professor and extension specialist in the Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland. His topic will be "How Low Diversity and Invasives Conspire to Destroy the Landscape."

The public is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and plants will be available as door prizes. There is no admission fee. For more information call 301-890-4733 or go to [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

## Grin Belt



"This stimulus package is pirate-proof!"

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of April 12

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

### Major League Schedule April 20 through 25

Date	Time	Games
Monday, April 20	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Yankees
Tuesday, April 21	6 p.m.	Tigers at Indians
Wednesday, April 22	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles
Thursday, April 23	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Giants
Friday, April 24	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Yankees
Saturday, April 25	10 a.m.	Orioles vs. Indians
Saturday, April 26	1 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Athletics

All games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

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

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 - 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111



## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

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(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

Italian Dinner – St. George's Church is sponsoring  
an Italian dinner on April 26, 2009 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Come join us for the food and the company.

The cost: \$12 ages 12-62, and \$6 under 11 & over 62.

Take out orders welcome.

An inclusive congregation!

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, April 23, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

### GDC Key Agenda Items:

- 2009 Parkway Cooling Tower & Boiler Maintenance Contract

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- EZ Pay Drawing
- Proposed Lowered Window Sill, 6D Ridge Road
- 2009 Concrete Sidewalk Contract, 2nd Reading
- Administration Building Waste Line Repair Contract, 2nd Reading
- Auditor's Report Presented by Murphy & Murphy

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Apr. 17

## Sunshine Cleaning (R)

Friday

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

Monday-Thursday

\*5:30, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pandgtheatres.com](http://www.pandgtheatres.com)

# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Friday, April 17, GHI offices closed

Sunday, April 19, 12:30 p.m., Volunteers luncheon – Fire Department

Monday, April 20, 7 p.m., Communications Committee meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 22, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee meeting – Board Room

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Board meeting – Board Room

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase orientation – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 22, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, April 23, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

## Earth Day for Kids At Greenbelt Park

The National Park Service, National Capital Parks East, will celebrate Earth Day with a Junior Ranger program on Saturday, April 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Greenbelt Park on Greenbelt Road.

Visitors ages 8 to 12 are invited to participate and learn more about their national parks while they engage in fun-filled interactive games and activities at the park ranger station. There will be story-telling, nature walks and sing-alongs. Activities will conclude with a puppet show featuring stories about the animals who call Greenbelt Park home.

Space is limited and reservations are recommended. For reservations or more information call Park Ranger Joy Kinard at 301-344-3948.

## Open Microphone For Kids Sunday

There will be a kids' open microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, April 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. Children age 17 and under are encouraged to perform for up to five minutes, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdr@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdr@yahoo.com).

## Free Adult Soccer Sunday, Tuesday

On Sunday and Tuesday evenings there will be free adult small-goal soccer pickup play for fun and exercise at Northway field in Old Greenbelt. The Sunday evening session is from 4 p.m. to dusk; Tuesday sessions are from 6 p.m. to dusk.



For updated times call Ryan McClelland at 240-350-5973, email [rmccle@gmail.com](mailto:rmccle@gmail.com) or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/greenbeltsoccer/>. Bring a light shirt, a dark shirt and, if one is available, a ball.

## Astronomical Star Party this Saturday

On Saturday, April 18 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. Society members will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at about 8 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

Visit [www.greenbelters.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbelters.org/events_shtml).

## New Deal Café Weekly Offerings

Rebecca Lemus will play Jewish folk and light classical clarinet for the lunchtime concert series at the New Deal Café on Friday, April 17 from noon to 2 p.m. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey will play jazz and blues on the piano and from 8 to 11 p.m. Julia Rose will perform original acoustic rock.

### Weekend

On Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. there will be a basketmaking class. From 4 to 6 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey plays piano; then "The Small Trio" will play smooth jazz. During brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 "Magic Ray Jazz" performs. From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a kids' open microphone session; then from 5 to 8 p.m. "Busted Taillight" takes the stage.

### More Programs

On Tuesday, April 21 from 5:30 to 9 p.m., the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will hold its Community Night at the Café.

The Wednesday, April 22 lunchtime concert series will feature Amy Kraft on the piano from noon to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. John Paul from L.A. will be on stage. Thursday, April 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session hosted by the Songwriters' Association of Washington. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. the Spanish conversation group will meet in the Café's front room.

Visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call 301-474-5642 for details.

## Frankenstein Is Café April 24 Fundraiser

Frankenstein, as channeled by Thomas Edison and Japanese composer Yukiko Nishimura, comes to the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center on Friday, April 24. In 1912 Thomas Edison produced the first horror movie, a silent movie of Frankenstein. The Covington String Quartet commissioned contemporary composer Nishimura to write music to accompany the film; they will be playing the work as the movie is shown as part of their upcoming concert at the Café.

The Covington String Quartet, established in 2001, consists of Greenbelter Greg Pinney, violin; Luke Wedge, violin; Will Hurd, viola; and Frank McKinster, cello. The Quartet is known for challenging audiences with classical as well as contemporary music, with a focus on the great masters of the 18th and 19th centuries. They will play Bartok and Haydn. Tim Page described them in The Washington Post as a "smoothly blended ensemble" with a "surfeit of that curious intangible called charm."

The concert, starting at 8 p.m., is a benefit performance for the Friends of New Deal Café Arts. A donation will be solicited.

## Choral Society Holds Dinner, Silent Auction

The Prince George's Choral Society will hold its annual Italian Dinner on Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m., followed by a silent auction. The fundraiser will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road.

## Co-op Hosts Earth Day Program

As part of its observation of Earth Day, the Co-op will offer a special program on Wednesday, April 22 focusing on some of the environmental and social justice issues that are intertwined with the food system. Education Coordinator Kim Rush Lynch will discuss sustainable foods and the challenges presented by some of the recent developments in industrial agriculture. She will also introduce some suggestions for nutrient-dense foods which can benefit both the human body and the planet.

This event, which will run from 7 to 8 p.m., is part of the continuing Shop Healthy Series at the Co-op. Attendance is free and open to the public.



## City Notes

Planning staff reviewed a detailed site plan and covenant agreement for Pulte development in Greenbelt Station, researched right-of-way issues in Historic Greenbelt and reviewed potential bus shelter locations.

Public Works reports that staff has begun moving into the new office building.

Street maintenance topped off the blacktop road at the Spellman Overpass with asphalt and installed two bollards to prevent cars from using the overpass.

Horticulture hauled 120 yards of recycled compost from the Northway Fields compost site to Greenbelt East for a contractor to use on landscape beds.

More Community Events can be found on pages 2, 4, 5 and 9.

## War Made Easy

How Presidents & Pundits Keep Spinning Us

A 2007 Documentary about war propaganda & public relations

Sunday, April 19, 3:30 pm  
Greenbelt Community Center

Peace & Justice Coalition

## YARD SALE

April 24 & 25  
from 9-3

Mowatt Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Road  
Lunch • Book Sale  
Flowers

## Benefit Concert at the New Deal Café

### Covington String Quartet

Classical and contemporary music PLUS

### "Frankenstein"

a silent 1912 horror film with commissioned score

Friday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts

## Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Meeting

Friday, April 17, 2009 at 7:30PM

Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt MD

Our guest speaker will be Denise Riley, Political Director of the MD and DC AFL-CIO. She will discuss the Employee Free Choice Act and President Obama's health care initiative.

For information please call 301.386.0762 or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdems.com>

Please bring a snack or dessert to share.



## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of Apr. 17

### FRI.

Monsters vs. Aliens, PG

1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8, 10:15

Dragonball Evolution, PG (!!)

1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 8, 10:05

Observe and Report, R (!!)

1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 8, 10:05

Crank "High Voltage," R (!)

1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8, 10:15

American Violet, PG (!)

2, 4:45, 7:30, 10

State of Play, PG-13 (!)

1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05

Hannah Montana "The Movie,"

G (!!)

1:45, 4:10, 6:30, 9

Fast and Furious, PG-13

2, 4:45, 7:30, 10

### SAT.

Monsters vs. Aliens, PG

11:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8, 10:05

Dragonball Evolution, PG (!!)

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Observe and Report, R (!!)

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### SUN.

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Fast and Furious, PG-13 (!!)

2, 4:45, 7:30

### MON. - THUR.

(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays)

Monsters vs. Aliens, PG

3:30, 5:40, 7:50

Dragonball Evolution, PG

3:40, 5:45, 8

Observe and Report, R

3:40, 5:45, 8

Crank "High Voltage," R (!)

3:30, 5:40, 7:50

American Violet, PG (!)

2:15, 4:45, 7:35

State of Play, PG-13 (!)

2, 4:40, 7:20

Hannah Montana "The Movie," G

3:20, 5:40, 7:50

Fast and Furious, PG-13

2:15, 4:45, 7:35

## Yard Sale • Bake Sale • & Hoagies, Too!

April 18th

9 – 1 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church  
Hillside & Crescent Rd.





PHOTO BY DOUG LOVE

One of the collapsed trees that fell at Plateau Place, fortunately sparing residents and causing only minimal damage to a fence.

## An Everyday Miracle on Easter

by Doug Love

When two trees fall in an urban forest, do they make a noise? Apparently they do, as residents of Plateau Place found out at 11:30 Sunday morning.

A sharp crack, followed by another sharp crack, then followed by the crack of falling trees got my attention. It seemed to come from the parking lot between 1 Court Plateau Place and 57 Court Ridge. When I got there a few minutes later, I found two trees lying in the parking lot, just a few feet from Valerie's car. Nothing was hurt except a fence – just another of those everyday miracles reported around the region this Easter Sunday.

A closer examination showed that the roots of both trees were rotted away. The trunks below ground were black, as if burned. And the holes they came out of were immediately full of water. Neighbors reported drainage prob-

## UM Panel Discusses "Green" Concerts

Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts will be the site for a creative dialogue entitled "Living in our Landscape" on Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. How are artists going green? Whether using their art as a means of environmental activism, "greening" the concert tour industry or using their celebrity to inform and inspire their audiences and fan base, what are the roles and responsibilities of artists when it comes to environmental activism?

Ecologist Andrew Baldwin moderates a panel with country music star Kathy Mattea, Arrian Zelski from the sustainability conscious dub/reggae band Dub-conscious and Brian Allenby from Reverb, a nonprofit that has helped green over 50 concerts and 900 events. This special Earth Day 2009 conversation will explore the many ways in which artists are addressing the environmental crisis. This event is free.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



Condolences to Carl Zoellner of Plateau Place and his siblings in Utah on the death of their mother, Audrey Zoellner Stewart of Orem, Utah, on March 30, 2009. She was the former wife of the late Marshall "Bud" Zoellner, Greenbelt pioneer and police officer.

**Congratulations to:**

– The ERHS student athletes who were selected for The Washington Post spring All-Met teams.

– Francis Conley Jennings who was born on February 12, 2009, in Raleigh, N.C. His mother, Katie Jennings, is a former Greenbelt resident who still has many ties to Greenbelt. Francis is welcomed by Greenbelt residents, Great Aunt Betty Money, cousins Joseph Jennings, Charlie and Rachael Roland and many other Greenbelt friends.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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**Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**

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 9:15 am    Sunday School/Bible Study  
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**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
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**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**

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## Pinsky Celebration For 22 Years Service

A free District 22 thank you/tribute party for Senator Paul Pinsky to celebrate 22 years of elected service will be held on Friday, April 24 from 6 to 10 p.m., at both the Lustine Center and the Design Studio Art Gallery in Hyattsville, 5710 and 5702 Baltimore Avenue.

The party will feature live music, food, drink, a teen poetry slam and high school hip hop band, with a celebratory roast and toast for Senator Pinsky.

Sponsors are Greenbelt West Residents Association, Family Crisis Center of Prince George's, GreenVeganNetworking and the Prince George's Green Power Coalition.

## Service Academies Applicants Sought

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has announced that his office is currently accepting U.S. service academy applications for the 2010-11 school year.

For students' convenience, service academy application packets are available online at <http://hoyer.house.gov/services/academy.asp>. Included in the packet are all information and materials needed to complete and submit the application, which must be postmarked for delivery to Hoyer's office by October 15.

For more information call Betty Rogers in Hoyer's Greenbelt Office at 301-474-0119.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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**April 19, 10 a.m.**  
**"When the Rivers Run Dry"**  
 Rev. John Parker Manwell, co-minister; Shantida, worship associate  
 This Earth Sunday sermon is offered in support of Paint Branch's commitment to caring for the Earth.

**Bahá'í Teachings: Why did God create us?**

God is the Creator of all things. He has made the heavens and earth, the animals and the human being. The reason behind our creation, we are told by Bahá'u'lláh, is love. He said: *"O Son of Man! I loved thy creation, hence I created thee. Wherefore, do thou love Me, that I may name thy name and fill thy soul with the spirit of life."*

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
 1-800-22-UNITE    301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com)    [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

 **Greenbelt Baptist Church**

101 Greenhill Road  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcome!**


**Sunday 9:45 am    Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am    Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm    Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**  
**ALL are Welcome!**

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 (Behind the Community Center)

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# City Information

## City of Greenbelt Public Works Open House and Ribbon Cutting Saturday, April 25th 10:00am 555 Crescent Road

Come out and see the City's newest addition. Learn about its many "green" features. Ribbon Cutting at 10:00am. Tour the facility. Cake and refreshments after the ribbon cutting. Public Works Open House from 10:00am-2:00pm. Hot Dogs, chips, refreshments, demonstrations, recycling information, green house, work trucks, balloons and more!

Fun for the whole family!

For more information: Public Works 301-474-8004

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:  
Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability,  
Youth Advisory Committee,  
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee,  
Forest Preserve Advisory Board,  
Arts Advisory Board,  
Advisory Committee on Education  
For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Deadline date for applications: April 24, 2009.

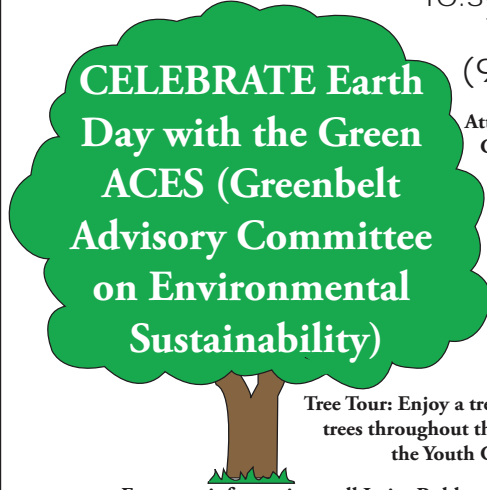


Help to restore and install a rain garden, address erosion and storm water quality issues, and restore native plants.

# EARTH DAY

## Saturday, April 25th

10:30am - 12:00noon  
Youth Center  
(99 Centerway)



**CELEBRATE Earth Day with the Green ACES (Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability)**

Attention Students: Volunteer Community Service Hours will be given.

Arbor Day: After the Earth Day celebration, join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees with the Arbor Day Tree Planting at 12:00noon, at the same location.

Tree Tour: Enjoy a tree tour of large and unusual trees throughout the City. The tour will leave the Youth Center at 12:15pm.

For more information, call Luisa Robles at (301) 474-8004



### EASTER EGG HUNT 2009 GOLDEN EGG WINNERS

CJ Pizzano - 5th and 6th grade; Nathaniel Jones - 3rd and 4th grade; Alyssa Bailey (with Parent) - 18 month to 3 years; Julius Yun (with Parent) - 4 & 5 year old; Calvin Hruby - 1st and 2nd grade.

### MEETINGS FOR APRIL 20-24

Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30pm, **CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION** re. **Contribution Groups** at the Community Center.

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

The City Council has issued a **Statement on Voting System Reforms** in Greenbelt. This statement is available at the Greenbelt City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 and at

[www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).  
The City Council has also scheduled

### PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED VOTING SYSTEM REFORMS

Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00pm at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. And...

Thursday, May 7 at 7:00pm Greenbriar Terrace Room 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The City of Greenbelt's

## FREE! Celebration of Spring

Saturday, April 18th  
2:00pm-6:00pm  
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship with your fellow neighbors and the Greenbelt Recreation Department!

- ♦ Free Food & Drinks\*
- ♦ Moonbounces
- ♦ Jr. Olympics Basketball Skills Competition
- ♦ Live Musical Entertainment
- ♦ Carnival Games, Clowns, Tattoos
- ♦ Make & Take Art Projects
- ♦ Bike Check-Ups from the Greenbelt Police Department

\*While Supplies Last.

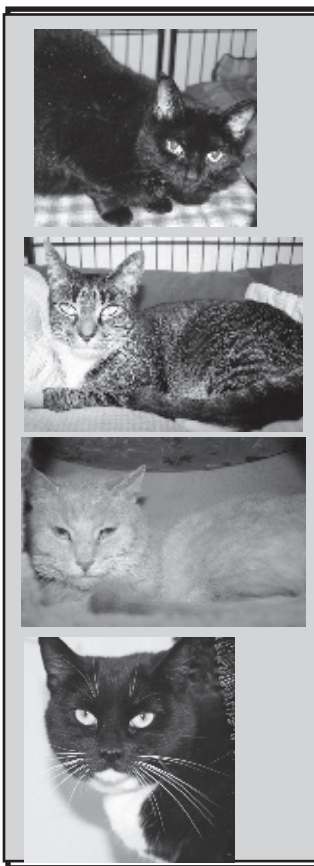
CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (301)397-2200 FOR MORE INFORMATION!  
WEATHER & INFORMATION HOTLINE: (301)474-0646

**Artists' Studio Space**  
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Information and application available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)  
Deadline: May 3

**Greenbelt Municipal Access**  
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Watch City Council Meetings and other programming.

Video is also available On-Demand so you can watch at your convenience.



### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

**Pets of the Month**  
Congratulations to Smokey, Lillith, and Bailey on their adoptions!

**Bonkers:** (top) Friendly and lively young black male  
**Jerry:** (3rd) 2 yr old buff male  
**Kimmie:** (2nd) Friendly, but shy. Young adult spayed, tiger striped female cat. Has been patiently waiting for a home for 2 yrs.  
**Princess:** (bottom) young female black with white chest.

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

The Animal Shelter at 550A is open weekly for visitations and adoptions on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm. The Greenbelt Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of pet supplies.

### City of Greenbelt Department of Planning & Community Development

Saturday, May 9th  
10am-3pm  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road



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### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

AND STREAMING LIVE at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, April 21 & 23: 6pm "Ask the Expert" 6:30pm: "Spring Circus Camp" 7:30 pm: "Museum Lecture"  
**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, April 22 & 24: 7pm: Hav Shalom Synagogue "Fiddler on the Roof" 9:15pm "The Fifth Sun"

For City News and information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

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### Crime Incidents Up By 8% in 2008

Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze provided the Greenbelt City Council with an overview on recent crime statistics for Greenbelt at the April 1 budget worksession. Based on the latest available statistics (2008), so-called Part I crimes in Greenbelt increased 8 percent in 2008, from 1,363 reported incidents in 2007 to 1,475. Part I crimes are defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault, theft and auto theft. According to Craze, 2007 was the end of a 10-year trend downward for the serious crime statistics; in 2008 it trended up. These types of offenses accounted for 15 percent of all crime in Maryland and in Prince George's County.

For Greenbelt the total was 4 percent, indicating that Greenbelt falls in line with regional and statewide violent crime trends. Again, for Greenbelt, robbery is the most prevalent violent crime problem, having risen a total of 69 percent over a five year period.

During 2008 there were 152 reported robbery offenses accounting for 71 percent of all violent crime and 10 percent of the Part I crime index. Sixty-three percent (96) of the robberies occurred in Greenbelt West, 21 percent (32) in Greenbelt East and 16 percent (24) in Greenbelt Center.

Less serious crimes against property reported during 2008 were nearly five times greater (1,262) than the number of violent crimes and represented 86 percent of the total crime index. Across the geographic areas of Greenbelt, 53 percent of the reported crime incidents (788) occurred in Greenbelt West. Greenbelt East experienced 29 percent (434) and Greenbelt Center had 17 percent (253).

Overall the department responded to 41,524 calls for service in 2008, a 4 percent increase. Police reports increased by 6 percent to 11,139 and adult arrests increased 19 percent to 753. Juvenile arrests totaled 217, a 12 percent increase.

Greenbelt officers arrested 169 motorists for impaired driving offenses, an unusually high number for an agency this size. The city's Red Light Camera program generated 4,023 citations in 2008, a 1 percent decrease from the prior year. Interestingly most red light camera violations occurred on a Wednesday (16 percent); the most frequently violated location was northbound Kenilworth Avenue at Southbound I-95.

Another statistic provided in answer to a question from council was that off-duty Greenbelt officers responded to 1,628 incidents in 2008, an increase of 53 from the previous year.

budget maintains that level for next year.

For the first time in FY09 council also approved grants of \$5,000 each to the Berwyn Heights Fire Department and the West Lanham Hills Fire Department. That level is also maintained for next year. These two departments provide first response calls in Greenbelt West and East.

GVFD & RS Chief Brian Rudy was on hand to brief council on the financial status of the company and its relations with the Prince George's County Fire Department. Rudy noted that the purchase price for a new fire truck was approaching \$450,000 and that the city's grant funding is critical in purchasing new equipment. The chief also noted that the company earned \$90,000 for the recent sale of a retired pumper to a fire department in Pennsylvania.

Rudy also reported that the liaison has improved between the new Prince George's County Fire Chief and the volunteer departments. The county, in an effort to reduce overtime for its paid employees assigned to the volunteer companies, has asked the various volunteer units to cover the 3 to 5 p.m. period one day a week without a paid county employee. Rudy said that the GVFD&RS will be able to comply but noted that it would give sufficient notice to the county if local coverage was a problem for a particular day.

He also provided a status report on implementation of the new system for charging clients (patients) for EMS services and transportation.

The GFD&RS officials noted they had just received a first report on the system for the month of February and expressed some concern with the high percentage of county-assigned costs for "consultant fees." The volunteer companies are discussing that situation with the new fire chief.

#### Issues for FY10

The police department is slated to seek recertification of its original Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) certification in 2006. The review by CALEA will include an on-site review in June. If successful, the award will be given at the fall 2009 CALEA conference in Salt Lake City.

In order to maintain the prestigious certification, the department must successfully prove that it continuously follows the rigorous standard set forth by the commission. The chief gave kudos to Sergeants Carl Schinner and James Parker for coordination of the department's recertification efforts.

Related to the CALEA certification is a requirement for Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) capability. Since the 2006 certification, the city has worked with the City of Hyattsville and the University of Maryland to select a suitable vendor to develop a system that could be utilized by all three departments.

The implementation of a CAD system was listed as a FY09 management objective to be implemented in FY10. Related to the CALEA objective is completion of a Records Management System in the near future and development of a fully interoperable radio system within the National Capital Region. While the county would provide the infrastructure for such a radio

system each municipal department must upgrade its own radio communications equipment.

For FY10 and beyond, Craze provided council with a four-year projection for potential retirements of long-tenured officers. He noted that potential retirements within the next five years represent a total of 531 combined years of public safety experience that would be lost. These losses would include four senior command positions and 19 senior rank and file positions including a variety of specialties.

#### Vehicle Replacements

Possible vehicle replacements were placed on the agenda to inform council of the department's thinking regarding expected purchase of seven replacement police vehicles in FY09. The department recommends purchase of four Chevrolet Impala police patrol vehicles and three Chevrolet Tahoe police patrol vehicles plus K-9-related equipment for two of the Tahoe vehicles. The total cost under a bid from Criswell Chevrolet awarded to the State of Maryland totals \$190,955.

The choice of the Impala sedan is a departure from previous preferences for the Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle. Craze reported that the Impala is rated highly by other departments and would have a better fuel efficiency record.

The choice of the Tahoe is based on the department's preference for a vehicle better suited for K-9 equipment. The third Tahoe would be slated for use by the traffic unit, being better suited for handling the specialized equipment for training or traffic operations.

Council was also provided with a comprehensive vehicle mileage summary for the entire fleet of 68 Greenbelt Police department vehicles, nearly 35 percent of which exceed 80,000 miles. The FY10 proposed budget includes a recommendation for replacement of eight police vehicles.

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with a degree in environmental education.

While there, she met her husband of 36 years, Arnold "Butch" Norden, in a botany class. On their first date they collected ferns. It was love at first sight and by their second date – though she said neither of them was particularly interested in marriage or family at the time – they were engaged.

There they were, sitting on a bench under a tree and "the next thing I know he asked me to marry him," Norden recalled, smiling.

She and her husband, who works for the Department of Natural Resources, share a love of biology and nature; they were the first husband and wife members of the Washington Biologists Field Club, she said.

After earning a master's in biology at Towson State, Norden began Ph.D. work in entomology at the University of Maryland, earning the distinction in 1985.

While completing her doctorate, she became a mom to her daughter Heather, now 28, and her son John, 24.

#### Career and Family

Norden strove to balance her career aspirations and love of science with her family life, wanting to show that "women can make contributions to the world – like science – and still be good mothers," she said.

Throughout her career, Norden has made a number of discoveries – five species and two genera of hymenoptera insects have been named for her.

She has published several children's books about insects. Remembering her own struggle as a child with reading, her children's books are full of vivid, magnified pictures of insects, some of which are pop-ups.

#### Illness

So it was quite a blow when Norden contracted dengue hemorrhagic fever in 2000 while conducting research in Brazil for the Smithsonian, where she worked

as an entomologist for more than 20 years.

Fighting the disease brought her to the brink of death. During the ordeal, she found tremendous support in the Greenbelt community. Her neighbor, she said, brought her the newspaper every day and continues to do so, even though she has recovered.

"That's the kind of community this is," Norden said. "I'm treated like I'm a member of a big family."

Since recovering from dengue, Norden works part-time at Greenbelt Community Church as an administrative assistant. She has volunteered in scientific research projects – for the USDA and the Archbold Biological Station in Florida.

"Beth is a devoted scientist who takes enormous pleasure in doing her scientific work, even on a volunteer basis," said Vickie Fang, the attorney who represented Norden in her lawsuit against the Smithsonian.

Norden's yard, Fang said, is clearly that of a biologist's – home to various types of plants and animals with numerous bird feeders hanging from trees.

"She takes an interest and great joy in her surroundings, both as a biologist and as a member of her community," Fang said.

Norden said she hopes to be a "role model for up and coming young women," in the community of Greenbelt, which she said is "extremely special."

"Our strength here in Greenbelt is the people," she said.

### Hoyer Holds Health Town Hall Monday

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer will hold a town hall meeting on health care reform on Monday, April 20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Florian Hall, 13701 Old Jericho Park Road in Bowie. The meeting is to discuss concerns with the current health care system and how to improve it as Congress prepares to consider health care reform.



### GHI Celebrates

The dedication and hard work of the Staff of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

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Member Services:	Joan, Christine, Ellen
Finance Dept	Joe, Nina, Kathie, Rena, Melvin
Tech Services:	Tom, Peter, Kenny, Rean, Roger
Physical Plant:	Bryan C., Shawnta, Herb, Matt T.
Grounds:	Matt B., Winston, Lawrence, George, Richard, Tony
Structures:	Robert, JD, Dwayne, Lee, John J., Bryan McC.
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The Maintenance and Administrative Offices will Celebrate with a Luncheon from Noon to Two on Wednesday, April 22nd. The Administration Reception Desk will remain open.

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Frozen Ostrich Patties 6 oz.	<b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b>

**EARTH DAY SPECIAL PRODUCE SALE - 3 DAYS ONLY - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 22-24**

Organic Fuji Apples 3 lb. bag	<b>\$3<sup>49</sup></b>	Organic Red or Green Leaf Lettuce head	<b>\$1<sup>59</sup></b>	Organic Baby Carrots 1 lb. bag	<b>\$1<sup>50</sup></b>	Organic Grape Tomatoes pint	<b>\$2<sup>00</sup></b>
Organic Yellow Onions 3 lb. bag	<b>\$2<sup>29</sup></b>	Organic Avocados 2 pack 10 oz.	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	Organic Zucchini Squash	<b>99¢</b> lb.	Royal Gala Apples	<b>99¢</b> lb.
Dole California Iceberg Lettuce head	<b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b>	Large Red Seedless Grapes	<b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b> lb.	Dole California Celery Hearts 2 pack	<b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b>	USA Premium Romaine Hearts 3 pack	<b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>

Dairy	Deli	Frozen
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Shurfine Sour Cream Assorted 16 oz.		Shurfine Classic Vegetables Select Varieties 16 oz.
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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

April 5, 9 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a man was approached by three men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after the man gave the suspects his wallet he was punched and kicked. The suspects may have fled the scene in a vehicle described as a black sports car. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment.

April 6, 11:51 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a person was approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced; after taking a cell phone and money the men fled the scene in a vehicle described as a gray medium-sized passenger car. The suspects are described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", 160 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a mustache, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt; and a black male in his twenties, 6', 250 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans.

April 8, 5:28 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Lane, a young man approached a woman, forced her to the ground at gunpoint, took her purse and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, 5'8" with a medium build, wearing a dark jacket with a yellow stripe on the hood, dark pants and dark shoes.

### Arson

April 7, 3:40 a.m., 13 Court Hillside, a resident youth allegedly set fire to the family home. The fire was extinguished; there were no injuries. Prince George's County fire investigators are handling the incident. The youth was transported to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

### Disorderly Conduct

April 3, 10:10 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

April 5, 12:26 a.m., Jasper's, a resident man was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial. He was, however, transported to the Department of Corrections for service of two open warrants with the Fairfax County Police and the Baltimore County Sheriff's Departments.

### Trespass

April 3, 9:28 a.m., Holiday Inn, a nonresident woman was arrested for trespass and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Vandalism

April 5, 9:27 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) used a bb-type gun to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

April 7, 9:24 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

April 8, 1:19 p.m., 6100 block

Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the living room window of a residence.

### Burglaries

April 2, 1:09 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, two laptop computers, a cell phone and money were among the items reported missing.

April 6, 3:34 p.m., Greenway Center, a commercial burglary was reported.

### Vehicle Crimes

A 2007 white Ford pickup truck, Maryland tags 41W671 was reported stolen from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. An attempt to steal a vehicle occurred in the 7100 block Mathews Street.

April 9, Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested for a stolen registration sticker as a result of a

traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

One stolen vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

Theft from vehicles was reported at: 6100 block Breezewood Court (GPS), Beltway Plaza (registration sticker), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS), 6400 block Ivy Lane (GPS), 6100 block Springhill Terrace (front tag), 6500 Lake Park Drive (GPS) and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (front tag). An attempted theft from a vehicle occurred in the 7000 block Megan Lane.

Three cases of vandalism to vehicles were reported at: 6200 block Greenbelt Road (scratched paint), 6000 block Springhill Drive (broken rear window) and 6100 block Breezewood Drive (broken window).

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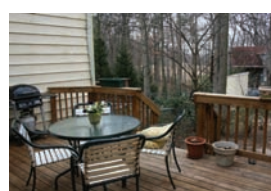
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NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center is inviting elementary school students and their families to the Sunday Experiment Program at the Visitor Center on Sunday, April 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. for an afternoon of eye-opening, hands-on activities exploring the Earth's home, the universe.

This month students will explore the Visitor Center with a solar system scavenger hunt that is designed to help them grasp the relative distances between the planets in the solar system. Students will discover the abundances of the most common elements in the universe by using everyday materials and creating their own "Exo-Planets," while keeping in mind what a planet needs to survive. The Visitor Center's Science on a Sphere presentation will also provide insight into how the universe works.

The Sunday Experiment is held the third Sunday of each month from September through May to feature activities showcasing NASA's world-renowned science and engineering research and technological developments. It is a program "where children and adults alike can discover the excitement of Goddard through fun and easy hands-on activities," said program founder Emilie Drobnes. "You get to act like scientists and engineers while building all types of little rockets and hover-crafts, designing your own planets and stars and even trying your hand at being part of the manned spaced program. At the Sunday Experiment we energize the public about NASA and the science we do here and

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In addition to celebrating all things science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the program celebrates major science missions managed by Goddard that are set to launch in 2009 and 2010.

More information is available at the Goddard Visitor Center webpage at <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/events/index.html>.

### Mobiles and Kites Arts Drop-In

On Sunday, April 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. instructor Aaron Springer will lead a creative free-form arts afternoon where children and parents – ideal for children ages 3 to 8 – will make mobiles and kites for springtime. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The event will be held at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) in College Park.

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Beltway Plaza. Manager David Lynch spoke about "a different demeanor," with an emphasis on organic elements; attorney Robert Kim said it will be "a nice, sit-down restaurant."

In response to a complaint about a parking ticket for a rented truck aired by Keith Bare of 39-K Ridge Road at council's March 23 meeting, City Manager Michael McLaughlin was asked to review wording of section 11-42 of the city code, which is pegged to keep commercial vehicles off city streets overnight, Sundays and holidays.

It was agreed to send a letter to Pepco and the Maryland Public Service Commission to seek a review of the energy assistance program. Councilmember Edward Putens raised the possibility of a sliding scale or considering the person's or family's net pay, rather than gross pay.

### New Vehicles

Approved was purchase of a three-fourth ton pickup truck with snow plow for Public Works Department, at \$29,134 and seven replacement police vehicles – four sedans and three SUV units needed for K-9 and traffic duties – for a total cost of \$190,995 when fully equipped.

It was agreed to use the city's federally provided Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of \$109,608 to buy 27 radios for police vehicles.

### Personnel Matters

Councilmembers expressed satisfaction with and voted unanimously to approve the classification and compensation study by

Slavin Management Consultants, which called for a one percent increase for all classified employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, retroactive to July 1, 2008.

Two new appointments named Sandra Lange to the Advisory Planning Board and Phyllis Budin to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. Virginia Mudrock was appointed for a new three-year term to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

Accepted with regret were the resignations of Barbara Dobyns from the Arts Advisory Board and Elizabeth Kibler from the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

### Harp Concert, Earth Day Panel

The Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Smith Center for the Performing Arts will host two programs:

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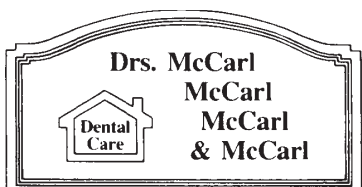


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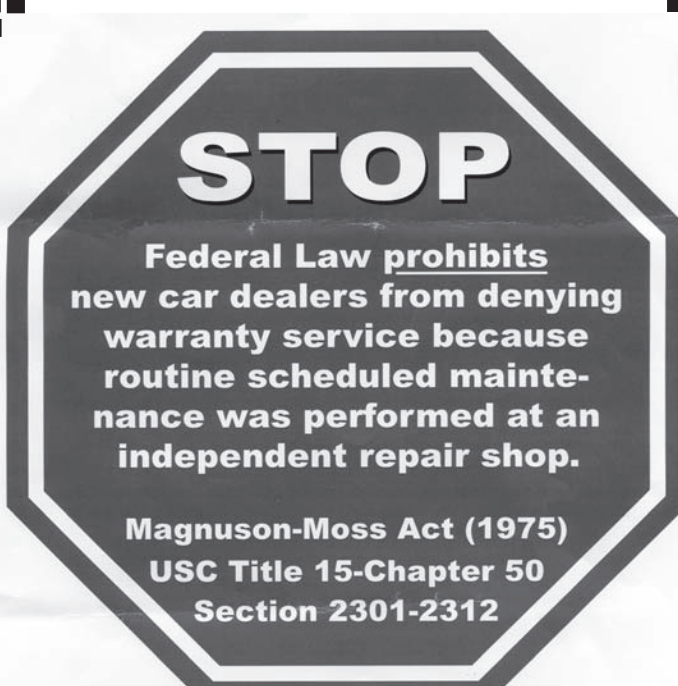
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## Theatre Renovation Design Is Complete, Raises Questions

by Carol Griffith

Difficult decisions concerning renovation plans for the Greenbelt theater await council – such as the overall conclusion of the city council worksession on the theater renovation on March 4 during which the final design was presented. Most of the issues requiring further consideration involve funding for the project and how to manage closure of the theater during work.

All members of council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze took part. Also present were theater operator Paul Sanchez and two residents.

Preceding the presentation of the design by Melissa Cohen of GTM Architects, McLaughlin informed council that city staff had asked Gardiner and Gardiner, the firm currently constructing the Public Works building, to look at the completed plans and provide a preliminary estimate of costs. Their estimate is approximately \$1,277,000 with the explanation that the figure contains a 25 percent contingency fund for its several exclusions and does not reflect all possible costs, such as Pepco's fee for increasing electrical service. McLaughlin reminded council that several months ago when it was decided to proceed with the project, a preliminary cost estimate was approximately \$800,000.

Councilmember Roberts reminded participants that \$500,000 was available in state grant funds, and discussion ensued concerning how to make up the difference between these funds and the estimated costs. McLaughlin reminded council that there are other "big-ticket" items under consideration, such as dredging the lake and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center renovation. Other sources of the money that were discussed included increasing the Fiscal Year 2010 capital project fund and a bond referendum, although no decision about funding was reached. Craze stated that when the project reaches the bid stage, there will be a "menu" of line items council can choose to include or reject, which will determine the final cost.

McLaughlin and Craze also informed council that it had been determined by all concerned that the theater must be closed for the approximately six months estimated to complete the renovation. Because of the nature of the work involved, many systems will be nonfunctional and even to attempt to open on weekends would not be practical. Davis expressed concern that the theater would lose its customer base and

that closure of the theater for such a long period would have a negative effect on the other merchants of Roosevelt Center. Councilmembers Leta Mach and Edwards Putens advocated a good marketing and public relations effort to retain customers. Although Sanchez stated that the summer brought lower attendance, there was concern that the theater would be closed for the Utopia Film Festival in October.

Cohen's presentation broke down the plans for the renovation, stating that "the mechanical systems have outlived their usefulness." Current conditions include not enough electrical capacity; bathrooms not up to code requirements for accessibility; the ventilation system functions poorly and must be replaced regardless of other plans for renovation; and the ticket booth is in "poor shape." Recommendations include the installation of two new rooftop HVAC units and new electrical lines, removing the last row of seats to expand the restrooms and, in the ticket booth, adding safety glass, installing new counters and equipment to increase airflow.

Cohen emphasized that GTM had looked at original drawings and colors before presenting several esthetic issues – the need, as assessed by an acoustical engineer, to improve the acoustics of the theater, whether to retain the historic doors to the auditorium or wall coverings, possible improvements to the concession stand and whether to lay carpet or restore the terrazzo floor in the lobby. In the ensuing discussion, Roberts emphasized that the historic elements are the most important and attract patrons; Putens volunteered that modernization of esthetic elements would be perceived as a better use of city money; and Davis asked if there were any "green" features that could be incorporated into the plans. McLaughlin replied that leaving many original items in place was "green" and that staff would investigate the use of energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems.

At the worksession's end Davis and McLaughlin agreed that the issues of creating a timeline for the work and how to fund the project need further discussion. Craze reminded council that the city will have to receive competitive bids for a general contractor and choose one who has experience with historic work. It was agreed by all that in order to move forward, the city would continue to pre-qualify vendors and identify sources of funding and would meet again with council in three to four months.

### Witness Trees: What Are They?

The U.S. Botanic Garden presents "The Witness Tree Protection Program" on Friday, April 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. with historian Jonathan Pliska. He will explain what the Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) is and how the Witness Tree Protection Program came

about. After a short presentation Pliska will take the group on a walking tour in the interior exhibit itself, talking in more depth about several of the trees. The program is free but pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register call 202-225-1116.

### Nature Programs

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are free and held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For details visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov).

#### North Tract

The North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding the following programs:

**Bird Walk:** Saturday, April 18 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. for all ages. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

**Owl Prowl:** Saturday, April 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for all ages. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

**Bird Tour:** Wednesday, April 29 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. for ages 16 and over. Identify birds in several refuge habitats on this guided tour with short walks. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

**Spring Wild Flower Walk:** Saturday, April 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. for all ages. Come search for wildflowers on the refuge. Learn why these springtime blooms are so important in the refuge ecosystem. Field guides are recommended.

**Herp Hunt:** Sunday, April 26 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 to 10. See what lies beneath the thawing ice and leaf litter in springtime pools. Discover the critters that use them. Hands on fun, dress to get dirty.

#### Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

**Making Sense of Nature:** Saturday, April 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 7. Explore the many sides of nature by using the senses in this outdoor-interactive program.

**Waste Not:** Sunday, April 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 5 to 7. Come out on Earth Day and learn to conserve natural resources by reducing use, reusing what is possible and recycling.

**Earth Walk:** Wednesday, April 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for all ages. Connect with nature during this guided hike by using one's five senses. Learn about the ecology of Patuxent Research Refuge on this hike.

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School a Spanish-speaking counselor met with parents to increase their parenting skills and decrease child behavior problems. CARES graduate interns also worked with persons with physical limitations to help them with issues of social isolation and self-esteem.

Through GAIL, Greenbelt residents with depression issues or mental illness received on-site screening and counseling on National Depression Screening Day, the fifth time this event has been held. Information and referrals were then provided. Similar depression screening was made available at the city's annual health fair.

#### Crisis Intervention

In some cases acute issues such as suicide, the death of a family member or a community crisis must be dealt with at once. At such times CARES provides Crisis Intervention counselors.

CARES also regularly offers programs for young people, such as babysitting courses, GED preparation classes and tutoring sessions in mathematics, language arts and science provided by student tutors from the University of Maryland. A tutoring camp is also offered as part of the city's summer camp program.

Batey has arranged special services for seniors and others through outside programs as well. For example, students from the nursing program at Bowie State University offer in-home weekly health visits to home-bound Greenbelt seniors, offering such assistance as medication management, blood pressure checks and diabetic finger sticks, as well as assistance with baths.

This program also offers a health needs assessment of families of Springhill Lake Elementary School students with a similar needs assessment provided by students from the Maryland School of Social Work.

Batey also developed a partnership with the Governor's Wellmobile to offer semi-monthly medical services and free annual school physicals for students in Springhill Lake. Through her office she made available to residents in all parts of Greenbelt the discount prescription drug program offered by the National League of Cities.

#### Clinical Staff

Park described her clinical staff as consisting of two part-time family counselors and three part-time crisis counselors. In addition, CARES offers internship positions to at least eight gradu-

ate students from nearby colleges and universities. Seven graduate interns worked with the family clinic this year, as well as one social work intern. Another intern dealt with crisis intervention and a social work intern worked with GAIL.

Still Park could put more interns to work, she said. She said 13 families are currently on a wait list for assistance and that the wait is usually four to six weeks. She indicated that many families are very large in size – some with as many as eight to 10 members, though the average is between five and six.

Still further assistance is offered through a subsidized brown bag food program, including fresh meat, in which some 47 families participate. They pay \$19 for groceries worth about \$40.

With the assistance of volunteer coordinator Ronnie Scotkin, the city continues to manage an emergency relief fund for families in crisis. Some 60 requests were received last year from families facing eviction or, more likely, dealing with rental issues. Of these, 13 families were helped to stay in their homes. Usually they receive from \$200 to \$400 to stabilize their situations.

In total, the projected budget, which includes income from the state as well as the county, comes to \$512,100 – up from last year's adopted budget of \$481,000 and an estimated actual expenditure of \$493,500. Of the requested amount, \$26,100 would be the city's 25 percent matching payment of a state grant and \$404,600 would be additional monies funded 100 percent by the city.

### U.S. Navy Band Free Concerts

The U.S. Navy Band and specialty groups present three free concerts (tickets or reservations are not required unless noted): chamber recital on Sunday, April 19 at noon at the Georgetown Lutheran Church, 1556 Wisconsin Avenue N.W.; The Commodores jazz ensemble on Monday, April 20 at noon in Baird Auditorium of the National Museum of Natural History; and on Tuesday, April 21 at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. For free ticket information to the Blues Alley concert call 202-337-4141. Visit [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil) or call 202-433-2525 for details.



## ATTENTION, GHI MEMBERS!

DON'T MISS THE CANDIDATE FORUM

Greenbelt Municipal Building  
May 15, 2009—7:30 p.m.

The Nominations & Elections Committee will hold a Candidate Forum for members running for the offices of Board of Directors (5 seats) and Audit Committee (3 sets) on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The forum will be more available than ever this year: cablecast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Verizon Channel 21; video-streamed live from the city's web site; replayed on the cable stations; and available on demand from the city's web site.

Hear the candidates talk about their qualifications and positions, and ask them questions about the issues that concern you most about GHI. Decide whom you want to vote for in preparation for the annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 21.

Mark your calendar to attend the May 21 GHI Annual Meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Voting will take place following the meeting and from 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at the GHI offices.

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