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At Final 2012 Budget Worksession City Council Seeks Debt Reduction

by James Giese

In a three-hour worksession on May 18, the Greenbelt City Council tweaked City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning this July 1 and ending June 30, 2012. The preliminary decisions made that night must be formally adopted at the council's June 6 regular meeting and could be changed at that time. The biggest winner is reduction of city debt, with \$269,100 being allocated to reserves for this purpose, although the funds are not budgeted to be spent. Also unresolved is McLaughlin's proposal to increase city debt by voter approval of a bond issue referendum.

The biggest losers were city employees, who will receive a one percent of annual pay one-time bonus instead of a two percent cost-of-living adjustment that would have perma-

nently raised employee pay, as McLaughlin had proposed. This is a cost savings of \$122,000. "What I want to see is flatness," Councilmember Rodney Roberts urged, supporting the bonus proposal that then was accepted by a majority of council.

Police Department

By reducing revenues \$40,000, council agreed to a plan to strengthen the police patrol division without requiring major increased expenditures for the city. Council agreed to reallocate to patrol an officer dedicated to policing at Beltway Plaza. The city will thus lose a \$40,000 contribution made by the shopping center toward that officer and the shopping center will rely to a greater extent on its own security force.

Council also agreed to reallocate one of three budgeted bicycle patrol officers to the patrol division and the city will also

seek a COPS grant to fund two more officers for three years. Both Mayor Judith Davis and Police Chief James Craze expressed doubt, however, as to the city's success in obtaining the grant. While the city meets the criteria for obtaining this grant, Craze noted that the city has had neither the layoffs nor furloughs of other cities that will be competing for these limited funds.

With additional patrol officers, the department will establish a power shift to supplement regular patrol shifts. Councilmember Edward Putens advocated reallocating two other officer positions to the power shift – the officer specifically assigned to Franklin Park who is funded by the apartment complex and a school resource officer (SRO). Putens felt the city should quit fighting

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Council Approves More Than Love for City Tennis Courts

by Kathleen Gallagher

Tennis players abounded in the audience for the May 23 regular meeting of the City Council, as the major events on the agenda were the last public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 city budget and action on an award of bid for new lighting for the Braden Field tennis courts. Other agenda items included several presentations, including the annual presentation of Memorial Day poppies, a grant proposal for additional police officers and several appointments to City Council advisory groups.

Public Hearing

Mayor Judith Davis opened the public hearing with a list of amendments to the budget made as a result of the final budget review worksession on Wednes-

day, May 18. Although the first public hearing on the proposed FY12 budget drew three speakers on April 26, the second and last hearing drew only one, resident Molly Lester, who has attended most, if not all, of the budget worksessions. Lester opened by thanking councilmembers for the attention they had paid to earlier suggestions and asked that consideration be given to postponing the expenditure before council on the agenda tonight for lighting and resurfacing the eight tennis courts at Braden Field. She suggested that since the city's priorities on capital projects for next year would not be determined until a worksession in the summer,

See **TENNIS COURTS**, page 11

New Orange Line Test Track To Be Near Greenbelt Metro

by Jonathan Taylor

An expanding Orange Line in Northern Virginia and replacement of old rail cars will bring a new test track near Greenbelt Metro Station by 2013, as reported by representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on May 9.

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project – an extension of the Orange line from East Falls Church Station to Dulles International Airport – and old equipment now considered unsafe has already produced an order for 428 new rail cars. Each car must first be tested on WMATA rail lines before being put into service, a process called "commissioning."

WMATA wants to start commissioning rail cars on a new testing track it proposes to build alongside the Green Line between the Greenbelt Maintenance Yard and a location just north of Paint Branch and the College Park Airport.

According to John Thomas, WMATA's director of Major Capital Projects (MCAP), a dedicated testing track would help WMATA halve the time it takes to commission new trains by eliminating competition between testing and actual train service. Only the proposed site makes sense to WMATA because the track to Paint Branch Parkway is flat,

See **TEST TRACK**, page 7

GHI Annual Meeting Turns Out an Energetic Crowd

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

A high energy crowd of more than 300 gathered in the brightly lit Community Center gymnasium on May 18 for the Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI) annual meeting and elections. Co-op members chatted with neighbors and talked about summer travel plans as they lined up to receive ballots and red voting cards. As people settled into rows of white plastic chairs, Board Vice President Tokey Boswell called the meeting to order and prompted the first applause of the evening by initiating a three minute limit for each speaker.

Awards/Recognition

The celebratory atmosphere continued as Boswell turned the microphone over to departing board member Sylvia Lewis to

present several awards. Fritz Gutwein received the Bright Idea award and a pack of compact fluorescents in recognition of his idea to include a special GHI page in the Greenbelt News Review. His wife Mary accepted the award. Emily Bronstein won the competition to name the page with her entry "GHI News in Review."

Sylvia Lewis then became honoree as Boswell expressed the cooperative's deep appreciation for her "experience and no nonsense attitude" during 13 years on the GHI board. Lewis received a noisy standing ovation and an engraved Cross pen, after which she encouraged others

See **GHI**, page 6

Ricker's 2009 Plea Agreement Now Made Public in Johnson Probe

by James Giese

According to a recently released plea agreement, Patrick Q. Ricker, one of the owners of Greenbelt Metropark, developers of the planned Greenbelt Station, a major mixed use development located at the Greenbelt Metro station and the adjacent former A. H. Smith property to the south, had secretly agreed to plead guilty to counts of conspiracy and income tax evasion. In accordance with the plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern Maryland District, Ricker entered a guilty plea on October 22, 2009. This action was only recently made public following the entering of a guilty plea by former county executive

Jack Johnson.

Sentencing, which could be a maximum of 10 years and a \$500,000 fine (but will most likely be less) has yet to take place. Ricker's plea agreement had been kept confidential as he cooperated with federal officials in their further investigation of criminal violations by individuals involved either with the development or approval of development of Greenbelt Station and other activities in Prince George's County. Further indictments are expected in the future.

According to the plea agreement, Ricker agreed that he and four others had ownership interests in Greenbelt Metropark. Two of the other owners, along with a Ricker family member, are described as co-conspirators. One owner co-conspirator is described as a resident of Maryland and North Carolina and a prominent

developer. The other was described at that time as being an official with the county fire department responsible for the management services command.

The plea agreement states that Greenbelt Metropark sought and obtained for Greenbelt Station from Prince George's County site plan approval and preliminary approval for tax incremental financing of over a million dollars and also secured state and federal commitments to share in the cost of constructing an interchange with the Capital Beltway. The plea agreement recites that from about 1997 through September 11, 2008, Ricker and his co-conspirators regularly provided things of value, including money, trip expenses, meals, drinks, hotel rooms, airline tickets, rounds of golf, sexual services, employment

See **PROBE**, page 6

Legion Memorial Day Program

At 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30 Greenbelt Legion Post #136 will hold its traditional Memorial Day service at Roosevelt Center, a ceremony that commemorates all that Memorial Day stands for.

All residents are invited to come and bring friends to give thanks and participate in this solemn remembrance honoring American heroes who sacrificed their blood and lives to preserve freedom.

Following the program all are invited to an open house gathering at the Legion Post at 6900 Greenbelt Road.

What Goes On

Thursday, May 26

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Inc., Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Saturday, May 28

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, May 30 – City and GHI offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession on Stormwater Issues, Community Center

Letters

Too Much Criticism

I was saddened to read that the newly elected Greenbelt Boys/Girls Club (GBGC) officers were given such a hard time at the recent City Council meeting. Every organization needs outside feedback but as a parent/coach with two kids playing for the GBGC I am extremely impressed with the current leadership and excited about the future.

Changes so far this year include a new track team (30 kids and growing in its first season) and the option for parents to sign up for a single playing season if that fits them best. Greenbelt has many organized activities for kids but the GBGC is especially good at uniting the demographic and geographic diversity of our great city.

The volunteers running the show should be commended for working to make it even better.

Jay Evans

Funding Help for GAC Restrooms Is Sought

In April the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) was delighted to learn that the Maryland General Assembly had awarded it a \$25,000 grant to fund its restroom renovation project called Restroom Rescue, including bringing the two rooms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sponsors of the Assembly bond bills were Senator Paul G. Pinsky and Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines of District 22. Their support was essential to the success of GAC's application. Also signing letters of support were Delegates Justin D. Ross and Anne Healey and the City of Greenbelt.

This grant brings the total to \$45,000 of the \$50,000 needed for the job. As anyone who has visited GAC's restrooms knows, they are in urgent need of remodeling. The project will completely alter the layout of the facilities in order to accommodate wheelchairs, thus requiring removal and realignment of pipelines. Walls will be moved to improve access. Sinks, mirrors, dispensers and grab bars all must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

With this award from the General Assembly, GAC can proceed with the initial steps of drawing plans and obtaining permits. However, to receive the full \$25,000, GAC must raise an additional \$5,000 in matching non-state funds. To do this, the Restroom Rescue Committee is issuing a second call to Greenbelt residents and patrons to make the push for that last \$5,000.

Anyone wishing to help GAC reach its goal is asked to send a contribution to: Treasurer, Greenbelt Arts Center, P.O. Box 293, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0293. The memo line should specify Restroom Rescue. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Joan Jacobs
Chair, Restroom Rescue

GHI Unveils New Website

If you visited www.ghi.coop recently you may have had a pleasant surprise. The website for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) underwent a major overhaul in the last year and the new site went live May 12. A new design theme, navigational structure and updated content are among the improvements that GHI members and prospective members will enjoy.

At the request of the GHI Board of Directors, a group of volunteers formed a taskforce in February 2010 to discuss the housing cooperative's online presence and make plans for a redesign. At the time GHI was maintaining two sites: www.ghi.coop as a member information portal and www.greenbelthomes.net to market the co-op to prospective members. Both audiences were surveyed last spring as one of the taskforce's first activities: to identify user needs.

After an inventory of the sites' content, the decision was made to combine the two into one site that would meet the needs of current and prospective members alike. Both URLs redirect to the new website.

The web taskforce met regularly throughout last year to map out the new navigational structure, research platform options and evaluate other websites that had desirable elements GHI might want to adopt. This work prepared the taskforce to create a request for proposals and additional recommendations for the GHI Board of Directors.

In January of this year the board awarded the web design contract to 4Site Studios of Washington, D.C. For the next few months 4Site President Heming Nelson met weekly with the web taskforce and key GHI staff members to create a visual design and site structure and to transfer content into a private development site that was then used to train staff and volunteers.

Usability Test

Several GHI members got a preview of the developing site in April when they participated in a usability testing exercise led by taskforce members Cynthia Newcomer and Jo-Anne Fournier. This resulted in some additional changes to make the site as intuitive as possible. Because the site is still being finalized, members are encouraged to use it and submit feedback through the "Report a Problem" feature.

The GHI website offers prospective members a sense of life in the co-op, including testimonials, photos, historical information and a list of homes for sale. Current members can find board and committee agenda and minutes, governing documents, a calendar of upcoming events, electronic access to the "Greenbook" member handbook, permits and policies, as well as options to submit maintenance service requests. Taskforce Chair Tom Jones says, "The original website served GHI well for the past 15 years and our goal has been to make the new site a foundation for the next 15."

— Eileen Boswell

Greenbelters Split Again with Howard

Greenbelt ended its first quarter of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League season on Monday, May 23 by splitting a fourth doubleheader with close rivals Howard (County) Hitters. They brought off a rare triple play in the first game as centerfielder-manager George Harrison nabbed a shallow fly ball and threw to shortstop Al Morton, who caught a runner off second base and whipped the ball to catcher Willie White before the runner from third, who had tagged up, reached home. But Howard went on to win 12-11, while Belters Irv Salzberg and John Benish got three hits apiece and Morton and Jasper Pendergrass two each.

In the second game, former shortstop Tommy Howe came off the injured list to pitch for the first time. He hung on for a 21-10 win in which a balanced attack featured veterans Burt Kerr and Lefty Smith getting three and two hits respectively and Tom Lee and Joe Battle notching three hits each.

Baseball Team Holds Anniversary Fete

Greenbelt Baseball will celebrate its 60th anniversary prior to the start of its annual All Star Game that begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. Starting at 12:30 p.m., past players going back to the inaugural year of 1951 will be honored. All former players will be introduced to the audience in honor of their play. Past players are asked to arrive at McDonald Field at noon to register to take part in the festivities.

For questions call Jim Inzeo at 301-832-6631.

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(R)

Thursday

*5, 7:30

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday-Monday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Tuesday-Thursday

*5, 7:30

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On Screen

Wedding Belles Are Ringing

Just in time for the marrying-est month of the year, "Bridesmaids" opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Thursday, May 26. Led by the redoubtable Annie (Kristen Wiig), a fanfare of five bridesmaids swings – and how – into betimes ribald action for the wedding of pal Lillian (Maya Rudolph). The film earns its R rating with some ring-a-ding sexual activity and language to match that help bop this Judd Apatow production far from comedic predecessors with the same name, on TV and the big screen in the 1980s and 1990s. Stay tuned to keep up with the jokey-fonokey.

Rated R. Running time: 125 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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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.

Community Events

Vandergrift Opening At GAC Next Week

Next Friday, June 3 is the opening for the new Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) play Vandergrift which will continue its run with weekend shows through June 12.

The play by Anthony Gallo and directed by Helenmary Ball is a historic comedy about a real town in Pennsylvania with an idealistic beginning like that of Greenbelt. In the early 1890s steel tycoon George McMurtry tries to produce a unique marriage between architecture and industrialism to build a workingman's paradise designed by Frederic Law Olmstead in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The issues then were immigration, the environment, labor unions, class distinctions, discrimination and housing. Sound familiar? The playwright says Vandergrift is of special interest to "Presbyterians, Catholics, Scotch-Irish, Jews, Methodists, fortune tellers, steelworkers, labor unions, Poles, Italians, Pennsylvanians, segregationists, landscape architects, journalists and . . . the American civilization."

For information on tickets see the GAC ad below or call 301-441-8770.

Volksmarchers Hold Walk at BARC

The Greenbelt Volksmarchers, a walking club sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, will hold a walk at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) on Saturday, June 4. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Finish the walk by 4 p.m.

Two trails will be offered - a 5k (3.1 miles) and a 10k (6.2 miles). Trails are big-wheel stroller friendly, though not wheelchair accessible. This is an American Volksmarch Association sanctioned event. No pets are permitted. There is no fee for the walk but a small fee for regular walkers to have their book stamped.

For details call John or Salva Holloman at 301-937-3549.

More Community Events on pages 2, 4, 5 and 6

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For additional information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 30 to June 3:

Monday - All sites closed for Memorial Day holiday.

Tuesday - Apple juice, hamburger on a bun, hot dog on a bun, baked beans, potato chips, cole slaw, slice of watermelon (premium meal).

Wednesday - Grape juice, turkey lo mein, sliced carrots, tossed salad, chow mein crispy noodles, tropical fruit cocktail.

Thursday - Cream of broccoli soup, Italian sausage with green peppers and onions on a bun, penne pasta with chunky vegetable sauce, chopped collards, lime jello with fruit.

Friday - Apple juice, herbed baked chicken, chopped spinach, baked potato with sour cream, pineapple tidbits.

At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, June 1, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months; limit 15 children.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events come to the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgc-mls.info.

Café Hosts Free Concert June 4

On Saturday, June 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. Roosevelt Center will ring with sounds of the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio in a free summer outdoor concert produced by the New Deal Café.

The trio, Michael Grasso (trumpet, harmonica), Jack Litzinger (guitar, vocals) and Herb Nachman (bass), play a mixture of standards and modern jazz in the spirit of Chet Baker, Miles Davis and Stan Getz. They have an intimate and lyrical sound that follows the West Coast style of cool jazz. They have played Café concerts regularly and are well-known in the Baltimore-Washington area. Each of the members also performs with other groups.

Grasso is a physician who picked up the trumpet again after stepping away for several years. He also plays some piano and jazz harmonica and is a volunteer for Bugles Across America, for which he plays taps at funerals to honor veterans. Litzinger has played guitar for more than 35 years and is comfortable playing rock-n-roll as well as jazz. He performs also as a jazz guitar soloist in the Baltimore area. Nachman is an engineer and has been active in the local jazz scene for the past 10 years.

The Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio concert is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with support from the City of Greenbelt.

GHI Notes

Thursday, May 26, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting - Board Room

Friday, May 27, Offices Closed.

Monday, May 30, Offices Closed for Memorial Day. Maintenance emergency service available only (call 301-474-6011).

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

REI, Greenbelt Park Sponsor Trails Day

Greenbelt Park and REI are partnering to hold a National Trails Day on the morning of Saturday, June 4. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and projects begin at 9 a.m. National Trails Day is the trail awareness program of the American Hiking Society.

Volunteers can participate in an REI trail maintenance project or remove invasive plants in the park. Trail work involves hard physical labor, while invasive plant removal is a family-friendly activity. A Junior Ranger activity for children will begin at the conclusion of the volunteer projects at noon.

All participants need to pre-register online at www.rei.com/stores/27.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/supportyourpark/nationaltrailsday.htm>.

Senior Wii Bowling Tourney Is June 3

The 2011 Wii Bowling Tournament will be held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building on Friday, June 3 at 1 p.m. The play off will be a contest between the Green Ridge House Strikers and the Community Center Mighty Miis.

Who will be this year's Wii Bowling Champion? Come see who will win this year's playoffs. Currently the Community Center Mighty Miis have a slightly higher average (188) with the Green Ridge House Strikers not far behind (180). All are invited to come see which will win to be Greenbelt's new champion. Awards will be given at the end of the tournament.

Light refreshments will be available and cheering voices are needed and welcome!

For more information about the Wii Bowling Tournament call 301-397-2208.

Adult Players Sought For Drop-In Soccer

Greenbelt Drop-In Soccer is looking for new players to kick the ball around in a fun, friendly, informal atmosphere. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

The group currently plays at 5 p.m. on Sundays at Northway ball fields.

For more information email Jonathandmurray@comcast.net or send a blank email to greenbelt-pickup-subscribe@yahoo.com to be added to the email reminder list.

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Week of MAY 26

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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, PG-13 (!!)
11, 11:40, 2, 2:30, 5:10, 6:15, 8:30, 9:45

Thor, PG-13
11:20, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10

Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom, 3D, PG (!)
No fees at our location
11:20, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 4:40, 5:20, 7:20, 8, 10, 10:35

Hangover 2, R (!!)
11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 10:10
Fast Five, PG-13 (!!)

11:45, 2:45, 6:15, 9:45
Priest, PG-13
12:20, 3

Jumping the Broom, PG-13
5:20, 8, 10:35

MON.

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, PG-13
11:40, 12:35, 2:30, 3:35, 6:15, 7

Thor, PG-13
11:20, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20

Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom, 3D, PG (!)
No fees at our location
11:20, 12:10, 2, 2:45, 4:40, 5:20, 7:20, 8

Hangover 2, R
11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10
Fast Five, PG-13
11:45, 2:45, 6:15

Priest, PG-13
12:20, 3
Jumping the Broom, PG-13
5:20, 8

TUE. - THU.

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, PG-13
12:20, 1, 3, 4, 6:45, 7

Thor, PG-13
12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40

Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom, 3D, PG (!)
No fees at our location
12:10, 12:15, 2:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50

Hangover 2, R
12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 8
Fast Five, PG-13
1, 4, 7

Priest, PG-13
12:25, 2:30
Jumping the Broom, PG-13
5:20, 8



The Slow Rush Revival is back at Greenbelt Post 136 with the Return of Skeeter BOOM BOOM Barberi the Prodigal Son. Skeeter will expand the SHOW with more Soul Music and Rhythm and Blues. Don't forget Jimi Simon doing ELVIS, FATS AND Ray Charles and MICK Jagger. PETE AND STEVE SACCHETTI doing ROCKS Greatest, Led Zepplin and JOE WALSH and MORE Dance Music.

8 to 12 p.m.
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Friday June 3
Friday July 1

For information about the Band
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Congratulations to:

– Tom Hindsley, son of Bob and Sara of Northway, who graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk on May 21. He will do his residency in emergency medicine at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. He and his wife Krista have a 2-year-old son, Luke. Tom graduated from ERHS in 2000, the University of Maryland in 2004 and Georgetown University in 2006.

– Sean Swetnam of Lakecrest Drive, who recently graduated from UMBC with a degree in economics. Sean was a member of the 2007 ERHS baseball state champion team. He expects to attend graduate school in the fall of 2012.

– News Review staffer Nancy and husband Gus Tolzman of Orange Court, who welcomed their newest grandchild on May 12, 2011 in Anchorage, Alaska. Sophia Noel Ambarian weighed in at 9 lbs., 2 oz. and joins big sister Emma.



Glad to report that Cpl. Summet Das of Lakeside North arrived home two weeks ago, bringing with him a Purple Heart medal. Das was wounded in the arm during combat in Afghanistan where he served for one year as a cannoneer. Treated in Kuwait, his next assignment will be in Ft. Sill, Okla. Cpl. Das attended Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High schools. On discharge in approximately 1.5 years, he will attend Towson State University under the Army's tuition assistance program. His mother, Padmini Biswas, also of Lakeside North, is a teacher at Port Town Elementary School in Bladensburg and his father, Prakash Sajja, a computer science engineer for Metro Transit.

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 (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Legion Post Hosts Rolling Thunder

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will host its traditional breakfast buffet on Sunday, May 29 starting at 7 a.m. for participants in the annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally over the Memorial Day Weekend.

This year will be Rolling Thunder XXIII, the annual call for government recognition and protection of Prisoners of War (POWs) and those Missing in Action (MIAs). About 400,000 veterans will roar across Washington, D.C., on motorcycles as a tribute to American war heroes.

There is a fee. All proceeds this year will be donated to the 20-year U.S. Park Police Officer coordinating police escorts for prior Rolling Thunder rides from Post #136 to the Tidal Basin, who was seriously injured March 9 in an on-duty, multi-vehicle collision that included his motorcycle.

All bikes are welcome and should be ready to leave the parking lot at 8:15 a.m. They will ride to the Tidal Basin, then return to the Legion Post for the annual picnic and music by Ronnie, starting at 1 p.m.

American Legion Post Holds Dance June 3

On Friday, June 3 The Slow Rush Revival will be back at Greenbelt's American Legion Post #136 with the return of Skeeter Boom Boom Barberi, the Prodigal Son.

Skeeter expands the show with Soul Music and Rhythm & Blues. Slow Rush Revival's Jimi Simon does Elvis, Fats and Ray Charles and Mick Jagger. Pet and Steve Sacchetti do Rock's greatest, Led Zeppelin and Joe Walsh and more dance music.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show continuing from 8 p.m. to midnight.

More information about the band is available at www.slowrushband.com. There is a fee; for more information see ad on page 3.

Junior Park Ranger Applications Open

Greenbelt Park is currently accepting applications for its free 2011 summer Junior Ranger program, which is open to children 8 to 12 years old. The park is a 1,100-acre forest with 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a 178-site campground.

Two week-long camp sessions are held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 20 through 24 and June 27 through July 1. Junior Rangers participate in nature hikes and learn about animals, plants and water.

Pre-registration is required, with the park reviewing all applications to select Junior Rangers, who will be notified if they are accepted. Applications are available at the Greenbelt Park Headquarters Ranger Station, 6565 Greenbelt Road and online at www.nps.gov/gree.

The deadline for applying for the first session is June 13, the second June 20.

Samambaia Performs At Beltway Plaza

Sunday, May 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. Samambaia, with Dani Cortaza on guitar, Cecilia Esquivel on vocals, accompanied by bass and percussion will perform Brazilian and Latin jazz with vocals, guitar, keyboard and percussion offering sultry sounds of Brazil and contagious Latin rhythms. The performance is part of the mall's Latin Sunday series.

The group draws from the musical heritage of the Caribbean, Central and South America, performing a blend of songs in Spanish and Portuguese, while sharing the cultural and historical background of their music.

More information about Samambaia, the concert version of Cantaré, can be found <http://www.cantaremusic.com>.



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Planned Community History Symposium

On Saturday, June 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., a symposium "From New Towns to Old Towns: The Influence of Clarence Stein's Designs Today," will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Clarence Stein scholars from planned communities will participate in the symposium to discuss the history of Greenbelt, along with current concerns about sustainability and smart growth in the 21st century. The symposium is sponsored by the University of Maryland Historic Preservation Program and the Stein Institute of Cornell University.

There will also be site visits on Sunday, June 5. The symposium is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register (there is limited space available for the Sunday site visits) email Tom Hardej at thardej@umd.edu.

Not for Seniors Only on Power Outages

On Saturday, June 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. Greenbelt's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee will hold its annual Not for Seniors Only program at the Community Center.

This year the topic is "The Power Is Out - What Now? (In an Emergency, What Questions Do You Ask?)."

The emphasis of the program

will be on gathering questions and concerns about emergency situations that could occur in Greenbelt. The Committee will forward the input gathered to the Greenbelt City Council for consideration.

The program will be held in the Community Center Multipurpose Room, Room 202 on the second floor. All are invited.

Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale



Saturday June 11, from 8:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

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City Information

Youth Sprint Triathlon

AGES 8-15

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Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: Race begins at 9:30AM; Race-day registration begins at 8:30AM

Entry Fees: \$10.00 for pre-registered racers \$15.00 for race-day registrations

The Youth Sprint Triathlon is returning on Greenbelt Day Weekend. The race will begin with a 40 meter swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center outdoor pool. After the swim, children will ride their bicycles about 1.5 miles through a marked off-road course (mountain, bmx, and hybrid bicycles only). Bicycles must be in good, working condition and all riders must wear a safety helmet. The race concludes at the Buddy Attkick Park bandstand after a .7 mile run on the lake path. FOR AGES 8-15.

Pre-register by: Friday, June 3
 For more information contact:
 Andrew Phelan,
 Sports and Recreation Coordinator
 240-542-2194 andhelan@greenbeltmd.gov

*All participants will receive a medal.
 *Awards will be given to the top finishers in each age group.
 *All participants receive a t-shirt.
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 RELEASE: I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, its employees, volunteers, coaches and other participants from any act of commission or omission which may result in any personal injury or property damage arising out of the above named participant's participation in this program. I further agree to save harmless the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, its employees, volunteers, coaches and other participants from all losses, costs and expenses (including attorney's fees and court costs), settlement payment (whether or not reduced that judgment) and all liabilities, damages and fines past, present, incurred, or suffered by the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Recreation Department by reason of, or arising out of, injuries to persons (including death) or property damage caused by or attributed to the above named participant's participation in this program.

Mail form and entry fee to: Name _____
 Greenbelt Recreation Department Address _____
 c/o Andrew Phelan 25 Crescent Road
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 Phone _____
 *Make checks payable to: "City of Greenbelt." E-mail _____
 *Forms may also be submitted at the Greenbelt Youth Center Business Office. Birth Date _____ Signature _____

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Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

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MEETINGS FOR MAY 23-27

Wednesday, June 1st at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION** – Stormwater Issues (CC)

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, May 28

9:00 a.m.-12:00

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center.

For more info, call the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 30th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, June 3rd.

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Weekend Events For Greenbelt Day

The weekend of June 4 and 5 is Greenbelt Day Weekend, the launch of Peace Month and a very busy time in the life of the city.

Saturday

June 4, 9 a.m. to noon, Youth Sprint Triathlon for ages 8 to 15. The triathlon includes a 40-meter swim at the Aquatic and Fitness Center, a 1.5-mile bike ride through a marked course and a 0.7-mile run around Greenbelt Lake. Participants receive a medal and T-shirt, with awards to top finishers in each age group. The triathlon is sponsored by the Recreation Department and Police Bike Unit; call Andrew Phelan at 240-542-2194 for registration information.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Child Safety Seat Check-up at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive. Sponsored by the Recreation Department, police and Springhill Lake Elementary School.

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Free symposium "From New Towns to Old Towns: The Influence of Clarence Stein's Designs Today," at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Stein scholars from planned communities will participate in the symposium to discuss the history of Greenbelt, along with current concerns about sustainability and smart growth in the 21st century. The symposium is sponsored by the University of Maryland Historic Preservation Program and the Stein Institute of Cornell University.

1 to 3 p.m., Not for Seniors Only free informational forum on "The Power Is Out - What Now?" at the Community Center. This program goes over questions to ask in an emergency.

From 4 to 7 p.m. there will be a free concert in Roosevelt Center by the Not2Cool Jazz Trio, hosted by the New Deal Café.

Sunday

The Aquatic and Fitness Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. Yearly passes, summer passes and resident daily admission fees provide admittance to the facility.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the Bikes for the World bicycle collection sponsored by the Baha'i Community of Greenbelt at Roosevelt Center Parking Lot, between the Aquatic and Fitness Center and the old post office building. Donate used bicycles to benefit developing countries, with a per bike donation asked to defray shipping costs. Email roya19@verizon.net for more information.

At 1 p.m. there will be a Naturalization Ceremony at the Community Center. The United States Citizen and Immigration Service will administer the Oath of Allegiance to U.S. citizenship candidates in a formal ceremony.

From 1 to 4 p.m. is Artful Afternoon at the Community Center and Greenbelt Museum, featuring artists' open studios, a museum hands-on history day, Art Gallery reception for Steven Pearson's "Syzygy" exhibit, paper quilt page making led by the Peace & Justice Coalition, guided tours of the Peace Month exhibit "Quilt: Art to Mend the World" and a Greenbelt Concert Band Greenbelt Day 74th anniversary performance at 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

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"with better memories and more energy" to step into service roles. "You get so much more than you give," she said. "It's been a big part of my life. The fire in my belly is only an ember now but it was worth every minute." Boswell also recognized outgoing board president Suzette Agans for her hard work since 2006 and said that "her leadership and patience will be greatly missed." Agans was not well and so was unable to attend the meeting.

Voting Begins

Then began the serious business of hearing statements from those running for the annually elected Audit Committee and for two year terms on the Board of Directors. The seven candidates sat in a row of chairs on stage, backed by colorful artwork of trees and animals. Newcomer Bill Edwards and incumbents Debbie Cooley and Dianne Wilkerson briefly summarized their qualifications for the Audit Committee. The four board candidates present - incumbents Laura Moore and Tokey Boswell, former director Chuck Hess and first time candidate Bill Jones - spoke of their love for Greenbelt and its history and about their experience and qualifications. (Current board member and candidate Patricia Novinski was absent due to a back injury.) Laura Moore summed up the sentiments of all the board candidates when she concluded, "GHI is awesome!" Paula Clinedinst, Henry Haslinger, Rick Ransom and Karen Yoho were elected to serve one year terms on the Nominations and Elections Committee. There is one vacancy which can be filled during the year.

The rest of the evening was primarily dedicated to a discussion of bylaw amendments which entailed the frequent and enthusiastic waving of red voting cards accompanied by calls of "yea" and "nay." The first amendment, deferred from 2010, was an attempt to define "joint members" but it quickly evolved into a spirited dialogue which included a suggestion that GHI consider allowing more than one vote per housing unit. This caused a big stir in the crowd and was quickly dismissed as antithetical to the principles of a cooperative. After almost an hour of debate and several votes, including one to strike the words "husband and wife" to promote inclusiveness, members voted to refer the amendment back to the Bylaws Committee with instructions to involve the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Two hours into the meeting, people began to slip outside to escape the cold. With the air conditioning blasting, short sleeved T-shirts emblazoned with NASA, Washington Nationals and Greenbelt is Great had long been covered up with jackets and sweaters. Patience began to wear thin and the next two amend-

ments flew by in a matter of minutes. One ensures that only one member per unit can hold elected office at a time and a second extends the election period around the annual meeting. An amendment to change the threshold for voting from a plurality to a majority engendered lively debate and was eventually sent back with instructions to involve the Bylaws and Nominations and Elections Committees. The final votes of the evening came on a petition from members to increase compensation for members of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee every five years by \$20 and \$10, respectively. After a ruling by the parliamentarian and the only counted vote of the night, the increase was adopted with language allowing office holders to forgo compensation.

Progress Reports

Building Committee Chair Jim Cohen gave a progress report on the community wide building upgrade, where 28 units are involved in creating a baseline for a three-year pilot project. Board candidates stressed the importance of upcoming decisions regarding the project and urged community involvement. Cohen specifically requested that anyone with expertise in "section 106 reviews" of Maryland's historic preservation laws contact the committee.

The Website Task Force received a round of applause and some hoots and hollers for their work on an updated GHI website (www.ghi.coop) which was being exhibited on a laptop at the back of the auditorium. Vice President Boswell - who led the crowd in loud recitations of the website address throughout the evening - called their work "amazing."

As the big clock on the wall ticked past 9:30, the floor was opened to announcements. Sylvia Lewis said that there is still time for members to reduce their taxes by turning in Homestead Tax applications at the GHI office and another member said that he would be promoting "late blooming New Deal Activity" by lobbying for electrification of rental garages. Matt Berres of the Maintenance Department was repeatedly interrupted by applause as he responded to member Lore Rosenthal's questions with a summary of the co-op's growing sustainability practices. He noted increased efforts at recycling (80 percent of GHI's business waste stream is recycled, up from 50 percent just a few years ago) and green cleaning and landscaping practices.

At 10 p.m. the meeting adjourned amidst squeals and applause as door prizes and gift certificates were awarded. GHI members stifled yawns as they stuffed ballots into large plastic canisters, snapped up the last free plants from the Woodlands Committee table and went out into the night to warm up.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

"Gardens: Messages from Mother Earth," a collection of works by local artists inspired by the Green Man Festival, is on display through June 22. The eclectic mix of visual and garden art, poetry and instructions on how to convert sod into salad, bids viewers take time to smell the flowers, enjoy the views and experience the textures, forms and thoughts expressed about some treasured garden spaces

On Thursday, May 26 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. From 7 to 9 p.m. the Songwriters Association of Washington hosts Open Microphone Night. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, May 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is Jazz and Blues Café Night with pianist John Guernsey. The Drivers play jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. features music by classical guitarist Bruce Krittr, followed by the Joy Bodycomb Band playing blues, rock, country and a touch of jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Kim Reynolds Quartet/Jazz Combo will play on Sunday, May 29 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, May 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. the evening is split between two acts: "Two and a Half (Black) Men," with Pete Pinocci, comedian/musician from the Jesus Cat improv comedy troupe in D.C. playing originals and acoustic classic rock and duo "Transcendent Third" with folk/Indie music from Harpers Ferry, W. Va. On Wednesday, June 1 Slim Pickinz' electric bluegrass style will please Americana and classic rock fans alike from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 2 is the regular weekly Open Microphone Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Gael in the Harbor plays Celtic and American folk tunes with a unique twist on Friday, June 3, from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 4 there will be a full slate of entertainment starting with the TV John Variety Show, with guest songwriters Wandaliz Colon (pop/rock/funk) and Mary Lankford (Funk/Rock/Alternative/R&B). Café favorite multi-instrumentalists Djesben returns from 8 to 11 p.m. playing jazz standards, bebop, bossa nova and original tunes influenced by music from around the globe.

On June 5 the Lady Rose Duo with Jake on keys offers a jazz and blues concert from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5 to 8 p.m., the Bloodroots Barter holds a bluegrass celebration, inviting listeners to treat the Café like a home shack in Kentucky's coal country, let down their hair while dancing the night away.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

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and monetary and in-kind campaign contributions to state and local officials that exercised decision-making authority on behalf of state and local governments. These included the county executive branch, the legislative branch and the Board of Education and were intended to influence them and to be rewarded for taking a stream of favorable actions.

Straw Donors

The plea agreement does not provide details of most of these activities. However, it provides information on how Ricker and his co-conspirators used "straw donors" for various campaign committees. Ricker, co-conspirator A and Greenbelt Metropark would write checks to various persons identified only by their initials. These people would in turn donate money to a directed campaign.

Nine political campaigns are identified only with alphabetical letters in the plea agreement. Campaigns A and B are on behalf of a candidate for U.S. Senate in 2006. Campaign C is for a candidate for the U.S. Congress made primarily in 2007 for the 2008 race. The other six are for slates seeking state and local elective offices primarily in 2006.

On May 18 Andrea Noble posted on the Washington Times website, "Developer in Johnson probe gave illegal campaign cash," in which she reported she had compared the dates and contributions of straw donors as identified by initials in the plea agreement to the names and dates for contributors shown on campaign financial reports. As a result of these comparisons Noble believes she has identified which campaigns benefited. Noble believes that they were the campaign of Republican Michael Steele for U.S. Senate and Albert Wynn for Congress. Neither candidate won election at that time.

In local state and county elections, many of the campaign committees were for slates and it cannot thus be determined which candidates may have been targeted or may have benefited. Significant, according to Noble, were numerous straw donations of \$4,000 each to the Friends of Ulysses Currie campaign. Currie is a state senator who has been charged by the U.S. Attorney's office in another matter.

Noble also identified a campaign committee, the Patuxent Progressive Leadership Slate, which received much smaller sums, as benefiting County Councilmembers Thomas Dernoga's reelection campaign and Douglas J. J. Peters' successful campaign for the Maryland Senate. Peters had represented the Greenbelt area on the county council; Dernoga's council district included Greenbelt Station.

Ricker also pled guilty to income tax evasion for the years 2004 through 2007; according to the plea agreement, he failed to pay over a million dollars in taxes.

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Joe's Crab Shack Opened May 24 at Beltway Plaza

by Eileen Farnham



On Tuesday, May 24 the new Joe's Crab Shack opened at Beltway Plaza occupying space facing Greenbelt Road at the front of the mall in mostly new construction at the site of prior restaurants. The chain's grand opening launched at 11 a.m. with a ribbon cutting and a contest awarding a monthly snow crab bucket to the first 100 patrons.

By 10 a.m. Tuesday a good-sized crowd had lined up around the building to stake out a chance at the first-100-patron prize. A mix of young and not-young gathered quietly awaiting the opening. Among them was a group of about five who were camped on the sidewalk by the door and who had obviously been there for quite some time. Greenbelt police and security were a visible presence and many standees were equipped with umbrellas either against threatened rain or instead to shield against the alternative, a hot sun.

The building has been largely reconstructed to have a distinct crab shack appearance, with a metal roof and siding on one side and a porch-like glassed-in area with a garage door look on the other. It is a lively place with pulsing disco ball lighting in the center seating area and a large crew of staffers who dance and sing in a line at 45-minute intervals throughout the restaurant.

No Kid Hungry

The chain's signature charity, "No Kid Hungry – Share Our Strength" campaign, donates money to end childhood hunger in America. From opening day May 24 to June 23 patrons are urged to make a charitable contribution in exchange for which the restaurant will award them appetizers, entrees or desserts.

Three News Review staffers got a preview of the food, service and crowd-involving singing, conga line-style entertainment on Sunday evening in a practice session for cooks, wait staff and management. Noting an invitation distributed at Giant Food, a shopping News Review staffer called to round up two pals to join her in sampling Joe's food.

A large cheerful group of other diners also gathered and were

shepherded to tables by a largely young group of energetic, beaming, tie-dye T-shirted waitstaff. Each person was allotted a page from the menu to assure the training session was covering all bases.

We were seated at picnic tables with all the gear for eating crab and selected for our table a lump crabmeat sandwich on English muffin, a dinner-sized salad covered with coconut shrimp and a steampot of crab legs, shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes.

One eager waiter after another came by to see to drinks and to offer appetizers like the crab dip and spinach-artichoke dip we chose. Food was tasty, nicely presented and seasoned well. Portions were more than ample.

A neighboring table had the luck to be selected for the menu page of . . . lobster bake – two lobsters served in a small roaster. There is also an extensive drink menu and desserts, all of them somehow incorporating "crabby" in their name.

Joe's also boasts special kids' dishes and drinks and they sell an array of the tie-dyed T-shirts worn by staff.

Managers, in abundance at the trial run, visited each table. Two stopped by our table to make sure everything was going well.

Hours at the Greenbelt location are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to midnight.

The Greenbelt location is the second Joe's Crab Shack in Maryland; the other is in Gaithersburg. One also is located in Fairfax, Va. Joe's Crab Shacks are owned by Houston-based Ignite Restaurant Group. Menus for Joe's Crab Shacks are available online at www.joescrabshack.com/menus.

Joe's says the restaurant can accommodate 258 guests and will have 300 employees to assure that every guest has a fun, sometimes off-beat and delicious experience.

As we left, the loud and care-free atmosphere was pulsing and the staff forming a line to boogie around the room, singing to the music in what, to all appearances, was a thoroughly happy crowd of customers.

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long and close to a new commissioning facility building to be built at the Greenbelt Maintenance Yard on existing WMATA property.

The agency will meet with other cities adjacent to the site – College Park and Berwyn Heights – to review the proposal and address concerns.

The city's issues included environmental impact, noise and aesthetics.

Wetlands Impacts

Mayor Judith Davis noted the proposed track's proximity to the wetlands surrounding Indian Creek. "We don't want any impact on them," she said.

She was joined by Councilmember Konrad Herling in her concern about noise outside of normal Metro operating hours (roughly, 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. during the week). "Will testing be 24/7?" she asked. Thomas responded that while that would occur, trains already run beyond 1 a.m. and early in the morning.

Parking Garage

Councilmember Rodney Roberts focused on the 4-story parking garage WMATA wants to add to its existing commissioning facility at the Greenbelt Maintenance Yard (next to I-495). "How will it look from the Beltway?" he asked. The four-story garage is needed in order to locate the proposed new building upon an existing impervious surface, the existing parking lot.

Though these concerns are expected to be further considered, council also raised questions about the value to Greenbelt of assuming the risk of vanishing wetlands, louder nights and more utilitarian roadside views so that WMATA can extend service in Northern Virginia.

Councilmember Emmet Jordan asked Thomas if he expected any jobs for Greenbelters to come out of the proposed facility. "Contractors are always encouraged to look local but needs don't always match the available skill set," Thomas said. Also with the current employment situation, new contracts are used to maintain new employees.

The Bus

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Greenbelt Lions Commend Beltway Plaza Mall Support



Ron Wells, left, presents plaque to Beltway Plaza representatives Fred Wine and Kap Kapistan.

At its May 10 meeting, the Greenbelt Lions Club recognized Beltway Plaza Mall for supporting club programs that assist the community. Special mention was made of exceptional support for the Lion Club's toy collection box at Center Court each year, which has drawn about 5,000 toys contributed by mall patrons. Mall management and its merchant association also have contributed over \$25,000 to buy toys.

The Mall has contributed to the Lions Club and the community by providing space for the Lions' annual gift-wrapping fundraiser, which helps pay for eye exams and glasses, scholarships and the Lions' contributions to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Lions Club also acknowledged the personal interest and assistance of mall representatives Kap Kapistan, Fred Wine and other personnel, including security staff.

City Notes

Animal control staff reports two cats and one dog were adopted, one injured bird was taken to a wildlife sanctuary, one snake was removed from a resident's home and one bird was removed from a bathroom shower vent.

A horticulture crew removed bricks from the tree pits in Roosevelt Center to allow for improved tree health and growth.

Refuse/recycling/sustainability crews collected 29.71 tons of refuse and 14.95 tons of commingled recyclable materials.

A facilities/building maintenance crew assisted a contractor inspecting the backflow prevention devices for three water irrigation systems.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff reports the building's HVAC installation is scheduled to begin early in the morning on

May 31 and the center plans to open on time at 2 p.m. However, it is still unknown how long this work will take and how quickly the air conditioning will be turned back on.

At dusk on Tuesday, May 17 a ranger spotted a beaver near the peninsula area of Greenbelt Lake.

A Bird or a Plane? Or Some of Both?

The Wright Brothers studied how birds flew and used these observations when building their airplane. A Watkins Nature Center naturalist displays and discusses how birds fly in Birds and Planes at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at the College Park Aviation Museum. The talk is free with regular museum admission.

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Attention GHI Members

Planned Repairs to Damaged Slate Roofs and Gutters

In January 2011, approximately 10" of very heavy snowfall caused extensive damage to slate roofs and copper gutters on GHI's brick units. GHI submitted a claim to its Insurance Company to cover the cost of the repairs. A summary of the damage that is as follows:

Total Units affected	Qty of brackets to be replaced	Qty of gutter clips to be replaced	Bent and missing snow guards	Gutter joints to be soldered	Missing/broken slates	Other
214	2414	69	921	28	125	39 items

The insurance claim was recently approved. Subsequently, Prompt Restoration Company has been hired by GHI to repair the damaged roofs and gutters. The work will begin on May 31st and is expected to be completed by mid-July 2011.



NEWS IN REVIEW

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GHI 2011 Annual Meeting Highlights

Illness prevented President Suzette Agans from attending. In her absence Tokey Boswell, GHI Vice President, presided.

Bylaw Amendments: Article III, Section 5, was changed to specify that only one member from a unit may hold elected office at a time; Article IV, Sections 8a and 8b, was changed to allow more time between the presentation of the list of nominees and the Annual Meeting. Two other proposed amendments were sent back to the Bylaws Committee and Nominations & Elections Committee, for further review.

Awards:

- Bright Idea Award, to Fritz Gutwein, for suggesting that GHI purchase a regular page in the Greenbelt News Review. His wife, Mary, accepted the Certificate, and a pack of energy efficient light bulbs, on his behalf.
- "Name This Page" Contest, a \$50 Greenbelt Co-op Gift Certificate, to Emily Bronstein, for her winning entry, "GHI News in Review".
- A Certificate of Service, and an engraved "Cross Rolling Ball" pen to Sylvia Lewis, commemorating 13 years in GHI elective office.

Nominations and Elections:

Four of the five nominees for the Board of Directors and the three nominees for Audit Committee spoke. (Biographies of all the nominees were printed in the May 13th GHI News in Review.) Four nominees for the Nominations and Election Committee were elected by a voice vote. *(The results of the elections may be found elsewhere on this page.)*

Board and Audit Committee Stipends:

An increase of \$20 a



month for Board members, and \$10 a month for Audit Committee members, to take place every five years, was approved. The first increase will go into effect January 1, 2012.

Update on the Pilot Program: Jim Cohen, Chair of the Building Committee, informed members of a seven-page FAQ Pilot Program document available at the Buildings Committee Table. (This document can also be found by scrolling to the bottom of www.ghi.coop/content/pilot-program.)

Announcements:

Homestead Tax Credit Application: Members were reminded to send in the application for their unit. If the application has been mislaid a copy may be obtained from GHI's Management Office. The form must be completed and returned to GHI to retain this substantial credit.

Web Site: The redesigned web site keeps the same address www.ghi.coop. Members were urged to take the survey and suggest improvements.

Green Practices: Member Lore Rosenthal questioned whether GHI and its contractors are environmentally responsible. Matt Berres responded at length. (See his article on this

page.) She also asked whether the Audit Committee had a socially responsible investment policy. Sheila Alpers, Chair of the Investment Committee, responded that there was no such policy.

Door prizes:

- **\$100 gift certificates toward GHI co-op fee.** Winners were - Chris Brady, Rusty Wilbur and Barbara Cook.
- **\$25 Co-op Supermarket gift certificates.** Winners were - A. Kannit, Karle Hille, Katrina Boverman, Ann Landry Lombardi.
- **\$20 New Deal Café gift certificates.** Winners were - Diane Oberg, Anna Socrates, Bruce Kuhl, Steve Skolnik, and Cathy Jones.

Committee Tables: Woodlands Committee gave away plants; Companion Animal Committee distributed "Dos and Don'ts" sheets; Buildings Committee provided a 7-page FAQ document on the Pilot program; Communicator volunteers surveyed 100 attendees; and Web Site volunteers walked members through the updated Website.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 p.m. for members to cast their votes.

GHI Real Estate Taxes

Articles have been published in the Communicator and the GHI News in Review, alerting members to GHI's Real Estate Tax changes in 2012. The size of the pie will not be changing, but each member's slice of the pie will change. For some the slice will be larger, and for others it will be smaller. Individual unit assessments and invoices were not available to GHI in prior years. In 2012 a member's real estate tax will be based upon the State's assessment of the individual unit plus 1/1600 of the tax on GHI's common area. GHI will lose its blanket Homestead Tax Credit and each member must have sent in an application to retain it for their unit.

In the next week or so every member will receive a letter from GHI, comparing the real estate tax the member paid in 2010 to the real estate tax that would have been paid had the individual unit's assessment been used. Approximately half the membership would have paid more, and half would have paid less (50.8% and 49.2% respectively). GHI is referencing 2010 tax invoices because the 2011 invoices have not yet been received.

GHI's Tax attorney has agreed to address a meeting of GHI members in September. He has been engaged by our cooperative for many years and has successfully appealed GHI's assessments over the years. Information regarding place and date will be distributed as soon as it is available.

GRANT WRITERS WANTED

Do you have experience researching or writing grants?

GHI needs to identify members who can assist staff with locating sources and applying for funding to help finance GHI's community-wide upgrade. This is an important volunteer opportunity! For more information, please contact the management office at 301-474-4161, x148. You can provide your name and a summary of your past experience via e-mail to mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net, subject line Grant Volunteer Opportunities.

GO TO THE WEB!

The GHI Website has a new look. Visit www.ghi.coop, browse a while, then take the website survey to help improve the site.

Visit the Communicator Task Force page to let us know what you think of the Communicator and GHI News in Review page.

Find important survey inserts in upcoming Summer GHI Communicator.



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GHI ELECTION 2011

The 2010/2011 Nominations and Elections Committee is to be commended for the great job it did in preparing for, and conducting, the 2011 GHI Elections. None of the races was competitive, but voting was up by 24% from last year, (167 this year, 135 in 2010). Our thanks to Kathleen Gallagher, Chair; Frank DeBernardo, Ann Landry Lombardi, Robin Everly and Marat Moore, for their hard work.

Results of the Election held on May 18 and 19

Board of Directors for two year terms: 148 Tokey Boswell*, 144 Bill Jones, 139 Patricia Novinski*, 132 Laura Moore*, 130 Chuck Hess.

Audit Committee for one-year terms: 155 Dianne Wilkerson*, 154 Bill Edwards, 148 Debbie Cooley*.

The Nominations & Elections Committee members, elected at the Annual Meeting for one year terms, are: Paula Clinedinst, Henry Haslinger, Rick Ransom, and Karen L. Yoho. They are all new to the committee.
 * *incumbent.*

GHI Board of Directors

The new GHI Board will be sworn in on Thursday, May 26th. Its first order of business will be to elect new officers.

GHI is Going Green

For the last several years, GHI staff has been stepping more lightly on the earth. Below are highlights of sustainability practices now in place.

- **Waste reduction:** Since 2006, GHI has increased recycling by 2,149% and currently recycles more than 73% of all waste generated from operations. Items recycled include construction debris, branches/logs, scrap metal, office paper, plastic/glass/metal containers, florescent bulbs, batteries, electronics, motor oil, and antifreeze. GHI also requires recycling practices in applicable contracted work.
- **Green landscapes:** GHI has long mow-mulched grass clippings back into the soil and in 2008 it eliminated synthetic herbicide and fertilizer use from lawn care practices. In 2005, GHI adopted a "no net canopy loss" practice by planting a new canopy tree for every canopy tree removed. Since that time hundreds of new native trees have been planted. New native wildflower and shrub plantings are added around the coop each year.
- **Pest control:** GHI follows an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy to control indoor and outdoor pests while minimizing pesticide and herbicide use. IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pests with minimum impact on human health, the environment, and other organisms.
- **Rain harvesting:** GHI has installed several demonstration rain gardens and offers a rain barrel bulk purchase program for GHI members. GHI also seeks to minimize storm water runoff by removing unnecessary pavement and improving natural swales and landscaping.
- **Water conservation:** All GHI-stocked plumbing fixtures for member units and Parkway Apartments now meet or exceed low-flow standards of 2 gal/min faucets, 2.5 gal/min showerheads, 1.6 gal/flush toilets.



Have a green idea or want to learn more about sustainability within the coop contact Matt Berres, Manager, Maintenance Operations at mberres@ghi.coop

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

JUNE

Wed	8	7:30pm	Architectural Review Committee
Fri	10	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Sun	12	11:00am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tues	14	8:30am	Yard Line Ad-Hoc Committee
Tues	14	7:00pm	Nominations \$ Elections Committee
Wed	15	7:00pm	Woodlands Committee
Thur	16	7:00pm	Finance Committee (tentative)
Mon	20	7:00pm	Communicator Task Force
Tues	21	7:30pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	22	7:00pm	Buildings Committee
Thu	23	7:30pm	Board Meeting (tentative)
Fri	24	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	27	7:15pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation

(Information is subject to change)

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Minute Maid Premium Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Dannon Assorted Yogurts 6 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
Sargento Deli Thin Sliced Cheese Assorted 6-8 oz. \$3⁰⁰	Shurfine Cottage Cheese Assorted 16 oz. \$1⁹⁹

Deli

Deli Gourmet Brown Sugar Ham \$5⁹⁹ lb.
Deli Gourmet Oven Brownd Turkey Breast \$5⁹⁹ lb.
Clearfield American Cheese \$5⁴⁹ lb.

Frozen

Green's Ice Cream Assorted 48 oz. \$3⁰⁰	Swanson Hungry Man Dinners Assorted 13-17 oz. \$2⁵⁰
Birds Eye Select Vegetables Regular/Steam Fresh 8-16 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Ellio's Large Pizze Assorted 17-21 oz. \$2⁹⁹

Health & Beauty

Lady Speed Stick Deodorant Antiperspirant Assorted 2.3 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Pasteurized Claw Crab Meat 1 lb. \$8⁹⁹
Colgate Tooth Paste Total/Sensitive Assorted 5-7 oz. tube \$2⁹⁹	Louis Kemp Seafoo Delights 8 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Seafood

Co-op Supermarket will be **OPEN** Memorial Day Monday, May 30 10am til 6pm Pharmacy will be closed

Natural & Gourmet

Musette Gourmet Dijon Mustards Assorted 12-13 oz. \$2⁵⁰	Fresh Store Baked Vienna Bread loaf \$1⁴⁹
Mrs. Renfro's Salsa & Dips Assorted 16 oz. \$1⁹⁹	Fresh Store Baked Pretzel Hamburger Rolls 4 pk. \$1⁹⁹

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Grocery Bargains

Bumble Bee Solid White Tuna 5 oz. \$1⁰⁰	Shurfine Spaghetti or Macaroni Assorted size??? 88¢	Shurfine Assorted Soda 2 Liter 80¢	Hunt's Manwich Sandwich Sauces 15.5 oz. 88¢	Lipton/Knorr Rice in Sauce or Noodles in Sauce Assorted 3-5 oz. \$1⁰⁰
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Robberies

May 18, 2:12 p.m., 7600 block Ora Glen Drive, a person was approached by two youths who searched the person's pockets for money. The suspects are described as two black males, 16 to 17 years old, wearing black hooded jackets.

May 18, 3:36 p.m., 7400 block Frankfort Drive, a person was patted down by two young men looking for money. The suspects are described as two black males, 17 to 18 years old, 5'7" to 5'8" tall, weighing 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing black hooded jackets and dark pants.

Sex Offense

May 13, 8:23 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Breezewood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with second-degree sex offense, third-degree sex offense, fourth-degree sex offense, second-degree assault, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest, among other charges after allegedly assaulting a juvenile female. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI Arrests

May 14, 4:34 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road, a resident woman was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges after a traffic stop. She was released on citations pending trial.

May 14, 9:45 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Cunningham Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 17, 2:49 a.m., Southway at the B-W Parkway, a resident male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol, among other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Trespass

May 16, 8:15 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

School Disruption

May 13, 3:55 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway, a resident youth was petitioned for disruption of school activities

and trespassing. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Open Alcohol

May 14, 9:52 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested, charged with possession of an open container of alcohol and released on citation pending trial. At 1:40 p.m. the same man was arrested again near Beltway Plaza and charged again with possession of an open container of alcohol. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

May 12, 9:29 p.m. Greenway Center, a window was broken.

May 14, 5:43 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, windows were broken.

May 16, 11:29 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a window was broken.

May 16, 8:58 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a window was damaged.

May 18, 9:41 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a window was broken.

Burglaries

May 13, 8:42 a.m., 7700 block Mandan Road, a ladder was reported to have been moved from one area of a yard to another.

May 15, 11:13 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, electronics were reported taken.

May 16, 7:24 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, nothing was reported taken.

May 16, 5:04 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, it was reported that electronics were taken.

May 16, 6:04 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

May 17, 11:14 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, electronics were reported taken.

May 18, 12:06 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, it was reported that electronics and jewelry were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A black 2008 Chevrolet Impala with Md. tags was reported taken from Springhill Terrace at Springhill Drive. An attempted theft was reported in the 100 block Westway.

A gray 2009 Honda Accord, stolen from the 400 block Ridge Road, was recovered in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. No arrests were made.

A laptop was taken from a vehicle in the 7800 block Greenbrook Drive. Vandalism was reported at Beltway Plaza (damaged window) and 6400 block Ivy Lane (two flat tires).



Fifteen students from Greenbelt Middle School were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on May 19, 2011. Selection for membership was based on outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. The new members are Muhammed Ahmed, Zainab Akindele, Lorenda Boccovi, Scott Candey, Nelson Chen, Chinedu Chiaghanam, Aminata Diallo, Zainab Gafari, David Gardner, Sam Yi Goldstein, Fernanda Jimenez, Bella Juwita, Jan Knutson, Farhan Malik and Chanel Okuson. Also pictured are Acting Principal Warren Tweedy (left), Chapter Sponsor Antoinette Glenn (right) and the members who were inducted last year.



Lawrence Farmer (left) conducts the Greenbelt Middle School Jazz Ensemble, May 21 in Roosevelt Center, in the second concert in the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series this spring. The concert also featured the Northwestern High School Jazz Ensemble. This series is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the Prince George's Arts Council and the City of Greenbelt. Front Row: Jamiah Williams and Ian Rishtan (saxophone). Second Row: Jeffrey Knutson (trombone), Alyse Wells (trumpet). Back Row: David Gardner (keyboard), Jan Knutson (guitar), Scott Candey (bass), Sam Goldstein (drums) and Jakob Trunsgud (drums).



Greenbelt Elementary School added 11 more names of volunteers to its recognition places at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 20. The honorees all have supported the school on a frequent basis over several years. Those pictured (left to right) are: Kimberly Seidel (Principal), Susan Ungar, David Lange (retiring Volunteer Coordinator), Ann Landry Lombardi, James McKinney, Karen Yoho, Renee Cooper, Kirsten Dabelko and Brigid Willson. Not pictured are: Susan Breon, Carolina Napp-Avelli, Mimi Noorami and Ian Rogers.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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it would be better not to commit the funds now. She also asked if there were usage statistics for these tennis courts and for the lights: for example, the extent of use by nonresidents and by residents outside of center city.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin cited reasons why 75 percent of the tennis court work could be paid for with state-funded Project Open Space (POS) money, while other projects mentioned by Lester on the capital projects list either were not eligible for POS funding (being neither open space nor a recreational amenity) or had other potential funding sources. Usage information for the courts is not currently collected.

Lester also questioned the ongoing funding provided to the Friends of the New Deal Café as a city contributions group, given that the Café still owes the city about \$7,000 and is not currently engaged in paying it back. She added that there is a perception that some groups are treated differently than others.

Tennis Court Lights

Although the Fiscal Year 2010 city budget had included \$333,000 to resurface and re-light four of the eight tennis courts at Braden Field, the selected contractor subsequently declined the bid. A new solicitation for bids was issued this year for prices for new lighting for courts 1-4 and for all eight courts. Because parts for the existing lights are no longer available, requiring cannibalizing of those lights taken out of use, Joe McNeal, assistant director of recreation facilities, said the staff recommends that the lights on all eight courts be replaced now.

The recommended bidder, Tennis Courts, Inc. (TCI), offered a price of \$90,740 for four courts and \$179,128 for eight. With an additional \$15,000 budgeted for electrical and payment system contingencies, the total lighting cost would be \$194,128. McNeal said staff's estimate of the cost of the asphalt resurfacing of the eight courts is between \$105,000 and \$117,000, with the result that all eight courts could be resurfaced and re-lighted for less than had been budgeted previously for four, possibly representing an actual benefit to the city in the current economic situation.

McNeal discussed the increased energy efficiency and reduced cost of running the new lights. He said he also anticipated a moderate increase in the court fee, which has not increased for some time. Mayor Davis suggested considering a resident and nonresident fee as a way of tracking usage.

Although the staff recommendation did not appear to be a hard sell at this point, several members of the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) then gave the plan an enthusiastic endorsement. As a former member of the board of the GTA, Councilmember Emmett Jordan recused himself from the vote on this matter. The other six councilmembers voted unanimously to award the bid to TCI for \$194,128.

Presentations

Genney Bonney, president of Greenbelt Unit 136 of the American Legion Auxiliary, had started the meeting with the group's annual presentation of

symbolic poppies to members of the City Council and the audience in anticipation of the upcoming Memorial Day remembrance of those who have died in combat while serving in the armed forces. Mayor Davis announced that the wreath-laying ceremony would be held at 10 a.m. at Roosevelt Center on Monday, May 30 and encouraged a strong turnout.

The mayor presented proclamations for Click It or Ticket Month and for Peace Month. The former, accepted by Master Police Officer Scott Yankow, recognized May as the month designated by the Maryland Chiefs of Police for highlighting compliance with laws on seat belt and child safety seat use. Alexander Barnes, Sr., received a

proclamation designating June as Peace Month in Greenbelt on behalf of the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition.

City Clerk Cindy Murray was recognized for completing the requirements to receive the designation of certified municipal clerk (CMC), awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Resident Request

Under the "petitions and requests" section of the meeting, resident Cary Coppock of the Prince George's County Clean Water Coalition requested council's support in seeking an amendment to Prince George's County Council Bill 15 on storm water regulations. The group supports protection for up to one inch of rain in 24 hours, not the

0.75 inch provided in the bill. Mayor Davis said that council would be holding a worksession on storm water issues on June 1 and that she anticipated further discussion of this issue then.

Other Actions

Other actions included adoption of a resolution required by the state in support of financing to Helen and Company LLC/Greenbelt Travel Services through the MicroEnterprise Loan Program and approval of drafting of a letter of support for the goals and priorities established by the county's Envision Prince George's program.

Among other items on the consent agenda, council approved submission of a proposal to the U.S. Department of Justice's COPS Hiring Program for two

officer positions. Competition is expected to be high in this program, but an award would assist in addressing a previously identified need for additional officers in the patrol division. The grant would cover the cost of the new recruits' salaries and benefits for three years. The city would contribute \$174,680 over the three years to cover equipment, supplies and training, as well as taking over the cost of salary and benefits for at least 12 months beyond the three-year period.


The council also made the following appointments: Frank Pearlman to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Michael Lee to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, and Charles Jackman to an additional term on the Advisory Committee on Trees.

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City Manager Proposes Slight Reduction in Recreation Budget

by Diane Oberg

City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget for the Recreation Department for Fiscal Year 2012 calls for expenditures of \$3.94 million, a slight decrease from the \$3.96 million in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2011, which ends on June 30, and a 2.85 percent increase from estimated expenditures for FY11.

Council welcomed Julie McHale on May 11 to her first budget worksession as recreation director. Her prior position of assistant director for programs is currently vacant.

When asked, McHale expressed her belief that the position needs to be filled. Assistant Director for Operations Joe McNeal, she said, is responsible for dealing with facilities and operations. Given the number of aging buildings for which the department is responsible, such as the Youth Center and Community Center, it is especially important to have someone to oversee the department's program.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the decision to fill that position had not yet been made but for planning purposes had been included in the budget for the full year.

Budgets for most recreation subaccounts have decreased. Only administration, Greenbelt's Kids and Fitness and Leisure have higher proposed expenditures than those in last year's adopted budget.

Of these, the Greenbelt's Kids account is projected to generate revenues equal to 110 percent of expenditures and roughly two-thirds of Fitness and Leisure expenditures are paid from revenue generated by grants and program fees. An increase in the Administration account occurs in salaries and benefits. FY11 expenditures had been reduced by the delay in filling the director's position. On the other hand, McLaughlin proposes saving \$2,000 in the Administration budget by eliminating the uniform allowance. Program staff, however, will still be provided with uniforms.

Three Celebrations

The department plans three celebrations this year. The Youth Center will be 50 years old, the Aquatics and Fitness Center will turn 20 and Greenbelt itself will turn 75.

The Youth Center celebration will be held on Labor Day weekend with roller skating, a photo montage and a wall of fame in the center. On September 28 it will be the Aquatic and Fitness Center's time to shine with 1991 pricing and special activities.

Management objectives for the coming year include developing a vision statement and strategic plan for the department; work on future usage of historic Greenbelt Middle School, including its gymnasium and ballfields; development of a master plan for repair and upgrade of department facilities and exploration of partnerships with neighborhoods with recreation facilities.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked whether McHale's former position needed to be at the assistant director level. McHale noted that other city departments are structured like the Recreation

Department. She said the current management model works well and noted that, in addition to needing to care for the department's aging buildings, council has challenged the department to do more in Greenbelt East.

Earlier in the meeting Putens and Councilmembers Emmett Jordan and Leta Mach had urged McHale to do more outreach beyond the core of the city, including both personal outreach by McHale and other staff and program outreach, perhaps by offering classes in the Greenbelt East community centers.

When Putens said that he wanted more staff than McHale alone to do outreach, McLaughlin disagreed. He said he views that as the director's job. McHale noted that the department tries to go where it can be most effective and is being asked to limit both overtime and compensatory time.

Different Mindsets

Mayor Judith Davis said the two positions required entirely different mindsets. Councilmember Konrad Herling countered that for many years Harry James had been the sole assistant director.

McLaughlin challenged the comparison, however. He noted that at that time there was neither a community center or aquatic center, summer camps were much smaller and there were fewer programs. In response to a question from Putens, McLaughlin said that other municipalities have two assistant directors for recreation.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed out that most other municipalities Greenbelt's size do not have a recreation department as large as Greenbelt's. However, he added, the city does not need to have "all chiefs and no Indians." He said the city needs to go with whatever is most efficient.

Management objectives for this account include continuing to operate the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center every day of the year, partnering with community groups and preparing for the 50th anniversary of the Youth Center.

FY12 objectives include offering community and school-based first aid and safety programs in conjunction with the summer teen camp program, as well as to offer an early-morning physical fitness program, to plan and hold the 20th anniversary celebration and to work with Public Works to identify energy-saving proposals.

When Davis asked if there had been any drop in usage of the Aquatic and Fitness Center as a result of last year's reduction in operating hours, Supervisor Stephen Parks said most people appear to have adjusted their schedules to accommodate the change. Davis said she has not received a slew of complaints.

Councilmembers appeared intrigued when Parks went on to talk about the swim class for "Adults Terrified of Water." Parks said the class focuses on getting the students comfortable with putting their faces into the water by coaching and encouragement.

Davis asked if it was time for the city to ease up on the policy of not allowing nonresidents who are not passholders to use the center on summer weekends. Although Parks had not been at the center prior to that policy,

he had heard descriptions of the chaos that had earlier occurred. McHale said that part of the reason for the policy had been to give the pool back to the community, making it a pleasant place to come on weekends.

Community Center

Community Center objectives include implementing an emergency plan for the facility, analyzing a replacement plan for the heating/cooling units and developing energy saving proposals.

During discussion of the Community Center budget, Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno mentioned that with more groups now eligible for free use of the smaller rooms in the center, more hours have been required to accommodate their requests. Putens asked whether council should consider reevaluating which groups should get free access.

Davis felt that trying to distinguish between various city contribution and recognition groups would "open up a can of worms." When Putens suggested the city develop criteria for which groups should get free use, Jordan disagreed. Roberts said if the city were to charge any group, it would have to charge them all.

Councilmember Silke Pope asked how the city could increase the number of paying customers. McNeal said the Community Center revenues cover 30 percent of its costs. Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald noted that the 30 percent figure did not include revenue from classes held at the center but McLaughlin said these expenditures are also not reported in this budget account.

DeWald reported that the city had gotten the maximum grant from the county Arts Council. In response to a question from Herling, she said that 50 to 55 percent of arts program participants are Greenbelters.

Greenbelt's Kids

The Greenbelt Kids account covers Camp Pine Tree and other city camps, Mom's Morning Out, children's classes and other child and youth-oriented activities. Objectives in this area include increasing summer programming in Franklin Park in collaboration with CampFire USA, expanding social media efforts and bolstering participation in teen trips and activities.

Councilmembers and staff also discussed the lower participation levels for these programs. McHale said the department may need to restructure Camp Pine Tree and hire accordingly.

Recreation Supervisor Greg

Varda agreed. He said they may need to return to 2005 levels, after which the city had expanded the program. He has already directed staff to look at cutting hiring and supplies, he said.

Therapeutic Recreation

Objectives for the Therapeutic Recreation program include offering Active Aging Week activities at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and, in Greenbelt East, offering a Wii bowling tournament between seniors and Camp YOGO participants and conducting focus groups to determine programming interests.

Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Karen Haseley said the focus groups will look at 50- to 60-year-olds and 60 plus. She said the first group is mostly participating in physical activities, not arts programs. The Sage Yoga class attracted so many participants that a third class had been added.

Fitness & Leisure

This account covers programs such as fitness classes, camp

programming, the weight lifting club, franchise leagues and tournaments and various classes.

Objectives for these classes include offering at least two "Get Active Greenbelt" programs at each center, assessing interest in resurrecting the Greenbelt Adult Sports Program, offering foreign language programs and outdoor-oriented programs in partnership with area groups.

Davis noted that overtime in this account in the current fiscal year had been projected at double the budgeted amount, the same amount proposed for FY12.

McLaughlin attributed much of overtime for these programs to the fact that many of the covered events happen during concentrated periods, such as Labor Day or other long weekends, the fall festival and the Festival of Lights.

Objectives in arts programming include providing for the 75th anniversary celebration and continuing to partner with local schools to provide arts programs.

BBQ Showdown At Watkins Park

The 5th Annual Beltway BBQ Showdown State Championship is coming to Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro on Saturday, June 4 from noon until 5 p.m. This BBQ contest is nationally sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society and highlights the art of barbequing in Prince George's County and the mid-Atlantic region.

Planned family activities include live blues music, cooking demos, food vendors, craft vendors, an interactive children's game area, working animal farm, miniature golf and an operating miniature train.

Admission and parking for this event are free. There are nominal fees for activities and concessions. For details call 301-736-5355; TTY 301-218-6768.

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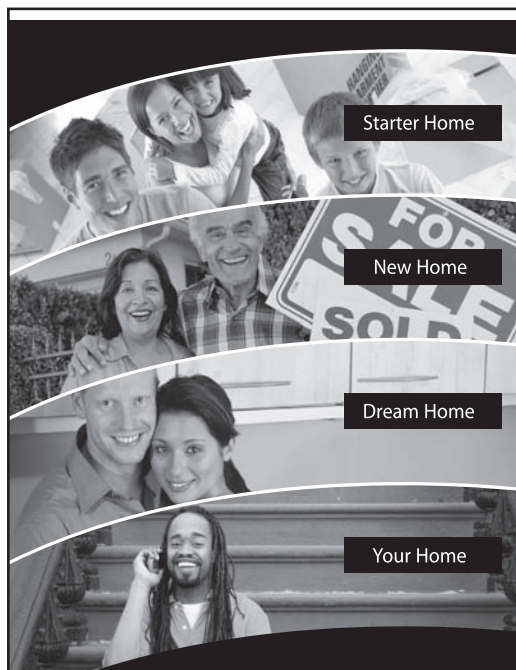


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with the Sheriff's Office over who should provide the SRO and let that office take over.

The Sheriff's Office is now funding SROs in schools throughout the county. Greenbelt's program began well before the county began funding SROs. Craze told council that the power shift did not need four officers in order to function.

Fire Department

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS) was a winner when council agreed to provide an additional \$28,000 to the \$60,000 proposed by McLaughlin to be set aside for equipment replacement. The department had received \$88,000 in FY10 but was cut back this year to \$60,000.

Council then agreed to delete a contribution of \$5,000 to be made to the West Lanham Hills Fire company. Ken Stair, president of the GVFD&RS, told council that West Lanham was only a first-run to a small corner of Greenbelt East and had had a high failure rate in responses.

Although fire and rescue are county-funded services and volunteer fire companies are subject to county supervision, the city has regularly supplemented support for the Greenbelt department and owns the Greenbelt fire house.

For more than 20 years council has also allocated funds to help the department buy its own equipment even though the county purchases equipment for volunteer companies. GVFD&RS prefers to have equipment meeting its own specifications rather than those of the county. More recently the council has been allocating funds to other fire companies that are first-run responders within the city.

Recreation Department

Davis proposed reducing the Recreation Department budget by holding off hiring an assistant director for six months. Putens advocated not funding the position for an entire year and until

an organizational study of city positions could be undertaken.

Recreation Director Julia McHale, who had held that position until her recent promotion, noted that the department has been short a position for 18 months since Hank Irving retired as director.

The department organization provides for two assistant directors – one for programming and one for facilities and maintenance. McHale had been programming assistant and Joe McNeal is facilities and maintenance assistant.

Roberts questioned the need for two assistants. He also asked if the facilities and maintenance supervision could not be contracted out.

Councilmembers also asked about the relationship of this assistant to the Department of Planning and Community Development, which is responsible for supervising major building construction projects. Director Celia Craze said that while her department had overall authority and established the criteria for contract supervision, it did not have sufficient personnel to supervise all projects. McNeil had acted as project manager, she said, for recreation facility capital construction.

Organizational Study

Councilmembers agreed to budget \$50,000 for an organizational study of all city departments, with the possible exception of police, which had been the subject of previous studies. Such a consultant would look for appropriate chains of command, duplication of efforts and other problems with how city departments function. Pay structure or job requirements would not be included in this responsibility, however. This cost increase would be offset by a \$55,000 savings by holding off hiring another assistant for one-half year.

Public Works

With little discussion coun-

ITEM	AMOUNT
PROPOSED FY 2012 REVENUES	25,723,800
Increased Highway User Revenues	120,000
End Beltway Plaza Partnership	-40,000
TOTAL REVENUES	25,803,800
PROPOSED FY 2012 EXPENDITURES	25,392,200
Health Insurance Premium Decrease (2.0%)	-20,000
Lower Grounds Maintenance Cost	-15,000
ATHA – additional membership fee	600
Delete West Lanham Hills FD Contribution	-5,000
Increase GVFD Contribution	28,000
Hold off on Building Maint. Supervisor/hire temp	-70,000
Organizational Study	50,000
Hold off on Asst. Rec. Director ½ Year	-55,000
Greater Washington Initiative Membership	1,000
Business Breakfast/Outreach	2,000
1% Bonus instead of 2% COLA	-122,000
Restore GATE contribution	16,300
	0
Transfer to Fund Balance (Maintain 10% Goal)	331,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,534,700
Align \$500 Grant	
Difference (Revenues – Expenditures)	269,100

cil agreed to hold off replacing the Public Works Department's building maintenance supervisor, a position currently vacant, pending the organizational study. The building maintenance crew is responsible for minor maintenance and repair of equipment and structures in all city buildings. Council agreed instead to use temporary help for a savings of \$70,000.

Council agreed to restore \$16,300 in funding to Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) for another year. GATE receives \$60,000 in funding as well from a portion of the cable TV fees charged Greenbelt customers in order to provide local programming.

Davis said she wanted the city to enter a memorandum of understanding with GATE before the funds are provided. Council held off approving the added funds, however, until it had determined how much money had been left over after making other adjustments.

Council also agreed to budget \$2,000 for a business breakfast/outreach to encourage local businesses to form a business

association and \$1,000 for membership in the Greater Washington Initiative in order to get the city's name in that organization's promotional material. Councilmembers also agreed to add \$600 to the \$2,400 budget proposal for membership in the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area.

Helping to achieve these budget modifications and allocation to debt service management identified savings in several budget items. Due to state legislative efforts, the city will receive \$120,000 from the state in highway user revenues. The total revenue to be shared will still be less than the amount before the recession.

Other savings would occur in health insurance premiums for employees (\$20,000) and lower cost estimate for contractual grounds maintenance (\$15,000). As proposed by McLaughlin in his budget submittal, a \$331,600 excess of anticipated revenues over budgeted expenditures would be allocated to the city's reserves in order to bring these funds up to 10 percent of budget.

Unresolved is a \$500 grant to the Alight Dance Theater, Inc.

Active Duty, Families Visit Montpelier Free

Montpelier Mansion has announced it is participating in the second annual Blue Star Museum Program of the National Endowment for the Arts that offers free museum admission for active duty military and their immediate family (spouse and child/children) from May 23 to September 4. Over 600 museums are included this year.

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Guided tours of Montpelier are available on Sundays at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Self-guided tours are available Mondays through Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. To learn more about Montpelier Mansion and its other summer programs visit http://www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/History/Montpelier_Mansion.htm or call 301-377-7817.

Old Town Bowie Has Free Saturday Events

Free events in Old Town Bowie on Saturday, May 28 include giveaways of free maps of all the state and local bicycle trails and parks from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at A&M Cycle, 13002 9th Street. From noon to 4 p.m., tours are available of a 1992 caboose at the Bowie Railroad Museum at 8614 Chestnut Avenue. Visitors can also train-watch from an observation station. The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center at 8606 Chestnut Avenue is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes a children's display.

Pianist Offers Free Concert

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Registration opens on Tuesday, May 31 for 600 places available to participants ages 6 to 17 who already hold M-NCPPC youth IDs. The youth ID card is free from any M-NCPPC community center in Prince George's County. The nearest center to Greenbelt is the Berwyn Heights Community Center at 6200 Pontiac Street. A parent or guardian over the age of 18 must accompany the child and bring proof of the child's age and proof of residency in Prince George's County.

The five Make-a-Splash program sites are Allentown Fitness & Splash Park in Fort Washington, Ellen Linson Aquatic Center in College Park, Fairland Aquatic Center in Laurel, Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in Landover and Rollingcrest-Chillum Splash Pool in Chillum.

Taught by American Red Cross certified water safety instructors, participants will receive four lessons designed to increase awareness of safety in, on and around water and to aid drowning prevention. The program will be offered in two four-week sessions for beginner and intermediate, pre-teen and teen youth. Course descriptions are:

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For information on scheduling and registration at the different sites, call 301-446-6800, TTY 301-446-6802 or visit www.pg-parks.com/Things_To_Do/Sports/Aquatics/Water_Safety_Programs_and_Information.htm.

Sign Up Now Needed For Kids' Fishing Day

Patuxent Research Refuge will host a Kids' Fishing Day at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Saturday, June 11. Participants are required to pre-register for this annual event. Activities will target youth with little or no fishing experience. Boys and girls ages 15 and under can register for either an 8:30 a.m. or a 9:30 a.m. timeslot by calling 301-497-5887. Accessibility accommodations for any disabilities should be requested at the time of registration. At least one adult should accompany each child.

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The Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between MD Rt. 197 and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. For more information visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

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Annual ACE Awards Go To 12 Outstanding Students

by Jim Link

Mayor Judith Davis launched the 14th annual Advisory Committee for Education (ACE) Student Awards event by declaring, "We are all beaming proudly tonight" to a packed house at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Monday, May 9.

The honored students from six area Greenbelt schools were Ahmed Ashkar and Jaylynn Battle of Greenbelt Elementary School, William Soriano and Victoria Lemus of Springhill Lake Elementary School, Darryl Warren and Fatima Kargbo of Magnolia Elementary School and Dante Leggett of Turning Point Academy.

Older students also honored were Mohammed Omer Wasin and Diane Hope Lamidi of Greenbelt Middle School and Tekang Ndi Check and Jordan Cathleen Washington of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). In addition Rebeca Amaris Yisha Diaz-Reyes, also of ERHS, was presented a Maryland State Delegate Award by Delegate Anne Healey.

ACE gave each elementary and middle school student a \$25 gift certificate to Books A Million in Beltway Plaza and a \$2,000 scholarship to both ERHS students. Healey presented Diaz-Reyes with a \$500 scholarship. In addition, ACE showered all honorees with T-shirts and certificates.

After Jon Gardner and Janet Mirsky of ACE sang the praises of each student, the honorees made a few appropriate, heartfelt remarks. Ahmed Ashkar of GES thanked his teachers Mr. Weeks and Mrs. Novick and his principal Kimberly Seidel. "I am truly honored to receive this award," Askar said.

Jaylynn Battle of GES, a member of the Greenbelt City Stars Double Dutch jump-roping team, received a huge "Yay!" from her peers when her name was called. "I want to thank my teachers for helping me get good

grades," she said. "It means a lot to me," Jaylynn said.

Victoria Lemus of Springhill Lake Elementary School thanked her parents and teachers Mr. Carroll and Mrs. Graves. Darryl Warren of Magnolia thanked Principal Phyllis Gillens and "all the teachers and staff at Magnolia. I have learned so much there; I feel deeply honored," she said.

Fatima Kargbo of Magnolia thanked her parents and teachers Mrs. Childress and Mrs. Dorsey.

Other Awardees

Dante Leggett of Turning Point Academy thanked "my principal, vice-principal and my parents for all of their encouragement." After Zuha Sadeed of Turning Point thanked her parents, friends, family and the principal and vice-principal, her uncle smoothly grabbed the mike to say that Zuha also helps take care of her brother and sister at home and that, like Zuha, "they too are brilliant!"

Diane Hope Lamidi of Greenbelt Middle School thanked her principal Warren Tweedy, her guidance counselor Mr. Davis and her family. Tekang Ndi Check of Eleanor Roosevelt High School thanked his Spanish teacher Ms. McLaughlin; Jordan Cathleen Washington thanked ERHS principal Reginald McNeil and "every one of you for being here."

State Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross, as well as all Greenbelt City Councilmembers were on hand to enhance the prevalent feel-good mood. City Councilmember Silke Pope said the ACE Student Awards event "is one of my favorites."

City Councilmember Leta Mach said that "the students get more impressive every year." Prince George's County School Board member Peggy Higgins said, "I am honored to be a part of it," smiling broadly, beaming proudly.

Hunting Stand, Deer Bones Discovered Near Gardens

by Eli Flam

A tree-mounted hunting stand and remains of several deer were found last Sunday, May 21 in thick woods near the Greenbelt Community Gardens off Hamilton Place. Animal rights activist Cam MacQueen, who lives in GHI, said she was alerted by a gardener and saw skin and hair from five deer carcasses some 40 feet from the gardens, plus a skull with antlers and part of a spine as well as half of a jawbone in two pieces. The nearby hunting stand was about eight feet high, she added.

On Monday, MacQueen said, she returned to the Forest Preserve site with Lesley Riddle, assistant director of Greenbelt's Public Works Department and Officer Tustin of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police. Officer Tustin said she will monitor the situation and asked to be apprised of develop-

ments, MacQueen added.

A Public Works crew was scheduled to take down the stand on Wednesday, said Planning and Development Director Celia Craze. Hunting animals of any kind in Greenbelt is illegal, she said. Police Chief James R. Craze, in the absence of any reports about gun shots, said the deer were probably killed by bow and arrow.

Celia Craze indicates that Officer Hunt from the Natural Resources Police says that he anticipates no forensic investigation.

MacQueen, a member of the GHI Companion Animal Committee, said she found it to be "a sad, gruesome sight to come across the remains of such beautiful animals. Hopefully this cruel, illegal activity will stop now that the city and game authorities are involved."



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Pictured are the students who won ACE awards, ACE members, Greenbelt City Councilmembers and other dignitaries. From L to R: ERHS honoree Rebeca Diaz-Reyes, ACE members Susan Breeon and Sudhanshu Sinha, Turning Point honoree Dante Leggett, County Councilmember Ingrid Turner staffer Altman Pannell, Middle School honoree Diane Lamidi, ACE member Lauretta Baugh, Delegate Tawanna Gaines, GES honoree Jaylynn Battle, Delegate Anne Healey, Councilmember Leta Mach, School Board Member Peggy Higgins, Magnolia honoree Fatima Kargbo, ERHS honoree Jordan Washington, Councilmember Konrad Herling, Springhill Lake honoree Victoria Lemus, Magnolia honoree Darryl Warren, Councilmembers Ed Putens and Emmett Jordan, Delegate Justin Ross, ERHS honoree Tekang Ndi Check, ACE Chair Jon Gardner, Springhill Lake honoree William Soriano, Middle School honoree Mohammed Wasin, Mayor Judith Davis, Turning Point honoree Zuha Sadeed, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, ACE member Janet Mirsky, Councilmember Silke Pope, ACE members Veronica Martin-Frederick and Don Rich.

Local Bike Tour June 4

Anacostia Trails Heritage Area sponsors a Heritage Bike Ride beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 4. Meet at the parking lot at 5240 Paint Branch Parkway (94th Aero Squadron restaurant) to register for one of four trail rides, from 1.5 to 17 miles. Registration may be done online at www.anacostiatrials.org. There is a fee which covers breakfast, BBQ lunch, live music and a T-shirt. Bikes may be reserved for rent from the website.

Early Evening Bird Walk at Artemesia

On Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society will lead a free early evening bird walk on the paved Luther Goldman Birding Trail. Meet in the parking lot at Lake Artemesia at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All skill levels are welcome and binoculars are suggested.

Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

Spring Bird Walk In Bowie June 4

On Saturday, June 4 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, a member of the Prince George's Audubon Society will lead a morning spring bird walk. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the end of Lemon Bridge Road, just north of Bowie State University. All skill levels are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are recommended. For more information call 410-765-6482.

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