

City Council Approves FY12 Budget, Keeps Promise of No Tax Increase

by Thomas X. White

After 10 worksessions on the City of Greenbelt’s departmental budgets and two official public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2012 budget, the city council made several changes to the budget proposed in early March by City Manager Michael McLaughlin. In the final analysis, however, council approved a budget that maintained the property tax rate at the same level (79 cents) as last year. The actual budget adoption took place at council’s regular meeting on June 6.

Six councilmembers who were present made the host of changes to the budget and then adopted it. Councilmember Rodney Roberts was the lone voter against its adoption. Councilmember Edward Putens, who arrived after the votes had been taken, indicated his support of the changes and adoption of the amended budget.

Roberts said he opposed the increase in fees for the Planning and Community Development’s inspection program because of the additional burden on Greenbelt

businesses. Since an ordinance to raise those fees was not before the council at that meeting, Roberts said he was put in the position of voting against the entire budget.

Six categories of changes had been suggested during the budget worksessions and informally agreed to by council at its final budget worksession on May 18. One was a \$120,000 increase in Highway User Revenue from the State of Maryland. This increase brought total tax revenue projected for the city in FY12 to \$20,480,700.

Another change was a decrease of \$40,000 in revenue due to ending of the partnership with Beltway Plaza for provision of a Greenbelt Police officer at the shopping mall. With that decrease, the total for Miscellaneous Revenue projected for FY12 was \$197,300. With those two changes, council approved the Total General Fund Revenue amount for FY12 at \$25,803,800, just \$80,000 more than the manager’s proposed budget.

Expenditures

On the expenditure side, several changes either increased or decreased the manager’s proposal. One was council’s decision to provide a one percent one-time bonus for all Greenbelt classified employees. Across all city departments this added \$159,000 to FY12 expenditures.

Other individual increases in expenditures included \$2,000 for council outreach to the Greenbelt business community. This increase came after council had been persuaded by Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Emmett Jordan to support more interactions with Greenbelt businesses.

Another expenditure increase (\$16,300) resulted when council restored its customary contribution to Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) that had been earlier reduced during the economic downturn. Council also approved increases for its membership in the Council of Government’s Greater

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Council Tackles Full Agenda Honors Local Educators, Kids

by Thomas X. White

In addition to adopting the city’s Fiscal Year 2012 budget (see story above), the Greenbelt City Council meeting on June 6 heard presentations and dealt with legislation, bid awards and selection of audit services for Fiscal Year 2011. Six councilmembers were present at the beginning of the session, with Councilmember Edward Putens arriving shortly after final action on the budget for the new fiscal year.

Presentations

The meeting was opened by three elementary school students who were Greenbelt finalists in the Maryland Municipal League’s “If I Were Mayor” contest. Kiya Dean and Leslie Rios of Springhill Lake Elementary School and Nijaya Jones from Greenbelt Elementary School sat in council chairs and played the roles of mayor in the opening segments of the meeting and presented the essays that had gained them “finalist” awards in the contest for Prince George’s County schools.

The mayoral platforms for the three young women included programs reflecting Greenbelt’s green culture such as recycling, beautification, gardening and resident services.

Since several Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary school teachers were present, council

used the occasion to honor local school teachers who had recently obtained National Board Certification. Stephanie Katz, fourth-grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School; Rebecca Howell, science teacher; Anne Koroknay, English teacher; and Jennifer Massagli, science teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High, who were present, were recognized. Others recognized were Johanna Long, mathematics teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary, and Angela Bettick, English teacher; Margaret Brosnan, science teacher; Christina Kim, mathematics teacher; and Kathleen Veety-Martin, science teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Council also honored Brian Weeks, a sixth-grade mathematics teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, for his selection as one of The Washington Post’s 2011 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards for Prince George’s County. The Agnes Meyer awards are presented annually to one teacher from each Washington metropolitan area school district.

Following the presentations, Doug Love and Bertram Donn reported on Peace Month activities in Greenbelt. Donn asked council to support a resolution to the U.S. Congress requesting a

redirection of funds from defense to domestic social programs.

Legislation

An ordinance to amend the City Code by adding a new section on “Notice of Foreclosures” was introduced for first reading and will be considered by council at a future meeting. The proposed ordinance, prepared by the city solicitor at the request of council, will require lending institutions to provide written notice to the city within five days of their filing of an Order/ Complaint regarding foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust on a residential property located in the city.

The proposed ordinance also provides for a violation creating a municipal infraction (fine) if a foreclosure occurs without notification to the city. The legislation was prompted by situations where the city was not aware of property foreclosures. Council was concerned that such vacant properties could become derelict.

A resolution was also introduced for first reading that would authorize negotiation of a contract with Romero Construction Company of Rockville, Md., for facility renovations up to \$90,000 at Springhill Lake Recreation

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Crime Data Shows Decline During First Four Months

by James Giese

Following a similar trend for Prince George’s County, crime in Greenbelt continues to diminish, based on Greenbelt Police crime data for the first four months of 2011. Compared to the same period a year ago, the number of crimes during this period has dropped by four percent.

At 340, the number was the lowest for the last five years. These figures reflect a general trend over the past several years of reduction in the total number of crimes committed.

The four categories of crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) dropped by 20 percent for the period. There were no murders during this period for either year but reported rapes increased from two to three with one each in Greenbelt Center, Franklin Park and Beltway Plaza.

Crimes against property were only slightly fewer than in 2010 with a 19 percent drop in motor vehicle thefts offset by an eight percent increase in breaking and entering (B&Es).

Police Chief James Craze at-

tributes the drop in motor vehicle thefts to concentrated traffic enforcement, special detail squads and new computer equipment. Patrol cars are now equipped with license plate scanners that can instantly identify vehicles reported stolen.

The most improved residential area for crime reduction for the first four months occurred in Greenbelt East, where crime dropped almost 24 percent. B&Es dropped from 31 to 19, larcenies from 81 to 62 and motor vehicle thefts from 10 to eight. No rapes were reported this year as compared to one in 2010. Robberies, however, were up by one to 11; aggravated assaults doubled to two.

Franklin Park

The Franklin Park sector of Greenbelt West also experienced a significant crime drop for the first four months, almost eight percent. Here robberies dropped by almost 58 percent, from 19 to 8. Motor vehicle thefts dropped by 46 percent. Larcenies and

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City Programs Encourage Elementary School Art

by Anne Gardner

Eighty excited kindergartners exclaimed over the sculptures in the Community Center hallways on Monday, June 13 before crowding into the art rooms to immerse themselves in the joys of creativity, making animals out of clay, collage and paint. They had walked from Greenbelt Elementary School for a day of art adventures with art instructors from the Recreation Department.

This year every grade at Greenbelt Elementary School, from kindergarten through sixth grade, has taken a field trip to the Community Center, enjoying the pleasant walk through Old Greenbelt to get there. Most other field trips involve the hassle and expense of chartering buses to transport the children further afield, so the ability to walk was an added bonus.

Staff and students also wel-

comed the opportunity to work with materials they do not usually have access to at school and to be able to make the kind of mess that is not acceptable in a regular classroom.

County art teachers visit each classroom only once per quarter, so there is very little opportunity for children to learn and to express themselves through art unless they take field trips such as these or unless the classroom teacher is skilled and confident enough to incorporate art into regular classes.

Grade Level Topics

The workshops were designed to tie into the curriculum for each grade level. Since kindergarten students were exploring “A World of Animals,” they created animals from different media and local

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What Goes On

Monday, June 20

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, June 22

8 p.m., Council Worksession – City Manager Update, Community Center

Thursday, June 23

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

Turner Visits Greenbelt Seniors for Luncheon

by Mary Moien

On June 10 Greenbelt’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner hosted a luncheon and meeting with approximately 40 seniors. Mayor Judith Davis and Greenbelt Councilmember Ed Putens also attended. Following some informal conversation with Turner and her staff and a very nice catered luncheon, Turner updated residents on budget and other activities in the county.

Turner discussed a number of issues including the county’s AAA bond rating. She described the fact that the state has a State Health Improvement Plan and Prince George’s County will develop its own plan to improve access to health. She expects funds for improvements to be made to the hospitals within the county as well as extra funds to be devoted to the Department of Aging. The county also plans to develop a master plan of recreation facilities within the county.

In the area of education, a number of budget cuts were proposed. However, Turner indicated that 1) money was added back into the budget for buses to magnet and specialty schools; 2) the Reading Recovery program will be funded; and 3) Camp Schmidt will still be free and at the same level of activities as in past years.

Greenbelt resident John Henry Jones asked about the new \$50 a year fee for children to play sports after school. The councilwoman provided a detailed response. She stated that enrollment is down so that state funding to the county is down. One way to make up some money is by charging varsity and junior varsity players a once a year fee. The fee remains at \$50 regardless of the number of sports a student participates in during the year.

Turner stated that the schools will have funds to assist students who are unable to pay and she has heard that some school PTAs will also be assisting with the fee if needed.

The county will continue to pay for school resource officers at the high school level. She indicated that Greenbelt will be reimbursed for its school resource officer. The officers had been assigned to the Department of Education but will now be assigned to the police departments.

Turner continued with descriptions of other county activities. At least half of all road resurfacing work must use county residents as workers.

She described a GreenStreets project where streets and sidewalks and gutters are designed to decrease the amount of water that

flows down storm drains into the Bay. The town of Edmonston is one of the first municipalities to undertake these modifications.

Following state-level task force findings and discussions on ethics, the state will be coming out shortly with a report of findings. However, the county has already made plans to organize an ethics office with a stand-alone ethics lawyer and executive director, routine ethics meetings.

Redistricting

In ending her presentation, Turner mentioned that redistricting has not been completed. She indicated there is a definite possibility that shifts in population may mean shifts in Greenbelt’s district. Some cities that are now in one district may need to be divided between two districts which she indicated can be bad or good. One district is good because of the cohesiveness of the population. However a city such as Bowie, currently in two districts, has twice the number of councilmembers looking out for them.

She did not give a date of completion for the redistricting.

Turner then asked for questions from the floor. Several Greenbelters had questions or concerns. Solange Hess was interested in any progress at the old Glenn Dale Hospital, where asbestos removal and other problems seem to be keeping the area from being redeveloped. Hess was also wondering what the county was doing to assist the working homeless. Regarding Glenn Dale, Turner indicated that there appears to be no current interest in developing the property. She indicated that the county is very concerned about the homeless but the response was short on specifics. Suze Marley described the very uneven and broken concrete at the front entrance to the Greenbelt Library and how the elderly and those in wheelchairs would have a very difficult time. That area is under county control. Mayor Davis indicated that the city has been in discussion with the county to get it fixed.

Turner was not aware of the problem and promised to investigate it also. In response to a question on constituent services, Turner said that residents can call her office with any type of problem and she will try to assist.

She indicated that assistance sometimes meant putting the person back in touch with a city agency. Altmann Pannell, who handles constituent services for Turner, was also present. He can be emailed at arpannell@co.pg.md.us. Turner’s email address is imturner@co.pg.md.us.

SEED Holds Annual Community Festival

On Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. SEED (Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development) will hold its annual community festival at Refreshing Spring Church, 6200 Riverdale Road in Riverdale.

It will feature family-friendly entertainment including carnival games and rides, as well as food and craft activity vendors. There will be information pavilions from area banks, anti-hunger groups, service organizations and civic groups from the metropoli-

tan area. Free hourly HIV/STD screening, a health education and fitness class and a financial workshop will be available. In conjunction with the Capital Area Food Bank and Priority Partners, SEED will host a 6,000-pound food giveaway.

SEED, located in Riverdale, operates a pre-school, after school program, food distribution center and clothes closet and provides foreclosure prevention counseling by a HUD-approved housing counseling agency.

Letters

THANKS!

We are thankful Ruth and Chuck of Boxwood are pet lovers. They were on the lookout and came across our cat. She was gone for a month in January.

Jesse is safely home.

Thank goodness for caring neighbors. God bless.

Harriet and David Ginsburg

Children’s Festival On Mall this Weekend

The fourth World Children’s Festival will be held on the National Mall from Saturday, June 18 through 19 with workshops, hands-on activities and performers. The festival has been held on the Mall every four years since 1999 as the “Olympics” of children’s creativity and imagination.

The free programs are suitable for all ages and include various dignitaries leading workshops of special interest to youth, speaking on issues like climate change, global warming, brain function and perception of the physical world, health sciences, walking and the relationship between sports and art.

Children will host peer workshops on prevention of bullying, building peace and setting up art communities. A child survivor of the Sendai disaster will narrate the impact of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The main stage of the festival will feature top youth performers local, national and international, with groups from Kuala Lumpur and Uganda performing diverse music, dance, drama and precision drills.

The full schedule of events is available at www.worldchildrensfestival.org/program.

Tie-Dye Workshop At Aviation Museum

For those who miss Woodstock and pine for the ’70s, the College Park Aviation Museum will hold a tie-dyed T-shirt workshop on Saturday, June 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the museum.

There is a fee slightly more than the normal admission to include the T-shirt and supplies. Early registration is required by Wednesday, June 22. All ages are welcome.

The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park. For more information or to reserve a place call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-699-2255.

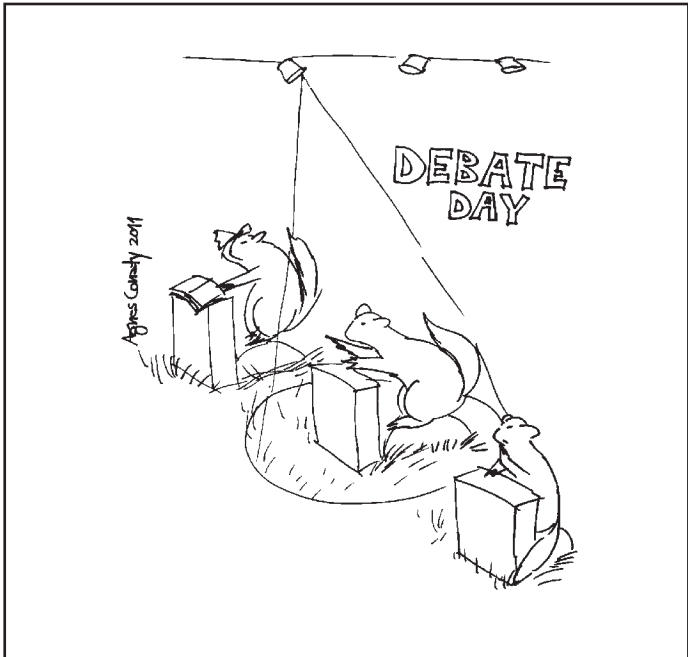


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Tent Troupe, a traveling summer tent theater, returns to the Montpelier Mansion grounds this month to present free performances for families.

At 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 and Monday, June 27 Tent Troupe will present Robert Fulghum’s “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.” This entertaining production includes stories from five of Fulghum’s books that are guaranteed to rekindle memories from everyone’s lives.

A special show for children, “Once Upon a Time,” will also

be presented on Monday, June 27 at 1:45 p.m. This interactive performance for children of all ages features many favorite Troupe performances including “The Bremertown Musicians,” “Caps for Sale” and “Giving Tree” by Shel Silverstein. “Gus the Duckbilled Platypus” by Valerie Tripp, author of the American Girl series, is also back by popular demand.

Seating will be provided. No tickets or reservations are required.

For more information call 301-776-2805.

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Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to News Review staffer Pat Davis, her family and son-in-law Gregg Klatt on the death of Pat's daughter Gabriella Daley Klatt on June 14, 2011.

Congratulations to:

- Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES), which has received a Bronze National Recognition Award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation. The school joins 274 other schools nationally receiving this honor for their healthy achievements. SHLES revamped its meal service and physical activity programs to improve student and staff well-being in the Alliance fight to combat childhood obesity.
- Paul Agyapong of ERHS, who has received an appointment to West Point by Congressman Steny Hoyer.

When friends Ken Baker of Sicklerville, N.J., and James Ricciuti hooked up on Facebook recently, they hadn't seen each other in 25 years. After arranging a meeting at James' restaurant in Olney, the two, now both married men with children, decided to enter the North Face Endurance Challenge, a 50-mile race. At 4:30 a.m. on June 4 they started the run in darkness in Sterling, Va., encouraging each other along the way, and 13 hours later crossed the finish line in Great Falls, Va.



The two men grew up in Greenbelt and graduated in the same class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1985. Ken's parents, Bob and Mary Ann Baker, still live in Greenbelt. James' mother Mildred Ricciuti is in Delaware on the Eastern Shore. Both families look forward to more reunions in the future.

- Harriet and David Ginsburg, 45-year residents of Hedge-wood Drive, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18 with children and friends.
- Greenbelt's Congressman Steny Hoyer, who received a National Bipartisan Leadership Award from Bradley University Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service, which recog-

nizes a national public servant who has modeled ethical, civil and bipartisan leadership.

- Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which led the county in the amount of scholarship funds earned by their senior class at \$19.4 million.
- Leah M. Ginsburg, who graduated with honors from Howard County Schools College in the fall. Proud family include her parents Richard and Rhonda Ginsburg, uncle Mike Ginsburg and grandparents Harriet and David Ginsburg.
- Tiffany Edwards, Johnathan Viruet and big sister Marianna of Lastner Lane welcome baby Xavier Alexander Anibal Viruet, who arrived at Laurel Hospital on June 12, 2011, weighing in at 8 lb., 15 oz.

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

Dedication of Green Chapel Is Sunday

Mowatt United Methodist Church and Boy Scout Troop 746 invite the Greenbelt community to the dedication of the outdoor Green Chapel on Sunday, June 19 at 10 a.m. A reception will follow at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

History

The Green Chapel, located behind the original church, was established in 1973 by Hoyt Matthai and other members of the Troop 746 for Hoyt's Eagle Scout Project. The troop was more than 40 members strong and included Doug Mangum, Mark Felsner, Gary Cousin, Clint Boushell and other young men who have many happy memories and made life-long friends growing up in Greenbelt.

The chapel was renovated in 2009 by Greenbelter Devin Gibson for his Eagle Scout Project. Gibson led a team of scouts and other friends to complete the project, an undertaking of more than 100 hours. In the chapel area, the team removed several dead trees and cut thorns and thickets that had overgrown the area. In an effort to leave the area as natural as possible the fallen trees were used to line the path. Some trees were cut to make bases for bench seating near the fire ring. Mulch was not used as it tends to wash down and gather during hard rains.


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Icarus Concert at St. Hugh on June 24

The local vocal ensemble Icarus will perform a concert Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. The octet includes Jennifer Goltz who is the choir director at both St. Hugh's and St. Mathew's Cathedral.

Icarus will present a program comparing the music of 20th century French composer Francis Poulenc and the music of the great 16th century Italian Renaissance composer G. P. da Palestrina. These two composers are major contributors to liturgical musical heritage.

The concert is free and open to the public although a free-will offering will be collected.

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School Board Holds Open Meeting

The Prince George’s County Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 20 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building Board Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may speak for three minutes by registering with the Board office by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. (Note: Board meets in Executive Session at 5 p.m.).

Free Summer Music Begins at Montpelier

The 33rd Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series will launch on Friday, June 24 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with the Oracle Band playing classic hits from the ’40s to today. This concert is the first of five Fridays of free music and theater performance to be held over the summer on the Montpelier Mansion grounds.


Performances will also be held on Fridays July 8, July 15, July 22 and August 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Fee Required to Play High School Sports

For the upcoming school year, the Prince George’s County Public School (PGCPS) system has initiated a new annual athletic activity fee of \$50 for students who are selected as members of an Interscholastic Athletic Team. In an effort to address revenue cuts, the fee will be collected prior to the start of each sports season and will cover participation for the year in multiple sports or if the student transfers to another public school. The fee is not refundable.

Families experiencing financial hardship may request a modified payment plan or a waiver from the child’s school. Ability to pay the fee will not affect selection for participating in sports, which is based on competitive performance.

More information is available at the PGCPS website under Administrative Procedure 5157 at www.pgcps.org.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2011 - 8:00 p.m. ,Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

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- **Park and Recreation Month Proclamation**

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

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LEGISLATION

-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 “Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations” of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a New Section VI Entitled “Notice of Foreclosures” -2nd Reading, Adoption

-An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, From Time to Time, to Borrow Not More than Three Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,950,000) for the Public Purpose of Refunding the Outstanding Principal Amount of the City’s Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds of 2002 and to Effect Such Borrowing by the Issuance and Sale, upon Its Full Faith and Credit, of Its General Obligation Bonds in Like Par Amount Pursuant to the Authority of Section 24 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume) and Section 55 of the City Charter; Providing for the Appropriation and Disposal of the Proceeds of Sale of the Bonds; Providing for the Levy and Collection of Taxes Sufficient for the Prompt Payment of the Maturing Principal of and Interest on the Bonds; and Generally Relating to the Issuance, Sale and Payment of the Bonds

-2nd Reading, Adoption

- **End-of-Year Budget Adjustments**

A. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011, in the Amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for Additional Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules - 2nd Reading, Adoption

B. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Replacement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011, in the Amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for Additional Replacement Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount. - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules - 2nd Reading, Adoption

C. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Special Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011, in the Amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for Additional Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules - 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Facility Renovations at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center with Romero Construction Company of Rockville, Maryland, at a Cost Not to Exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) - 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 1002 and Establish Fees and Penalties Related to the Administration and Enforcement of Chapter 4 “Buildings and Building Regulations” of the Greenbelt City Code - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rule - 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Braden Field Tennis Court Resurfacing Services from Tennis Courts, Inc. of Aylett, Virginia, at a Cost of \$117,868 - 1st Reading

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 1065 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Middle School Task Force, Report #2011-2 (Communication to Prince George’s County School Board Regarding Future of Greenbelt Middle School)

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #2011-2 (Supplemental Report on Recognition Group Applications)

- Board of License Commissioners Proposed Rule and Regulation #75 – Entertainment Permit

- Maryland Municipal League 2012 Legislative Action Requests

- Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Generator

- Redistricting – County Council and Congressional Districts

- Other Reports

* - Cooperation Agreement with Prince George’s County for Community Development Block Grant Programs

* - JAG Grant Funding

* - Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

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Schedule of future meetings is posted at www.greenbeltnmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 20-24

Monday, June 20th at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming.

Wednesday, June 22 at 8pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION** – City Manager Update at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES


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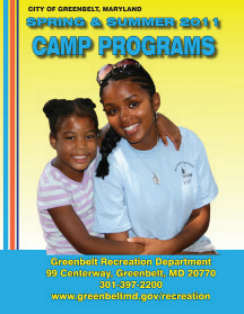
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Washington Initiative (\$1,000) and an additional membership fee for the Anacostia Heritage Trail Association (\$600).

Council also increased its contribution to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad by \$28,000 to assist with the purchase of new equipment.

On the operational side, council approved an increase in the Public Works budget to fund \$20,000 for the use of temporary workers during FY12 and an additional \$50,000 to fund an organizational study of city departments. This proposal, suggested by Putens, was supported by council. Overall council approved changes that increased FY12 expenditures over the manager’s proposed budget total by \$276,900.

Expenditure Decreases

Council changes decreasing the manager’s proposed FY12 expenditures included a \$20,000 reduction in expected health insurance premiums; a decision not to provide a \$5,000 contribution to the West Lanham Hills Volunteer Fire Department for FY12 and a \$15,000 reduction for ground maintenance contract work. Council also decided to leave vacant the Building Maintenance Supervisor position affecting the Community Center (\$30,000), the Aquatic & Fitness Center (\$10,000), Recreation Center (\$20,000) and Public Works Administration (\$30,000).

Council also decided to leave vacant for one-half year the Assistant Recreation Director position (\$55,000). When other transfers such as for debt service are made, the total general fund expenditures total \$25,472,200 for FY12, an increase of \$80,000.

Each of the changes council decided to make to the manager’s proposed budget were approved separately by council vote. Council then approved an ordinance already prepared that included all the changes made to adopt the total budget and levy the real and personal property tax rates for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2011.

With that action the real estate property tax was established at \$.79 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and the personal property tax rate on business furnishings and equipment at \$1.70 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Bond Authorization

In a separate action, an ordinance to authorize and empower the City of Greenbelt to borrow up to \$3,950,000 for the purpose of refinancing the outstanding principal of the city’s existing bonded indebtedness was introduced for first reading. The proposed ordinance will be taken up for approval at the June 20 council meeting. Approval of additional bonding authority and refinancing the city’s existing debt had been proposed by McLaughlin at the same time he presented his proposed FY12 budget in March, with the added financing to be used to pay off the cost overruns of the new Public Works buildings in excess of authorized bond money and to pay for the cost of renovating the city-owned Old Greenbelt

Theatre but the council decided only to proceed with refinancing the existing debt.

In today’s economic climate the city has been able to obtain a much lower rate of interest thereby lowering the amount needed to be budgeted for that purpose.

Council comments following adoption of the budget were generally good. Most members expressed good feelings about the process and the outcome, considering the issues facing the city.

Roberts, although he had cast his vote against the budget adoption, indicated that while he otherwise would be “jumping for joy” that there was no increase in the tax rate, explained his opposition vote because he did not feel that budget adoption should have been “on the backs of small businesses.” This was in reference to the increase in inspection fees he had opposed.

Councilmember Leta Mach labeled it a “good budget” and noted that it got better through examination by council and staff. She said “the inspection fees should reflect the costs for the program” and are “important for the future of the city.” Councilmember Silke Pope generally agreed with the good feeling. She was satisfied with the end product, she said.

Cost Savings

Herling noted, “The adopted budget reflects numerous significant cost savings that the city has taken with this budget and through the last several years as well.” He reiterated his proposals that the city have a marketing director as part of an overall economic strategy to retain and attract new businesses and to help address a 25 percent office vacancy rate within the city.

“While the budget we adopted tonight does get us through the next fiscal year without an increase in property tax and with an increase in our reserves,” Herling said, “I am concerned about our future. For the next fiscal year the budget projects that 67.3 percent of our revenue is derived from the property tax. Do we wish that trend to continue or should we seek other means to raise revenue to meet critical needs?”

Jordan expressed the view that we should be proud of the actions of prior councils in protecting the city’s natural resources. He felt, however, that the city needed a better plan for the future in light of events taking place around Greenbelt. He noted his support also for increased funding for a departmental organizational review.

Mayor Judith Davis then wrapped up discussion with a comment about this budget and those of the two previous years. “First we cut the fat, then we cut the muscle and now we are down to the bone,” she said.

She thanked the city manager and her colleagues for evaluating the budget over 10 work sessions, indicating that some of Greenbelt’s sister cities do their budgets with just a few meetings. Greenbelt, on the other hand, she said, “wants to review and look at every department and program.”

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Center. Most funding for the project would be provided by Community Development Block Grant funds.

The main work would be installation of new entrance and exit storefronts, painting, lighting, ceiling tiles, restroom partitions, flooring, cabinets/countertops and new exterior siding. In addition, some of the funds would provide a mobile computer lab at the facility.

Although no action was required for the first reading, Councilmember Leta Mach said she hoped the proposed renovations would consider sustainability issues for materials and fixtures. She also noted a recent announcement by US Airways Foundation of a new program for grants for education projects. She suggested that the proposed computer lab might be a candidate.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted, however, that the project involves only what really needs to be done now. He expected a more extensive renovation “may be five years down the road.”

Stream Stabilization

Nearly two years ago council approved final design plans for the project to stabilize and restore the stream in the vicinity of Greenhill and Hillside Roads as it proceeds to the stream valley park between the Lakewood and Woodland Hills subdivisions. Since then city staff has needed considerable time and effort to complete the engineering and permitting requirements and to secure state funding for the project. Staff now was requesting council to award the bid for the project to McDonnell Landscape, Inc. of Brookeville, Md.

The FY11 Capital Projects budget originally included \$200,000 for the project, including \$137,000 in grant funds from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Following recent discussion with MDE officials, Terri Hruby of the Planning and Community Development Department reported that the agency has agreed to increase their funding by \$147,000 because of the water quality benefits and prior investments in design and permitting.

That action brought the total amount in FY11 project funds available to \$327,280, just \$18,820 shy of the project’s expected cost. Hruby assured council there are sufficient funds in the Capital Projects budget to cover the shortfall.

When she cautioned that there may be change orders during completion of the project, the representative at the meeting from McDonnell Landscape assured council there would be no change orders. Council approved the award of bid to McDonnell Landscape.

Audit Services

Council had previously requested staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for audit services for the FY2011 year-end audit. Staff reported they had sent requests to four firms that had previously responded to RFPs for the city’s audit. Proposals had been received from Reznick Group (\$29,830); McGladry Pullen (\$30,250); Lindsey & Associates (\$32,752); and Clifton Gunderson (\$35,500). Over the past 26 years all firms except Lindsey & Associates had

conducted audits for Greenbelt.

After brief discussion, council agreed to select McGladry Pullen for the FY11 audit.

Stormwater Legislation

In the last item of business, council revisited the stormwater legislation proposed by the Prince George’s County Council. The issue had been considered by the county council last year (CB-80-2010) but the bill had been placed on hold because of insufficient support. On May 17, 2011, however, Council Chair Ingrid Turner introduced CB-15-2011, which had been requested by County Executive Rushern Baker. That bill is intended to satisfy requirements of the 2007 State of Maryland Stormwater Management Regulations adopted in May 2009.

Staff had placed the issue on council’s agenda because the bill was scheduled to be discussed by the county’s Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee (THE) on June 9. Since Greenbelt had strongly opposed the earlier CB-80-2010, staff advised council that CB-15-2011 also falls short of the strong stormwater standards supported by council and by county and regional environmental organizations.

The bill’s most serious flaw is that it requires redevelopment projects to retain only 0.5 inches for projects approved after May 4, 2010, and 0.75 inches for projects approved after May 4, 2016. Other requirements are equally loose and weak.

Hruby assured council she would develop a letter for council to submit to the THE Committee and to Turner by the date of the THE meeting.

Council directed that such a letter be prepared and reviewed by council for submission to the THE.



NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, June 23rd, 2011

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Elect Stockholders

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 9 Court Ridge Matter
- Yard Line Certification: 14, 15, & 36 Courts Ridge Road
- Exception Request for Replacement Windows – 9B Southway
- Exception Request for Unpermitted Oversize Vinyl Shed – 39B Ridge Road
- Exception for Use of Unpermitted Material in Energy Upgrade Pilot
- Pilot Financing Options if Pilot Does Not Result in Community-wide Upgrade
- Fall Board Meeting Schedule

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Tuesday, June 28, 12:30 to 6 p.m.,
Greenbelt Recreation Department,
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road,
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Wednesday, June 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Prince George’s Chapter House,
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Police Blotter

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Attempted Robbery

June 4, 4:23 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Three black males approached some people and attempted to rob them. Two of the robbers were described as having dreads in their hair with one wearing a white T-shirt and dark jeans and the other a black T-shirt and dark jeans.

June 6, 5:10 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Two people were approached by two youths who tried to take their property. The robbers are described as black males, one 14 to 15 years old, weighing 110 to 120 pounds, with black hair, wearing a white tank top and black shorts. The other robber is 15 to 16 years old, weighing 130 to 150 pounds, and not wearing a shirt.

Unattended Child

June 6, 9:34 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A 47-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended. He was released on citation pending trial.

Recovery of Car

June 3, 7:37 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. A 22-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft over \$1,000 after being stopped in a stolen 1993 Mazda in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

June 5, 6:13 p.m., 11 Court Laurel Hill Road. A 26-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

June 3, 2:16 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Electronics were taken.

June 3, 5:52 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Electronics were taken.

June 4, 9:28 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Assorted pieces of art were taken.

June 4, 3:54 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. An attempted burglary occurred.

June 4, 8:48 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Food was taken.

June 6, 6:52 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Ammunition and a bulletproof vest were taken.

June 8, 5:43 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics and a wallet were taken.

June 9, 6:01 p.m., 100 block Westway. Electronics and personal documents were taken.

Vandalism

June 3, 10:46 a.m., 7400 block

Prostitution Raids At Two Locations

Greenbelt police advise of two recent raids on Greenbelt business locations suspected of being houses of prostitution by the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force (MADTF) and city police.

On May 27 after an investigation a search and seizure warrant was obtained and served on a brothel posing as an acupuncture health facility at the office park at 7335 Hanover Parkway. The business, operating as a massage parlor offering illegal sex acts for money, was found to have bank account information, ledgers with records for payment for services, credit card information and currency related to the illegal business.

On June 8 in a second warrant on a suspected brothel known as Rising Sun Massage at 7743 Belle Point Drive, bank statements, credit card receipts, surveillance equipment to monitor access to the establishment, related paraphernalia and currency were seized.

Charges in both cases are pending.

Frankfurt Drive. Graffiti was found on property signs.

June 8, 9:49 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crime

Three vehicles were reported stolen. On June 3, a black 2011 Honda Accord with DC tags was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Court. On June 6 a black 2009 Honda Accord with MD tags was taken from the 100 block Westway and a gold 1997 Toyota Camry with no tags was taken from the 7700 block Kenilworth Avenue.

A green 1994 Honda Accord stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered June 8 by the Prince George's County Police in the 11000 block of South Laurel Drive in Laurel with no arrests made.

Eight reports of theft from vehicles were received. 6000 block Springhill Drive (tools and television equipment), 8100 block Mandan Road (shoes), 6400 block Ivy Lane (laptop), 7800 block Hanover Parkway (radio/CD player), 8200 block Canning Terrace (documents and cellphone charger), 7200 block Morrison Drive (tires and rims), 6100 block Breezewood Court (DVD player), 7700 block Ora Court (stereo), 9100 block Springhill Lane (radio).

Youth Spring Triathlon Draws Local Athletes

by Matthias Early

On Saturday, June 4 as the sun started to show itself above the Greenbelt outdoor pool, all of us older kids crouched with anticipation next to the water. As the starting gun fired, we dove into the pool and the 4th Annual Youth Sprint Triathlon began.

The water was frigid, despite its being a hot, muggy morning. We swam as fast as we could from one end of the pool to the other and back, then hauled ourselves onto dry land. I struggled to put socks on my wet feet and quickly shoved on my shoes.

This was my first triathlon, so I followed the other kids and ran as fast as I could down the hill to the basketball court where we had parked our bikes. I pedaled hard over the bumpy grass and slippery gravel around the perimeter of the playing field.

Once we got to the far side, we ended up on the concrete trail next to the tennis courts and headed back the way we came. The bike race continued down the trail behind the library. We then went through the small tunnel under the road, up around the playground and back again through the tunnel.

By this time, the sun was blazing and I was sweating hard. We biked back to the basketball court and abandoned our bikes for the final part of the triathlon. As I started to run, I realized that this was a longer race than I had expected and I was feeling exhausted. We ran along the bike trail beside the tennis courts and a race official directed us to follow the path around the lake to the band stage.

At this point a running shoe flew off the foot of fellow triathlete Clara Beckert, but she valiantly continued the race with only one shoe. "I just wanted to finish," she told me afterward. Clara eventually went on to win first prize in her age group.

At the finish line, I was extremely hot and tired but relieved to see a large ice chest full of ice-pops and cold water bottles. We all rested in the shade as the younger kids made their way across the finish line.

Trophy Winners

The Greenbelt Recreation Department sponsored the triathlon and presented large trophies to winners in each age group. Beckert (the contestant with only

one shoe) came in first place for 14-year-olds, Manuel Ayala (15-year-olds), Katie Warner (13-year-olds), Eric Freeman, Jr. (12-year-olds), Alex Fletcher (11-year-olds), Corina Miko (9-year-olds) and RyLee Roberts (8-year-olds) also took first place.

Everyone who participated received a medal, a special T-shirt and lots of delicious ice-pops. Although I didn't win a trophy, I really enjoyed the race and definitely plan to do the Greenbelt Youth Sprint Triathlon again next year.



Winners of the 4th Annual Youth Spring Triathlon show off their medals.



Matthias Early and Clara Beckert begin the swim segment.



Matthias Early (reporter and competitor) moves from the pool to the next phase.

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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, June 16 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. From 7 to 9 p.m. the stage will be shared by Midway Fair playing British and American folk rock and Miss Shevaugh and Yuma Ray playing original Americana music. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, June 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is Jazz and Blues Café Night with pianist John Guernsey. From 8 to 11 p.m. Queen of the New Deal annual Blues Festival Stacy Brooks plays blues and traditional R&B.

Saturday, June 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar. From 8 to 11 p.m. Long Time Coming plays mostly acoustic rock and roll.

On Sunday, June 19 the weekly Sign Language Brunch Discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the front room. The Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. is the monthly Kids’ Open Microphone session. From 5 to 8 p.m., singer-songwriter Mark Fosson demonstrates why he is called an amazing guitarist.

Next Week

On Monday, June 20 at 7 p.m. the monthly Reel and Meal at the New Deal features “Finding Our Voices: Stories of American Dissent.” The documentary, with footage of street protests against the Iraq war in D.C. and elsewhere, highlights people who speak out against the government. The film is free; an optional veg-an buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. Trevor Reichman from the Texas desert plays gothic country and Americana – his songs describe everything from Folsom Prison to office work to comedic songs about Jack and the Beanstalk and the “Dollar Store Bible.” On Wednesday, June 22 there will be a special performance by John Kadlecik. Kadlecik tours with Further, the latest band founded by surviving Grateful Dead members and plays rock/jam band/psychedelic with the John K Band. Seating is limited, with reservations recommended. Open Microphone Night hosted by the Songwriters Association of Washington will be held Thursday, June 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, June 24 Greenbelter Rob Petrie will provide “Cold Hard Cash,” a tribute and re-creation of the sound and spirit of Johnny Cash from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 25 from 8 to 11 features the Jelly Roll Mortals with original semi-acoustic rock. Sunday, June 26 there will be a jazz guitar performance by James Benson from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and a blues jam from 5 to 8 p.m.

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aggravated assaults were also down. This good news was offset by a sharp increase in B&Es for that sector, from 10 to 21.

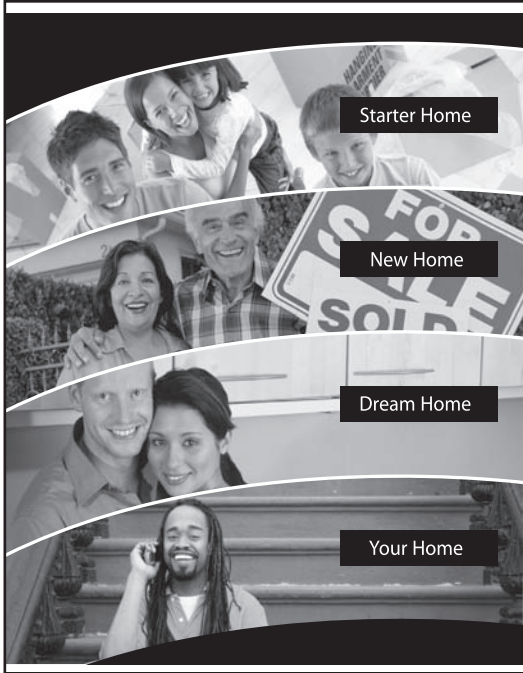
Craze said his officers are well aware of this recent rise in burglaries. They are following up on some good leads and he expected to be reporting apprehensions in the near future.

For Greenbelt Center, the 53 reported crimes equaled that for the first four months of 2010. The most significant change occurred in the number of robberies committed – eight this year as compared to one last year.

Of these, one involved the robbery of the Greenbelt Credit Union, a case according to Craze, which is under investigation by the FBI. Two others were closed by arrests – in one case, a non-resident adult and in the other by two juveniles, one a resident.

In the other five cases, suspects have been identified but in four the victims, for various reasons, have declined or are

expected to decline to prosecute. Crimes were up by two for motor vehicle thefts, remained the same for B&Es and increased by one for rape in Greenbelt Center. These increases were offset by decreases in aggravated assaults and larcenies.



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musician Melissa Sites led some of the students in animal songs and dances.

“Talent Show” was the title of a story the second grade had been reading in school, so they made puppets and painted backdrops. Fourth grade students painted a mural with artist Lucy Dirksen, depicting the different ecosystems represented in Maryland. Fifth graders were studying westward expansion, so artist Sarah Garcia guided them through making a paper quilt reminiscent of the memory quilts pioneers had made. They also painted Native American-style animal totems.

In preparation for the school’s annual Multicultural Dinner, the first grade made Mexican coil pots and Oaxaca-style painted animals and explored Mexican songs, dances and musical instruments, while third graders tried out some different kinds of African art. Since sixth graders took their field trip close to Earth Day, they painted Mother Earth posters and created hand-made books from recycled materials.

Most students also had the opportunity to take a juggling workshop with circus instructor Greg May. They learned how to spin plates and juggle scarves and balls while at the same time improving their listening skills, hand-eye coordination, persistence, patience and self-confidence.

As well as coordinating annual field trips to the Community Center, the Recreation Department has brought the arts into the school.

In-School Programs

In November Community Center dance instructors Angella Foster and Shannon Brauner-Potsiadlo went into the school to do creative movement workshops with the kindergarten classes.

The Recreation Department has also run a weekly after-school art class at the school. Children from all grade levels enjoyed painting, collage and sculpture, often using recycled materials or items from nature which they had gathered from the school grounds.

On June 2 Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald led workshops for the third and fourth grade students at the school as part of their Career Day event.

Students learned about the role of artists, curators, art-handlers, preparators and docents in presenting art exhibitions through activities. In one round, teams of students created living “one-minute sculptures” devel-



Fifth grader Faith Ekhatore helps to assemble a paper quilt.



Above, Greg May teaches a group of second graders how to spin plates.

At right, first grader Evelyn Yun with her Mexican coil pot.



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oped by Austrian artist Erwin Wurm. Students erupted in loud, joyful cheers when their teammates completed the pieces. Several asked to take home photographs of Wurm’s work so they could create the sculptures again at home.

School staff observing the various arts workshops throughout the year have been happy to see the children engaged and having fun with no threats or fear of failure, being able to express themselves and make connections between art and the textbook material they study at school.

One teacher summed it up: “Awesome!”

Anne Gardner is an arts education specialist with the Greenbelt Recreation Department.



Second graders Bahati Wilmore, Donovan Goggins and Marcela Jose work on their art projects.

City Notes

Animal control staff report one dog that had been abandoned in a laundry room was taken into custody and one snake was removed from a resident’s home.

Planning staff met with representatives for Greenbelt Station’s south core to discuss progress on finding a new builder.

Recreation staff continues to work with a contractor to make improvements to the Braden Field tennis courts. Contract terms are being reviewed, as well as contingency items related to the work.

One of the HVAC systems at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gym was successfully installed and is working properly. The gym re-opened for use on Friday, June 10.

Rangers reported no suspicious activity at Northway Fields or Hamilton Community Gardens

after a group was spotted using a firearm at Northway Fields two weeks ago.

Riversdale Offers Free Jazz Concerts

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