

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Moving to Greenbelt

### Recollections of an Early Greenbelter

*A combination of women's history month and the death on January 15 of Elizabeth Harrington, Greenbelt's mayor from 1949 to 1951, gives new currency to a taped interview conducted with her nine years ago—on December 1, 1980. For this oral history project at the University of Maryland, Harrington ranged widely over the events of her life. A native of Mississippi, where she was educated, Harrington moved to New York City, where she earned a Master's degree in religious education at Columbia University. She then worked for several years before her marriage as a member of the national board of the YWCA.*

*Believing that her memories of wartime Greenbelt and her role in local politics might interest our readers, we here share with you excerpts from that interview. The student interviewer was Robert Douglas.*

*We are grateful to the Tugwell Room of the Greenbelt Library for making this transcription available.*

We came to Greenbelt to live because it was the only place we could find at the time. This was during World War II, and we had no information about the community. My husband came to work in the Defense Department, in the Pentagon, I believe, at that time.

We heard that you could apply for an apartment—row house, we lived in a row house. We liked it, our children loved it. There was a swimming pool, playgrounds, woods around to build tree houses in for the boys. It was a wonderful little community, it really was.

We went to Greenbelt with the expectation of staying four or five months while we looked around for a more suitable place to live. And we stayed nine years. We became very deeply involved in the community. My husband and I both were presidents of various community organizations—there were lots of them. The community probably, one might think, was over organized. But it was organized in such a way that there was great cooperation between the various organizations and we felt that it was for the betterment of the community that it was done on a cooperative basis. The grocery store, and, I believe, all the other stores were cooperatively run. I know the gas station was.

At first I thought it was a very unfriendly place because we lived up in the new section. (She means the defense homes area during the war.) Everybody else was new, nobody knew anybody. And finally, because I was at home all the time, and I had an old car, I used to push the mail truck up the little hill with it when the mail truck wouldn't budge. Finally, the younger people around us realized that I was at home all the time. They were lonely because most of their husbands were off in the service. So they would congregate at my house. I didn't like that particularly. My husband used to say, "Well, they're lonely." And I would say, "Well, I'm not, and I wish they would seek out the lonely people." But having a car—well, I took people that I had never heard of to the grocery store which was then a mile away. We lived up on Pla-

teau Place, I think that's about a mile from the present grocery store. But I would take people grocery shopping, I would take them to the Health Association to see the doctor. One day I picked up a lady who had had too much to drink. I always picked up anybody; somebody said that was the reason I got elected to the Council, my old Plymouth was so sturdy and reliable. She said to me, "Do you know the Chief of Police?" and I said, "Yes." She said, "So do I." And then she told me that she was going to the bus station and going back into Washington to live. I was greatly relieved to find out that she didn't live in Greenbelt.

I was on the Board of the Health Association. We had a small health association and we employed our doctors, spread our fees, and had a cooperative arrangement with Group Health in Washington for the service of specialists. (My husband) was president of the Civic Association, I was president of the PTA, he was on the Board of the Co-op which owned and operated the stores. He was also on the Board of the Housing Association. Greenbelt was owned by the federal government but it was to be sold and people who lived there felt it should be sold to a cooperative that was managed by the residents. And it was eventually, but not in time for us to stay there. We had to move because my parents were coming to live with us.

(To Be Continued)

#### A NOTE OF CAUTION

The News Review wishes to warn our patrons that the signs outside the parking area for the red brick apartment buildings adjacent to our office at 15 Parkway mean business. Cars are towed away—often within minutes—and the fee to retrieve them is \$100 cash.

When visiting our office, we recommend that you park where our staff members do—in the municipal parking lot at the east end of the co-op supermarket. The walk is less than a block and the price is free.

## Center Team Second In Odyssey of the Mind

The first team of students from Greenbelt Center School ever to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind competition placed second during the opening round of competition held recently at Prince Georges Community College. Team members Jeff Timer, T.J. Lubej, Antonio Fominaya, Melissa Barber, Katy Roberts, Heather Hart and Megan Thomas, all 5th grade students, competed against students from throughout the county, including those from magnet schools.

The Center School team has been preparing for this event since the fall. They were coached by Carole Lubetzky, a 5th grade teacher at Center School, with some special assistance given by Ernest Vinson, James Parks and Mark McCoy.

Team member T.J. Lubej made a special contribution to the proceedings. His design was selected in a separate contest to be used on the program cover.

The Odyssey of the Mind (O-M) is an annual competition involving students from first grade through high school. Its focus is on creative problem solving, often within a specified time frame. Teams compete on the county, state and national level.

The Center School team is one of two non-magnet school teams going on to the state competition which will be held at the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus on April 28. From there it could be on to the nationals for Greenbelt's OM team.

## Earth Day Committee Sets Cleanup Days in Greenbelt

Greenbelt Earth Day Committee will sponsor "Clean Up Greenbelt" days on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8. This will be a time for citizens to show pride in their community and concern for the earth by going out and picking up trash in their neighborhoods. There is a need to have people clean up the area around the lake and for a few daring people willing to put on boots.

Volunteers are asked to wear green to identify themselves. Suggested times for the clean up are between 1 and 3 p.m. when volunteers will be interviewed. A contest will be held for people who wish to state in a few sentences why cleaning up Greenbelt is worth the bother. Entries will be collected at the clean-up, or entries can be mailed or dropped off at 56B Crescent Road before April 15. The prize for the best entry will be a tree adopted in the winner's name in the City's Adopt-A-Tree program. All ages are welcome. Call 345-0410 to volunteer.

## CALLING ALL GARDENERS

The Greenbelt Garden Club still has garden plots available. The 80 foot x 50 foot plots are located in communal garden areas. There is a nominal fee. For information call 474-8483.

## BARC Buildings Will Get Many Major Improvements

by Helen Webb

Greenbelt city council met with new Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) director Dr. Essex Finney at a worksession on March 19. Following a presentation on the planned restoration of much of BARC, Dr. Finney addressed questions from council and Greenbelt citizens.

### Restorations

Emphasizing that the restorations will improve the quality of research at BARC, and therefore decrease the likelihood of parcels of the center being sold to developers, Dr. Finney outlined the recommendations resulting from a one-and-a-half year study by Gilford and Associates of South Carolina. The consultant's report recommended making major improvements to BARC's infrastructure by renovating existing buildings, constructing new facilities, and modernizing utilities (steam, water and electricity production and distribution).

Dr. Finney said that BARC's greenhouses, many of which date back to the 1930's, are expensive to heat and are inadequate for many current research needs. The greenhouses are among the first facilities being renovated, at a cost of \$23 million over the next nine years. He also said that the report recommends spending \$68 million over 12 years to gut and totally rebuild a number of buildings, and that new construction has been planned to reflect the center's shift from field to lab-based research, at a cost of \$45 million over 14 years. Additionally, Dr. Finney said that the report recommends spending \$20 million over the next 10 years on continuing maintenance at BARC.

Council member Joe Isaacs expressed concern about whether the plan would be fully funded by Congress. Dr. Finney responded that the area's representatives had been quite effective at advancing the concerns of the center and the community, and that the consultant's report had been a valuable document to present to the General Accounting Office to justify the cost of renovations.

Questions and Answers  
Members of council expressed

### Family Fun Walk at BARC

A family fun walk will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m. The five-mile walk will begin at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Powder Mill Road, Beltsville (across from the Log Lodge). Refreshments, prizes, exhibitors and entertainment will all be part of this Sunday afternoon outdoor fun. Pre-registration is necessary by April 18.

For information and registration call 445-4500; TDD 445-4507. This event is sponsored by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince Georges County.

### What Goes On

Mon., April 2, 7:45 p.m. Special City Council Meeting on Pool Rates followed by Worksession on Budget Requests of Recreation Organizations, Municipal Building  
Tues., April 3, 8 p.m. Public Safety Budget, Police Facility Multipurpose Room.  
Wed., April 4, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Municipal Building  
Thurs., April 5, 7:30 p.m. GEAC Meeting, Greenbriar Community Building

concerns that parcels of BARC may be sold or that environmentally sensitive areas of the center may be jeopardized. Dr. Finney said that although "there will always be pressure" on the government to divest itself of pieces of BARC, he will try to maintain the facility at its present size. He also assured the council members that no BARC development would take place in wetlands. To assist in this effort, Dr. Finney said that the center's plan for land use and management is being updated.

Council member Thomas X. White asked Dr. Finney about BARC's stance on the expansion of Edmonston Road. Dr. Finney responded that, like council, he was against the expansion.

Greenbelt citizen Eunice Coxon voiced concerns about hazardous waste disposal at BARC, asking if any of the recent violations BARC was cited for by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) could have resulted in air or water pollution. Dr. Finney said that the problems that CDC identified at BARC concerned the incorrect storage of chemicals, resulting in vials of substances being kept for longer than is currently allowed. He said that procedures for chemical storage have been changed and are being strictly enforced, and that CDC did not find any evidence that any hazardous chemicals had improperly entered the environment.

### EXTRA STATE TAX HELP AVAILABLE DURING APRIL

All 15 Maryland income tax offices will offer extra hours of free taxpayer assistance beginning April 2 and extending through the April 16 filing deadline.

In addition, all state income tax offices are open during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. State tax experts at each location will answer any questions, provide the necessary forms, and even complete Maryland income tax returns free of charge. Taxpayers must bring a completed copy of their federal returns and all W-2 statements to take advantage of this free service.

The addresses and telephone numbers of all Maryland income tax offices are listed on the back of the state tax packet and in most local telephone directories. The statewide toll-free number for state taxpayer assistance is 1-800-MD TAXES.

### Park Group Meets

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will meet on Monday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room in the Greenbelt library. The public is invited.

## News Review

### Office Hours

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## THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks to the City for staying on top of the Dimilin spraying program and to Eric Berlin for his informative letter. It is my hope that the welfare of our trees will continue to be a top priority when future projects are considered

Tom Barlett

## THANKS

To the Editor:

Ann and I thank everyone who has expressed their sympathies upon learning of Ann's illness. I, Tony, especially am grateful to everyone who has offered their help in a time of need.

We thank you for your sincere concern. Love to you all.

Ann & Tony Pisano

## THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks to all our friends and neighbors for their beautiful expressions and help upon the death of Martin Holly on January 31. We greatly appreciated your caring.

Special thanks to the Greenbelt Rescue Squad for their prompt arrival to help.

Florence Holly and Family

## An Oversight

To the Editor:

This letter is to correct an oversight in the March 8 edition of the News Review. Reference was made in the lead article, "Greenbelt Leads Car Theft Rate in Washington Metropolitan Area," that the only active Crime Watch in operation in Greenbelt is in Springhill Lake under the direction of Sara Bomberg.

While it is true that Springhill Lake has had a successful, long-standing Crime Watch, there is one other that deserves equal recognition. Greenbriar Phase III, under the capable leadership of Dorothy Pyles, has had a Crime Watch program for many years. Pyles, too, has received the Governor's Award for outstanding crime prevention activity.

The Police Department greatly appreciates the support of Pyles and Bomberg and the programs they conduct. They truly are examples of the way Crime Watch programs should be run.

James R. Craze  
Chief of Police

## Explaining Our Position

To the Editor:

Four members of the Lakeside Citizens' Association went to the City Council meeting on February 26 to press for action on the Master Plan for Buddy Attick Lake Park, and to appeal for a stop to further building and "development" of the park until such a plan is adopted.

The March 15 News Review correctly reported this concern, but the story may have given readers a misleading impression

of how the newly-constructed picnic shelters figured into our appeal. We have not criticized the City for replacing deteriorating shelters with new ones. In fact, we have praised this much-needed refurbishment. They are tastefully designed and well made.

Our point was that three shelters had been erected north of, and adjacent to the footpath, in an area heretofore protected from such development. Our fear was that these structures might signify the incremental conversion of a natural, wooded area to an area destined for high-density use. The point of having a Master Plan is that it would provide guidance on which areas of the park should be used for picnic tables, as well as a formula for maintenance and conservation.

On the day after the Council meeting, City staff removed two of the three shelters. The Council decided to leave one shelter in place, but to equip it with a bench for strollers rather than a picnic table.

Since July 1989 the Master Plan has been "on hold." Now, apparently, it is again on the Council's agenda. We hope that Council will act soon to save the park from further unplanned development.

Willard Larkin  
President, Lakeside  
Citizens' Association

Editor's Note: The News Review reporter visited the Lake Park on March 10 to see the shelters. Finding only one shelter north of the path, she reported that only one had been built.

## ERHS Woodwind Ensemble Presents Goodbye Concert

A "Bon Voyage" concert will be presented by the Eleanor Roosevelt Wind Ensemble on Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. The Wind Ensemble will present works which they will perform during their upcoming trip to Europe.

The public is invited to attend this program. There is no charge.

## Roosevelt Stamp Display At Greenbelt Library

President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor will be the subjects of a special stamp display, to be located in the glass case outside the Tugwell Room on the main floor of the Greenbelt library. It can be seen during the regular library hours through Monday, April 30.

Included are unusual "first day covers," stamps from over 30 foreign countries honoring the Roosevelts, as well as rare domestic items. FDR was probably the most famous stamp collector of the 20th century. He had a collection of over one and a half million stamps, most of which were sold at auction in 1949. One of the special items on display will be the "first day cover" of the 1934 Maryland stamp from the President's personal collection. Roosevelt actively promoted, and even designed, several stamps. Copies of his personal sketches will be shown.

The display is the private collection of Dr. Keith A. Winsell. Dr. Winsell, who moved to Greenbelt in the summer of 1986 wrote the 1945-1957 chapter of the 50-year history of the community and has served on the Board of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

He will be leaving in early May to become Associate Director of The Amistad Research Center at Tulane University in New Orleans.

## Our Neighbors

by Dorrie Bates, 345-5961

It's a girl for Cindie and Craig Fitzreiter of Columbia. Katherine Grace made her debut March 20 weighing 7 lbs. 3 ozs. Proud grandparents are Pat and Dick Fitzreiter of Greenbelt and Burt and Audrey Steinman of Laurel.

Congratulations to Mariam Hunanian who was selected recently from the alternate list to perform with the Maryland Junior All-state Band. The band rehearsed and performed at Annapolis High School.

## Wanted: Golden Memories Or Dreams of the Future

The Maryland Office on Aging announces the third annual "Maryland You Are Beautiful" Senior Citizen Creative Writing Contest for persons age 60 or over.

Entrants must never have been employed as professional writers. Entries must be printed, or typed double space, and limited to 600 words, and are limited to one per person. Entries must be received or postmarked by April 9.

Entries should be mailed to:  
The Prince Georges County Department of Aging, 5012 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781, Attn: Lorraine Burdette.



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

The City Council will hold a SPECIAL MEETING

on

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1990 - 7:45 P.M.

to consider the following resolution for second reading and final passage:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH NEW ADMISSION FEES FOR THE GREENBELT SWIMMING POOL; AND TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NUMBER 663

Gudrun H. Mills, CHC  
City Clerk

## NOTE:

The special meeting will be followed by a Council work session for review of the budget requests of various city recreation groups.



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## Museum Auction

Sunday, April 8, 3-7 p.m.

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1990 SCHEDULE

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- 10-4 Earth Fair - environmental displays  
Photo and Poster Contest and Videos
- 9:00 Walking Softly on the Earth - Tai Chi
- 9:00 Bird Walk with Bob Caswell
- 9:30 Plant Walk with Dr. James Duke
- 10:30 Teach-In with the EPA and PG County
- 11-1 Face Painting, Woods Walk for Kids & Families
- 12:00 Sufi Dancing to Celebrate the Earth
- 1:00 Folk Dancing to Celebrate the Earth
- 1:30 Tree Planting with Entertainment
- 2:30 Parade - will your organization be involved?
- 3:00 Hands Around Greenbelt Lake



## Calendar of Events

March 31 - Saturday

Welcome Back the Sounds of  
THE BIG BAND ERA  
TRUX BALDWIN

AND

THE STARLITE ORCHESTRA

and featuring songstress Miss Karen Henderson  
Center Stage Time: 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

April 7 - Saturday thru April 14 - Sunday

HAVE YOUR EASTER PICTURES TAKEN  
WITH THE ROVING EASTER BUNNY  
Time: 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

April 21 - Saturday and April 22 - Sunday

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S  
"DANCERS AGAINST CANCER"  
ANNUAL - JAIL & BAIL-A-THON  
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and  
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Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 28 - Saturday

THE ASIAN PACIFIC CULTURAL ARTS GROUP  
Center Stage

Time: 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
6198 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Call 422-3300 for information

## Herling Benefit Concert Nets Arts Center \$1700

The March 3 benefit concert by pianist and arts patron Al Herling was a financial success too. The net proceeds from the event totaled about \$3,400. The sponsors, the Greenbelt Art Center and the Prince Georges County Arts Council, will divide this money with the local share \$1,700. About 360 people attended the concert.

The Arts Center had already announced that its share would go into a Facilities Development Fund, to help pay for the interior of the performing arts theater anticipated for the planned Community Center.

### Fund at \$4,700

In announcing the results of the benefit, the Arts Center also announced that it has allocated an additional \$2,000 from its remaining 1989-90 money to the fund. Moreover, American Legion Post 136 made a post-concert donation of \$1,000 to the Arts Center, which also went into the fund. As a result, the Facilities Development Fund has \$4,700 committed to it. The Arts Center has pledged not to use the money for any other purpose.

### Additional Contributions

Much of the money contributed for the concert was in donations, in addition to ticket sales. Many of the ticket buyers voluntarily paid more than the ticket price. There were also some separate large contributions. A significant percentage of the contributors were from outside Greenbelt.

Aside from the money contributors, the event also benefited from in-kind contributions, a few of which were substantial. Most significant was the post-concert reception, contributed by Deanne Lange of 5 Pinecrest Court and several of her friends. The piano was loaned by the Baldwin Company. Services of the piano movers and piano tuner (Mike Trairs) were at no cost to the Arts Center. The printing of the program and promotional material was likewise a contribution. The Bakers and Confectioners Union provided the cake for the reception.

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### State Income Tax Tips

Approximately 80,000 errors have been spotted on state tax returns filed so far, including more than 17,000 returns which were filed unnecessarily. "If you're single and under 65, you don't have to file a Maryland return unless you earn \$5,100 or more last year or you're filing to get a refund for taxes withheld from your pay," said Maryland State Comptroller Louis Goldstein.

Students and other dependent taxpayers do not have to file a state return unless their income was at least \$5,100 for 1989.

Married couples who are both 65 or older are not required to file unless their gross income was \$10,400 or more, in 1989.

Mr. Goldstein said, "You should file if you are due a refund of taxes withheld, regardless of your income."

"Many taxpayers are entering the wrong exemption amounts. You are allowed the same number of exemptions on your Maryland return as you claimed on your federal return, but the dollar amounts are different," he explained.

Goldstein noted that all state income taxpayers (except dependent taxpayers) may claim a personal exemption of \$1,100 on the 1989 Maryland income tax return now being filed. Taxpayers 65 or older or blind may also claim an additional exemption of \$1,000.

"We're also continuing to notice that many taxpayers filing the Maryland short form 503 are cheating themselves by going to the tax table to find their tax too soon—before subtracting the dollar value of their standard deduction and personal exemption. Don't make that mistake because it can cost you hundreds of dollars in unnecessary state and local income tax," he said.

The comptroller noted that the Maryland tax tables were redesigned to follow the pattern of the federal tables. "So if you're using the 1989 Maryland short form, be certain to subtract your standard deduction and personal exemption before you go to the tax table," Mr. Goldstein said.

The toll-free number of assistance is 1-800-MD TAXES.

### Yard Sale Benefits Hotline

A yard sale to benefit the Prince Georges County Hotline & Suicide Preventive Center will be held on Saturday, April 7 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eleanor Roosevelt Center Mall. Donations to the yard sale are tax deductible and very much needed. Contributions can be picked up in advance by calling 731-4922, or dropped off between 7 and 9 a.m. on April 7.

### Fertilize Trees Soon

by Bill Phelan, city horticulturist

The proper time for fertilizing trees is rapidly approaching. Spring fertilizer applications may help a weak or slow growing oak tree survive attack by gypsy moth caterpillars. If the new growth on the tree is less than nine inches per year people should consider fertilizing the tree. The best time to do this is March or early April.

The easiest way to apply the fertilizer is to broadcast it evenly over the entire area under the tree and to a distance slightly outside the drip-line of the tree. First, roughly calculate the number of square feet—the area under the tree. Apply about two pounds of actual nitrogen for each 1,000 square feet. If using a fertilizer labeled 20-20-20 it will be necessary to apply ten pounds since the first of the series of numbers tells the percentage of nitrogen in the fertilizer. Generally fertilizers with a 2-1-2 ratio are used for fertilizing trees.

The problem with the broadcast method of fertilizer application is it may cause the grass under the tree to be much greener and to grow much faster than the rest of the lawn. An alternate method is to drill holes every two feet in the same area under the tree. The holes should be at least two inches in diameter and no deeper than 18 inches. The same amount of fertilizer is then divided equally among the holes and the remainder of the hole is filled with sand and capped with a plug of grass that was saved when the hole was drilled.

### Concert at Mishkan Torah

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Prevailing Winds" in concert at the Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m. For reservation or information call 441-1033.

### Lenten Message at Mowatt

The sixth in a series of seven Lenten messages will be given at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. Lay member Robert J. Biscoe will speak on "Victory," reflecting on Christ's saying, "It is Finished."

Biscoe has been a member of Mowatt since 1989. He helped in Bible School this past year and helps in the church nursery during Sunday services. Currently he is serving on the Board of Trustees. Before moving to Maryland, he was an active member of the UM Church in Bentleyville, PA for 10 years. Employed at the U.S. Mint for 3 years, he is married to wife Gayle and has two daughters. The public is invited.

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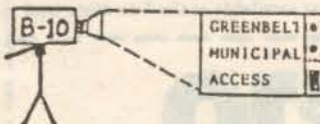
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On March 17 employees of the Greenbelt Marriott requested assistance in evicting several people from a room after suspected marijuana was found just outside their room. As the officers approached the room, they could smell marijuana wafting out of the room. Two nonresident males, aged 24 and 34, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Another nonresident male, 24 years old, had 20 baggies (approximately 101 grams) of suspected marijuana on him. He was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All three men appeared before a District Court Commissioner; the first two were held on \$5,000 bond pending trial and the third was held on \$10,000 bond pending trial.

Upon stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road on March 19, Officer Marty Parker found that the license plate on the vehicle was stolen. He also found some marijuana and a stolen wallet inside the vehicle. He arrested the 19-year-old nonresident male driver, who was charged with two counts of theft and possession of marijuana. The young man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$1,000 bond pending trial.

**Disorderly Conduct**

After responding to a report of a fight in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza near Bennigan's restaurant on March 16, Officer Richard Sullivan arrested two of the participants. One, a 20-year-old male resident, was charged with disorderly conduct;

he was released on a citation pending trial. The other, a 27-year-old nonresident male, was charged with battery as well as with disorderly conduct. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

**Breaking & Entering**

On March 16 a resident in the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy. reported a breaking and entering to his apartment. Entry had been gained through a window that had been left ajar. Assorted change and a watch were stolen.

Another breaking and entering

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