

Council Seeks Repair for Statue And Endorses WSSC Impact Fee

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council dealt with ". . . dirty water, dirt piles and . . . a dirty statue," (in the words of Councilmember Thomas White) at its January 25 regular meeting. At issue were the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center, topsoil stockpiled in the Northway area and a proposed impact fee on new development.

Mother and Child

The Mother and Child Statue has been damaged over the years by vandalism and the elements. "A few years ago, the city staff painted it after attempts to remove graffiti were unsuccessful. The city has considered various options for renovating the statue, including hiring an artist to recarve it, but has been unable to secure adequate funds or consistent advice on how best to restore the statue.

Eric Berlin, city administra-tive assistant, reported to council on the history of the statue and the city's attempts to determine how best to restore it. He said that, based upon the advice he has received, it appears that painting the statue was a mistake and may be causing further damage to the stone. Council unanimously approved a motion calling for removal of the paint and directing the Arts Advisory Committee to take an active role in determining how best to renovate or protect the statue.

Systems Development Fee

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is seeking state authorization to impose a "systems development charge" to cover the costs related to serving new construction. The fees would be charged to the property developers, who would most likely pass the costs onto the eventual purchasers or tenants. Council voted 4-1, with council member Antoinette Bram opposed, to support the fee.

County council member Richard Castaldi told the city council

State's Atty. to Hold Community Meeting

Prince Georges County State's Attorney Alexander Williams, Jr. will host a community meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on February 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting is designed to give residents an overview of criminal justice in Prince Georges County from his perspective.

Williams will also share crime statistics as well as discuss crime legislation pending before the Maryland General Assembly. Citizens will have an opportunity to talk directly with Williams and express their concerns about crime. that it appeared that the neces-sary legislation could be passed by the state legislature, if the municipal governments were on record supporting the measure. He pointed out that several other jurisdictions already have the authority to impose such fees and that separate action by the Prince Georges and Montgomery County Councils would be re-quired to actually impose the fee. Bram said she could not support the fee without knowing its impact on new homeowners. In addition, she wanted a cap on the increases faced by current ratepayers. Castaldi argued that most first time homebuyers purchase existing, not new homes, and would not be affected by the fee. Capping WSSC rates

could result in deterioration of maintenance, he said. Northway Dirt Piles

The city has acquired wood chips and approximately 10,000 cubic yards of topsoil free of charge, from the contractor clearing the Metro site. The material is being stored near the Northway fields.

Way fields. City Manager Daniel Hobbs raid the topsoil is certified high quality and that the soil and chips will be used for a variety of city projects and will be made available to citizens without charge. He assured council that adequate sediment controls will be placed around the materials and that the dirt pile will be seeded to create an "attractive berm."

Council member Rodney Roberts told Hobbs that councilmembers should have been informed of the decision to place the dirt at Northway. He said that city staff had previously agreed not to dump any more dirt at Northway and questioned the placement of the pile, which he said blocked access to trails.

he said blocked access to trails. Hobbs apologized for not notifying council. He said the city staff has taken actions to prevent dumping on the site, with police department cooperation. However, he said the dirt in question was being "stockpiled," not dumped. Hobbs did not recall any promise not to use the the area for materials storage.

Public Works Director Carl Hirsch said the contractor would be returning the next day to reshape the dirt pile within the confines set by the city. This will reopen access to the trails.

Arts Facility

The Greenbelt Arts Center has recommended that a "first-class performing arts facility" be constructed at the planned community center. The Arts Advisory Committee recommended consideration of the Arts Center's proposal and recommended that the city hire a theater-design consultant to develop the plan further. Council accepted the report for future consideration.

Lake Park Concession Council approved changes in the lake park concession stand lease splitting the cost of electricity between the city and the operator, and temporarily reducing the franchise fee. Other Actions

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld swore in Jeffrey S. Eckrich as a city police officer. Eckrich has been a cadet in the city force since September 1989. He was not previously old enough to serve as a sworn police officer. Eckrich has completed his academy training and on January 31 began his field training in the city. Council reappointed Booker Hughes and Rabbi Saul Grife to

Council reappointed Booker Hughes and Rabbi Saul Grife to the Community Relations Advisory Board; Dial Silvers, Barbara Simon and Eileen Peterson to the Arts Advisory Committee; Julian Weiss to the Crime Prevention Committee; Leonie Penney and Martha Price to the Recycling Advisory Committee; Marjorie Bergemann, Helen Geller and Leonie Penney to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Dan Frend to the Youth Advisory Committee.

Local Pilot Crashes

by Mary Lou Williamson David Spiegelthal, 35, the Greenbelt pilot who landed his disabled four-seater plane in a residential area in Lanham on Sunday, is reported to be improving in his recovery at Prince Georges Hospital Center. Spiegelthal was brought by ambulance to the hospital in critical condition. Surgeons repaired facial cuts and bruises and a fractured leg. On Tuesday Spiegelizial's con dition was upgraded to "good" and he was expected to be moved from intensive care to a regular room, according to Kristina Smith, spokesperson for the hospital.

On a trip from Friendly, in Southern Maryland, to Laurel, the pilot experienced engine trouble and sought guidance from air traffic controllers at Andrews Air Force Base. Spiegelithal was directed to the College Park Airport, about a mile beyond the crash site. The pilot was able to put the small plane down on the front lawn of a house on Martina Terrace damaging only the lawn, a tree limb and perhaps a car. Damage to plane and pilot were moderate.

According to air safety inspector Margaret Napolitan of the National Transportation Safety Boards's Washington field office, the wreckage of the plane is being stored at the College Park Airport, Napolitan was expected to inspect the engine and fuel lines Wednesday to see what happened for safety reasons. Commenting on the piolt's landing, she said, "Spiegelthal did a good job avoiding objects."

Spiegelthal, who grew up in Greenbelt, lives in the 9 court of Research Road.



Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze pins badge on Greenbelt's newest police officer, Officer Jeffrey S. Eckrich, left, after graduation ceremony held at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold on January 29.

- photo by J. Henson

City Council, by 4-1 Vote, OK's Cafe-Cinema Proposal

by Diane Oberg

On a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed, the Greenbelt City Council voted to support Greenbelt Theater owner Paul Sanchez's request for state legislation authorizing county theaters to apply for a license to sell beer and wine in a cafe-cinema operation. Council also recommended restrictions on the license, including minimum size and investment, a requirement for a no alcohol family matinee, and limiting the hours of alcohol sales.

In opposing the motion, Roberts questioned whether alcohol is really a prerequisite for the theater or for a viable center. Without restrictions in the legislation prohibiting fights and other types of entertainment, he said requests for such events would be only subject to liquor board approval and he did not trust the liquor board to respect the city's requests.

In an attempt to obtain Roberts' support, Weidenfeld suggested and council agreed to amend the motion to require a separate contract between Sanchez and the city, binding upon future owners, that the type of entertainment will not be changed without city approval. Roberts voted against the revised mction.

In order for Sanchez to open under new format, first the state legislature would have to approve legislation establishing the new license; then Sanchez would have to apply to the county liquor board to obtain such a license.

One concern raised by several people during council's discussions on the issue was the possibility that Sanchez would offer other entertainment, such as live shows or big-screen TV. Such features might attract a different clientele than the current mix of movies, and offer greater opportunities for patrons to get drunk. City Solicitor Robert Manzi told council that any change from feature films would require liquor board approval. No Smoking

Sanchez told council that, contrary to a report in a county newspaper, he does not own the Bethesda Cinema and Drafthouse. He also said that he would not permit smoking in the theater, because it would be "too much of a hassle." Manzi doubted that the fire marshal would permit smoking in the old, unsprinklered theater.

Roberts challenged Sanchez in several areas. He reported on visits to several of Sanchez's other theaters, saying that they were no better attended than the Greenbelt theater. He charged that he saw unaccompanied minors purchasing tickets to R-rated films and questioned how well the restrictions on the sale of alcohol would be enforced.

White Skeptical

Council member Thomas White was also skeptical. He could not understand, he said, how a theater with so much support could be not economically viable. He asked for updates on the Greenbelt location's financial status, but said he would continue to be skeptical.

Sanchez countered that he would like nothing more than to maintain the theater in its current format and "not invest another dime." He expects to invest an additional \$183,000 to convert to the cafe-cinema format (including construction, furnishings, licensing fee and other expenses). That, he said, is a lot to invest in a business that has already lost more than \$200,000.

Sanchez discounted the anecdotal evidence of attendance. He said his other theaters in general attracted much larger See COUNCIL, page 8, col. 1

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

We urge the Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation giving the county council the authority to establish development impact fees for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. We do so for two reasons.

First, this is not a state issue. The bill puts the decision in the hands of the county council, where it belongs. Se-cond, we see no reason why those building new developments should not be expected to pay the costs of providing the needed water and sewer service. Current ratepayers are facing large enough increases to maintain the system and meet increasing environmental standards.

Some people charge that the building and development industry would be hurt by these fees. We are not impressed with these claims. Developers in nearby jurisdictions are already paying similar charges. If the legislation forces developers to consider more of the total costs of their actions in evaluating their plans, this seems yet another advantage.

Purchasers of new homes and office space have options. They can purchase or rent existing space, which is not affected by the fee. Or they can determine that the property is worth their support of the entire cost of the development. Many current ratepayers have fewer options. They will already be facing sharply increased water/sewer fees and should not have to pay to support new development.

In the interest of fairness to both new and existing ratepayers, we urge our state legislators to pass, without weakening, the legislation authorizing development impact fees

We commend Delegates Joan Pitkin and Mary Conroy, County Councilmember Richard Castaldi and the majority of the Greenbelt City Council for their support of this legislation.



We are still concerned about the parking lot renova-tions planned for Roosevelt Center. The City Council is proceeding rapidly with this project. Bidding and contract award are expected to take place this month. The project will beautify the parking lots and improve vehicle circulation and pedestrian and handicap access at a cost of approximately \$750,000. When complete, there will be 16 more parking spaces than currently exist.

Our main concern is that, although the work will improve the appearance of the lots, it will not address the most important need—that for more parking for Center businesses. There currently is not adequate parking to support a viable center. Whenever council considers changes that could help the businesses prosper, someone always raises the valid concern that a successful business will overwhelm the parking facilities.

The project may also be premature. The city has not yet presented and received comment on plans to accommodate the patrons of the community center planned for Center School. We are disturbed by the reported statement of Planning and Development Director Celia Wilson that the community center would use only existing paved areas.

The City Council needs to have a plan for adequate parking facilities at both the commercial center and the community center before it makes an irrevocable commitment to reconstruct the center lots without significantly increasing parking capacity. The Council needs to tell us where we are going to park.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Condolences to Norman Mc-Carthy and family on the recent death of his mother Estelle.

Rachel Nicole Ridley was born November 29 at Holy Cross Hos-pital, weighing 9 lb. 2 oz. She is welcomed by proud parents Charles and Marilyn Ridley, brother James Mills Jr., and grandmother Jane Craver, all of Ridge Road.

A speedy recovery is wished for Elaine Skolnik who has been down with a bit of pneumonia. Elaine, we miss and need you.

All Greenbelt sends warm greetings to David Spiegelthal who amazingly landed his dis-

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abled plane with almost no damage to anything but himself. He is recovering from surgery at Prince Georges Hospital Center. Get better quick! AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER Greenbelt News Review

Golden Age Club

by Adeline Hinson

A Valentine party will be held on February 10. Please bring your own sandwich. The club will

furnish the punch and other re-

freshments. Come dressed in

Valentine's Day colors and enjoy

On February 17 we will have a Chinese auction. If you have

not already brought in what you want to sell, please do so by no

good fun and company.

later than February 10.

Letters to the Editor

Speak Up

The size of the proposed rate increase by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission you have read about is accurate. The additional 14 percent cuttomers in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties are being asked to pay is one of the largest increments we have requested in recent years. There are legitimate reasons for the increase-and there is a remedy.

Three main factors have become the driving force behind the rate increase: (1) debt service; (2) environmental regulations; (3) growth. The first is the interest we must pay on our capital improvement projectsmore than half of our \$416.8 million operating budget goes toward debt service. Environmental regulations require all water utilities to spend what it takes (\$140 million in our case) to safeguard the public health and conserve resources. The third factor, growth, accounts for about a third of the proposed rate hike. The Commission also lost significlanit revenue last year because of lower water consumption due to above average rainfall.

An important public hearing on the WISSC's budget requests will soon take place, and it would be well worth our customers' time and effort to attend it. The hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. February 10, in the Commission Auditorium at 14501 Sweitzer Lane in Laurel.

We need and encourage your input at the hearings, on how best to fund our projects and operating costs. One option is to proceed with the proposed rate increase. Another is to curtail or eliminate certain capital improvement projects or the level of service currently being provided. Still another recourse is to let growth and new development pay for itself, an expense now borne by all of our customers

Your comments at these meetings may be submitted verbally or in writing. New rates and charges are adopted only after such comments are given full consideration. But to be heard you must make the effort to be there, to let us and your elected officials know the service you expect and how we can meet these demands while spending your dollars wisely. Richard G. Hocevar,

WSSC General Manager

Questionable

I think the selling of alcohol in the Greenbelt Theatre in the same room where children are is a questionable way to bring more profit to the theater owner. Jean Snyder

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One Sided

Democratic Councilman Richard Castaldi recently wrote a blatantly one-sided letter in support of additional taxing authority for WSSC through a Systems Development Charge (SDC).

Unfortunately, his letter is filled with half truths and omissions.

Castaldi began by saying "Yes, folks, we are going to get stuck with double-digit increases in water and sewer bills . . . because citizens like you and I are picking up the cost of expanding the system."

What Castaldi withheld was the fact that WSSC has admitted that rates will increase by double digits whether or not the SDC passes. WSSC has said it will increase rates 10% if it gets the SDC charge and 14% if it does not. That 4% amounts to \$9.60 a year on a water bill of \$60 a quarter.

Castaldi also didn't tell you the WISSC already charges new residents for the cost of bringing water and sewer service from the main pipe to their homes . . . it's called the foot front charge and has been added to all new homes for 23 years.

The real solution to lower rates is for WISSC to get their own costs under control. Any agency that increases its rates by 13.6 percent in FY 93 and then proposes an additional 14 percent increase for FY 94 smacks of mismanagement and fiscal irresponsibility, and certainly should not be given addi-tional taxing authority as espoused by Castaldi.

Barbara A. Dorney, Chairman **Prince Georges County** Republican Central Com.

Is It Essential?

Is it really that essential to have Greenbelt Theaster stay open for the sake of tradition, nostalgia? In these days of company lay-offs, downsizing and bankruptcies, who's to guarantee Sanchez will not decide to close the theater anyway, after all that extensive remodeling is done?

Premoting attendance through the sale of alcohol hardly seems the 'green' thing to do. **Bob** Snyder

The editorial (Walkway Plan Needed) of January 28, was remarkable. Your point was that pupils need a "safe offstreet route to the school." The most remarkable thing here is that somehow children from north of Ridge Road have never had any trouble going by sidewalk (which is complete around the block in question) but that children south of Hillside need a paved trail through the woods. Readers of the News Review will recall that during the debate leading to the vote on where to locate the school, the prevailing view was that potential pupils tended to more populous near the be northend site than near the (more southerly) Center School location. Now we need to pave a trail through the woods to convey fewer children. That's

Also remarkable is the absence of any public demand for action on a trail through this parcel of GHI woods. While PRAB and the News Review editors are entitled to have an opinion on this and any issue, I believe the neighbors (of which I am one) views need to be given due consideration. GHI has concluded a public hearing to solicit the af-fected members' feelings on the disposition of Parcel Z. All the neighbors who came to the hearing (and many more according to a casual survey) were opposed to a paved trail.

remarkable.

Surely the city of Greenbelt has enough demands on its famously stretched budget.

Bob Rashkin

Info Wanted

I'm in the fifth grade at Northeast Elementary in Kearney, Ne-braska. I have adopted your state as a class project. I will be doing a report and other projects. Then later in the school year at a "State Fair," I will display and report everything I have learned about Maryland.

I would appreciate receiving postcards of your state, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, neat places to visit, and any other information you feel would be helpful. Please mail them to: Darbi Lewis, Northeast Elementary, Mr. Haas Class, 910 East 34th St., Kearney, NE 68847.

Thank you from Nebraska. Darbi Lewis

COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS GREENBELT Day and Date **Regular** Meeting Monday, 2/8 8:00 p.m. Council Room Interviews with Board of Appeals Tuesday, 2/9 Applicants 8:00 p.m. - Conference Room and Library Interviews with Applicants for Tuesday, 2/16 Advisory Bcards and Committees 8:00 p.m. - Council Room and Library Legislative Breakfast Thursday, 2/18 in Annapolis 8:00 a.m. Monday, 2/22 **Regular Meeting** Council Room 8:00 p.m.

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Remarkable

Correction

Four area fire departments responded to a call from a resident of Green Ridge House on January 20 at 8:30 p.m. concerning "odorous smoke." Fire fighters spent 15 to 20 minutes searching for smoke both inside and outside the building, but found none, according to Chief John Wynkoop of the Greenbelt Fire Department. The "building fire team" responded to the call, said Wynkoop: Greenbelt, one fire truck; West Lanham Hills, three fire trucks; Berwyn Heights, one ladder truck and one rescue squad; and Branchville, two fire trucks. There were also three ambulances. The officers in charge at the scene were the chiefs from Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights.

Roosevelt Students Present Musical

"Bye, Bye Birdie" is this year's musical presentation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 4-6, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorjum. Tickets at the door. Toastmasters Meet People interested in improving their public speaking skills or

their public speaking skills or getting rid of the nervous jitters they get when they are in front of an audience, may find Toastmasters useful.

Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club is looking for new members. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 9 at 7:15 p.m. Call Dave at 474-9626 for location.

Sarff's Photography At Library Gallery

The Gallery of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System presents works by local photographer Joseph Sarff.

Sarff's show will be on display February 1 through 26. The public is invited to the opening reception to be held on Saturday, February 6 from 3-5 p.m.

The Gallery is in the Greenbelt Branch Library. Gallery hours are Monday-Wednesday 2-5 and 6:30-9 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m.

Painters, sculptors and other visual artists in Prince Georges County are invited to contact the library at 301-699-3500 about booking a show at The Gallery.



Dorothy Lauber, CMC City Clerk

474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before

10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

For information, please call 474-3870.

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Bird Talk

On Sunday, February 7 and 21 at 10 a.m. a Greenbelt Park Ranger will discuss the behavior, feeding characteristics and physical identification of the different species of birds that feed in the park. Participants will also observe the birds at a working feeding station. Meet at the campground entrance. For information call 344-3948.

Arts Center Holds New Play Auditions

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions for the premier production of Bruce McDade's "Small of My Mind." The auditions are scheduled for February 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This fun-filled new play calls for a cast of seven women from their 20s to 70s and one man, aged 20 to 50. The play will be directed by Jim Roberson and produced by Steve Blais. For more information call the Arts Line at 441-8770.

Explorers to Discuss Taxes, Healthy Eating

On Friday, February 5, "Explorations Unlimited" participants will learn about the Department of Family Services tax counseling for the elderly. Paddy Bailey, Al Buschman and Tom Moran, all volunteer tax counselors, will be the presenters. They will inform the participants on what they need to know when filing their tax returns. Questions will be welcomed.

On Friday, February 12, Paula Cook, a consulting dietician for the University of Maryland and Kaiser Permanente, will speak to "Explorations Unlimited" participants on the subject "Can Healthy Eating Be Fun?"

Cook will be presenting general guidelines on how to eat out, and how to prepare foods and still keep one's favorite foods in one's plan. She will be bringing along some healthy recipes, complete with a sampling of fat-free cookies.

Cook's philosophy is: "The answer isn't a diet, it's a healthier way of life; physically, emotionally and spiritually, healthy and happy people."

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Youth Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 474-6878.

Fun at Goddard

A model rocket launch will be held at the Goddard Visitor Center on Sunday, February 7 at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Persons may bring their own rockets for launch or just watch. All launches are supervised and monitored for safety.

A 40-minute video, "Robotics in Space" will be shown on Saturday, February 13 at 1 p.m. Dr. Stan Ollendorf from Goddard explains how robotics are used and tested in the space program.

The Goddard Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located on Soil Conservation Road.

Dating Game Comes To Fountain Lodge

Springhill Lake will host the Dating Game scheduled for Thursday, February 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is an east coast alternative to the real Dating Game. Winning couples will receive dinners for two, compliments of Jasper's and Hawthorne's.

To attend or to be a contestant in the Springhill Lake Dating Game, contact the Fountain Lodge at 474-4555, and ask for a registration form. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be offered. Contestants need to be 21 and older. For more information, please call 474-4555.

St. Hugh's to Hold Free Throw Makeup

The St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus is having a free throw competition makeup date for 14 year old boys and girls, and 12 year old girls at 1:30 Sunday, February 7 in the St. Hughs gym. The other winners who were crowned last week were Rhiannon Brinkley, Sarah Barnett, Meagan Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald, Andrew Weyel, Mike Berard, and Tom Simpson. The winners of the Sunday's makeup will join them in the District level free throw shoot to be held February 20.

The Kidprinting program, originally scheduled for January 30 with the council free throw contest, is now postponed until February 20. It is to be held in conjunction with the district level free throw contest on that day.

The Kidprint station, provided by Blockbuster Video of Beltsville, is for all age children. Their voices and images are captured on a security videotape that will go home with the parents.

Road Runners Marathon

by Larry Noel

Some Greenbelters are organizing the 32nd annual D.C. Road Runners Marathon, a 26.2-mile running race on Sunday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. This race is one of the oldest races in the country and was started by Hugh Jascourt of Greenbelt. It is an opportunity to qualify for the Boston Marathon as it is on a certified course and Boston accepts our results. Long sleeved T-shirts and awards are given out and it is the D.C. Road Runners Marathon Championship. Even more popular than the marathon is a marathon relay which has been held for four years. The relay is run 9, 8 and 9.2 mile legs and runners may be male or female or COED teams. There is a fee. It's possible entries may be obtained at the Recreation Department or by contacting Bill Brogan at 4204 Breezewood Lane,, Annandale, Va. 22003, phone (703) 256-2327. Relay entries only from George Banker P.O. Box 44053. Washington, Md. 20749.

Children's Author To Read at Bookland

Dorothy Boggess, a native of Louisville, Kentucky will be reading her book, "Medley of Travels," at Bookland in Beltway Plaza, Saturday, February 13 at 2 p.m. in celebration of Black History Month.

Boggess came to Washington. D.C. in 1941, after graduating from Kentucky State College, as one of the first of five black women employed in the war department. While in Washington. D.C. she took courses in social work at Howard University, then returned to Kentucky as the first black social worker at Louisville General Hospital.

In Boggess's "Medley of Travels," she reminisces about her numerous travels from Russia to Hawaii, She visited Cuba in 1980 with her husband, George, and comments, "President Carter had just permitted citizens to travel to Cuba and George was hog wild to go."

In addition to reading her own work, Dorothy will read from selected children's short stories and will be available for autographs. All children who attend the story hour will receive a free book from Bookland in honor of African American History. For additional information,

For additional information, call Henry Gershman at 301-474-0033.

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Estelle Mc Carthy

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Estelle M. McCarthy, a 32-year resident of Greenbelt and a longtime member of St. Hughs parish, died Friday at Golden Oaks Nursing Home, Laurel. She was 89. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday by Father Thomas Crowley at St. Hugh's Church. A native of Washington, Mrs. McCarthy moved to Greenbelt in 1961. Since 1968, she lived at 129 Greenhill Rd. in Lakewood with her son Norman McCarthy, his wife Jo Ann and their children.

A leading Catholic laywoman, she was a Third Order Discalced Carmelite and past president of the Discalced Carmelite Guild. As a teen, she was a convert to Catholicism following instruc-tion in the faith by then Father Fulton J. Sheen and Franciscan Father Godfrey Schilling, founder of the Franciscan Monastery in Northeast Washington.

In 1930, she wed William R. McCarthy, a motion picture pho-tographer for the Agriculture Department's W.P.A. program and during World War II a civilian photographer for the Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J. and Astoria, L.I. He died in 1954.

Mrs. McCarthy is survived by a son, Norman A., managing ed-itor of the Catholic Standard, newspaper of the Catholic Arch-diocese of Washington; a sister, Inez Bradley of Berwyn Heights; three brothers, James E. Baker of Monterey, CA.; William F. Baker of Haywood, CA.; and Alvin Baker of Florida; and four grandchildren, Colleen McCarthy Hensel of Greenbelt; Christina McCarthy of Bowie: Kelly Mc-Carthy of Greenville, SC, and Daniel McCarthy of Greenbelt. Services were held at St.

Hugh's Catholic Church on Tuesday, February 2. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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by Sandra Lange

Although it is unlikely that anyone in Greenbelt owned a television set in the 1930s, the Greenbelt Museum has a vintage 1939 RCA television/radio console on display. The set, which is owned by Craig Roberts of Ridge Road, is on loan to the museum for several weeks. The television set can be seen, along with the Art Deco Chrome and Glass Exhibit, at the Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, on Sundays, 1-5 p.m.

According to Roberts, who col-lects antique televisions as a hobby, approximately 1800 sets were manufactured from 1939 to 1940. Only two stations, one in New York and one in Los Angeles, broadcast about two hours of programming each week. The set in the museum would have cost about \$500 to \$600 newabout the price of a new car in those days. Original Greenbelt

comes. Many did not own cars or washing machines, or even have telephones in those post-Depression days. Experimental television sets

were also produced in England in 1936 and were both mechanical and electronic, Roberts stated. The set on display at the museum is approximately three feet in height and has the characteristic mirror on which the horizontal screen is reflected. A similar set was shown at the 1939 New York World's Fair and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech during the opening ceremonies was televised on one of the five channels.

Roberts acquired the television set by passing the word around to hobbyists on the East Coast of his interest in purchasing an early model. A businessman found the set, which had been stored in a locked room in a hardware store for approximately 40 years. Roberts has re-







Council Appropriates Funds

(Continued from page one) were some unresolved issues so

no decision was made at the meeting. The issue will be discussed again at the next council meeting.

Julie Greer, the present owner, said she would like to stay with a two-year lease. But the issue of the lease length was left undecided.

Also at issue was the utility bill. Since a meter was installed, the city has paid \$2049 in utility bills in the last 14 months. Greer brought out that she is paying about \$100 a month in utility bills, yet everything is off in the stand but the phone and the alarm. Could it be that the light that is always on next to the stand is running up the bill, she asked. Council agreed that the electricity issue had to be looked at.

Pool Pass Rates

Reduced pool pass rates for disabled, low-income residents was discussed but no action taken. Bram brought the issue up, she expressed concern for handicapped people living on fixed disability income. Swim-ming can build up their health. she said, so "this becomes al-most a health issue for these people."

Hobbs said that city staff believes the most equitable method would be an income test.

There is a long-standing policy that pool pass rates can be reduced at the darision of the city manager on a case by case basis. But Hobbs said, "I don't want to get into determining a whole bunch of these cases a year."

WSSC

Tom Traber of the Washing-ton Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) explained the proposed Systems Development Charge (SDC), which is a charge to new customers hooking up to water and sewer systems. In this way new development will pay a portion of water and sewer lines built to serve it. Council will review a letter of support at its next meeting.

"Growth should pay for growth," said Traber. He added that there is a "severe inequily when existing customers pay for new development."

The proposed fees will be based on actual costs to build facilities and the amount of fee will vary depending on the numher of plumbing fixtures There were similar fees charged in this county for several years and currently in other jurisdictions.

Weidenfeld questioned whether affected low income housing. Mitigating steps are being discussed, said Traber.

Bram wondered if it would not make housing in Prince Georges County more expensive. Everyone will pay more in their water bills without this proposed charge, Traber said; for example 4.5% of a proposed 14% in-

Registration Monday For Adult Classes

Registration for Prince Georges County adult basic education classes will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Monday, January 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Classes include GED, Pre-GED, reading, basic math and ESL ,English for Speakers of Other Languages) class levels. Classes will run for 11 weeks, beginning Monday, February 1, and are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

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crease in water bills is the SDC. Traber urged council to talk to their representatives in the state legislature about the proposed charge.

Cable

Council decided the city will be part of the cooperative cable renewal project with other local jurisdictions. This would be much less expensive than if the city were to negotiate its own renewal of the cable TV fran-chise. The first stages, which will be done during the first part of the year, are review and coordination of franchise renewal dates, information gathering, and renewal goals.

Other Actions

Council adopted an action plan concerning its goals relat-ing to Metro. The plan identifies objectives and tasks.

Council approved funds for eight items, including a new copier and video equipment (\$7,027). Six items that had not been included in the Capital Projects Budget were adopted for this fiscal year. They included renovation work on the Municipal Building (\$3800), storage tanks (\$9,900), salt storage building (\$50,000), basketball courts (\$7.000), alum application and stream bank work in the "Buddy" Attick Lake Park (\$140,200), and parking lot renovation at Roosevelt. Center (\$441,000).

After a bit of questioning, council approved spending up to \$25,000 to hire a construction manager to supervise the reno-vation of 50 kitchens in Green Ridge House. An agreement with Marriott

Hotel for a new directional sign was approved.

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CFG to Discuss County Schools

Citizens for Greenbelt will hold an informative public meeting on the Prince Georges County Schools on Tuesday, February 2, 8-10:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Center School Media Room (2nd floor). Panel members will be Suzanne Plogman, school board member from this district and immediate past president of the county school board; Beth Norden, author of two children's books, former teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and entomologist at the Smithsonian Institution; Jerome Dancis, associate professor of mathematics, University of Maryland; and a PTA representative.

Each panel member will make brief statement which will be followed by questions from the audience and general discussion. The meeting is open to the public. It will be taped for later broadcast on community access television.

RegistrationOngoing **For Drama Classes**

Registration for the Greenbelt Arts Center's Children's Creative Drama classes has been extended to Saturday, January 23. Children can take part in drama exercises, write their own plays, paint scenery, and be televised on Greenbelt's cable TV at their final performance.

For further information, please call Dial Silvers, Education Co-ordinator or the Greenbelt Arts Center line: 441-8770. Registration forms are available at the Greenbelt Library and Youth Center. There is a fee.

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Community Development Inspection Office Opens

by James Giese The City of Greenbelt has opened a Community Development Inspection Office at 9246 Springhill Lane on the upper level of the Springhill Lake Commercial Center (tele-phone: 345-5417). The office has been established in order to implement the code enforcement ordinance recently en-acted by the city council. Under these regulations, the city will be inspecting all rental housing. Licenses for rental housing are now required by the city and are for a period of two years. The city will be doing this work instead of Prince Georges County which had been licensing rental apartments. The city will honor county licenses, which were also for two year periods, until such time as they expire. Greenbelt's largest rental project, Springhill Lake Apartments, is scheduled to renew its licenses in May.

The city will also do code enforcement on owner occupied properties, although these properties are not required to be licensed. The city is currently involved with two owner-occupied properties which do not meet code regulations.

The Department will also issue building permits, although the county will continue to be primarily responsible for building construction regulation and inspection. City permits, which will be issued for a nominal fee, are for the primary purpose of maintaining a record of all new construction, and assuring that appropriate city permits are ob-tained for grading, street and storm drainage construction. These activities are regulated by the city and inspected by the Community Development Inspection Office.

The office, which is a part of the Department of Planning and Community Development, Celia Wilson, director, currently employs four full time persons who were introduced to the city council at its January meeting (see story). James Sterling is the supervisory inspector for the office



Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

While patrolling the area of Crescent Road and Gardenway around 11 p.m. on January 12, an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and discovered a "crack" pipe. Consequently, a 23-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released on citation pending trial.

While investigating a minor motor vehicle accident in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road around 9:30 p.m. on January 12. an officer discovered a mari-juana pipe inside one of the vehicles involved in the accident. Consequently, a 20-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and later released on citation pending trial.

AMERICAN REALTY

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW A breaking and entering was

reported at a residence in the 7800 block of Mandan Road on January 8; checks were stolen. A breaking and entering of a storage bin was reported in the

7700 block of Hanover Pkwy. on January 10; ski equipment was stolen, A breaking and entering of a

residence in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane was reported on January 10; office equipment was s'tolen.

A breaking and entering of an office in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive was reported on January 9; a fax machine was stolen.

An attempted breaking and entering of the Greenbelt Bap-tist Church was reported on January 10.

A light brown, two-door, 1983 Buick Riviera, MD tags WLT617, was reported stolen from the 6200 block of Springhill Drive on January 8.

A white 1983 Renault Alliance, D.C. tags 260289, was reported stolen from the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace on January 9.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police De-partment needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 982-0580. Callers may remain anonymous.

Police recovered a stolen 1986 Oldsmobile Calais in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive on January 11. No arrests were made.

A silver 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier, MD tags XPK743, was reported stolen from the 6900 block of Hanover Pkwy. on January 11.

A 1993 Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 7800 block of Mandan Road on January 12; it was recovered later that day.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: the 6200 block of Breezewood Court, the 100 block of Centerway, the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, and the 7900 block of Mandan Road.

City Notes

Discarded Christmas trees are being collected at designated drop-off spots throughout the city and are chipped for recy-

Work was done at the lake

Storm drains and underpasses were cleared of leaves and debris. Pot holes were filled at the

Greenbelt CARES

On Thursday, January 4, Wendy Wexler formally accepted her reappointment to the Prince Georges Foster Care Review Board for a term of four years. The Commission was awarded by Governor Donald Schaefer and received at the Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro. Wexler was congratulated for her long standing dedication and commitment to the well being of the children of Prince Georges County by both the Governor and Senator Leo Green.

Teresa Smithson met with personnel at Greenbelt Middle School to discuss on site group counseling for selected students. Teresa will begin interviews at the school January 22. following a planning meeting on the preceding day.

Teresa and Wendy attended a conference at the University of Maryland, "Making Families Safe for Children: A Role for Family Therapy", presented by Michael R. Fox, M.D., on January 15. The conference addressed systemic strategies for working with abusive families.

Drug Busts in SHL

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As a result of an investigation by the Greenbelt City Police Department's Narcotics Investiga-tion Unit, search and seizure warrants were executed at two locations in Greenbelt. The first warrant was executed on January 13 at approximately 10:29 p.m. at a residence in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. According to Pfc. George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department, approximately \$3,500 worth of suspected cocaine. \$400 in cash, and a .38 caliber handgun were found. Twenty-year-old Danny Ollohunfe Eric-Williams of 9168 Edmonston Road, was arrested on the scene and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$50,000 bond pending trial.

The second warrant was executed on January 14 at approximately 12:20 a.m. at a residence in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace. Greenbelt police report that \$12,000 worth of cocaine. \$1.000 in cash. a 9mm semiautomatic handgun and a sawedoff 12 gauge shotgun were found, and a 1987 Nissan Pathfinder was seized. This time, 24year-old Andre Michael Cunning-ham of 5919 Cherrywood Ter-race and 23-year-old Freida Yvette Evans of 5915 Cherrywood Terrace were arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Both appeared before a District Court Commissioner; Cunningham was held without bond pending trial. and Evans was held on \$75.000 bond pending trial.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285 Our sympathy to Douglas Biederman and family on the recent death of his wife, Sue Ann. Welcome back to Ruth and B. K. "Ken" Kennedy of Fayette Place who celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary and Ruth's birthday by taking a cruise through the Panama Canal from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Aca-pulco, Mexico.

It's a boy for Joseph and Su-zanne Lomax of South Ora Court. Peter Quillen Lomax was born January 9 at Columbia Hospital for Women. weighing in at 7 lb. 11 oz. He joins sister Ellie, now 3.

Vision Screening

The George Washington Uni-versity Medical Center (GWU-MC). WRC-TV NEWS 4, Peoples Drug, and the Delta Gamma Foundation are jointly sponsoring a free vision screening program. During this three week campaign. free home vision tests can be picked up from Peoples Drug

stores throughout the area. The tests will be scored at GWUMC by trained volunteers and participants will receive the results of their tests in the mail. In addition to GWUMC's ef-forts, WRC-TV NEWS 4. will air a series of informative features on various vision problems and available treatments. For more information. please call (202) 416-0050.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers to serve as legal advocates and/or court companions are very much needed by the Family Crisis Center. These volunteers will be working on behalf of battered women. Criminal justice knowledge would be preferable but not necessary. The Center is willing to consider student interns who will be trained on the job. Call 779-9444 to volunteer.



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Town Meeting

(Continued from page one) tives to companies that will be large employers in the state.

The panel expressed opposition to any efforts which would change the state's employee re-tirement system in response to an inquiry from a representative of the state teacher's association who was concerned that state employees will be faced with increased retirement costs Lecause of the decrease in state funds. The legislators expressed their belief that no proposal of the kind will actually take place. The panelists also showed unanimous support for Gov. William Donald Schaefer's gun control bill and campaign reform. Greenbrook Lake

After the meeting Mayor Weidenfeld indicated that city staff is working on a permit for de-velopment of Greenbrook Lake. He said that there is a difference of opinion between the city, which feels that the site could support a wet pond, and the state, which considers the area a wetland. Calling the matter a political decision, Weidenfeld in-dicated that the city will try to present a strong case to review the plan once a permit is issued and will abide by the final decision. Sen. Green has made plans to meet with City Manager Daniel Hobbs to discuss the issue.

Frankfort Drive Sen. Green spoke to the Greenbelt News Review about the ongoing controversy over Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive. He said that the State Highway Administration (SHA) has offered to install a traffic light at the intersection, which is directly in front of Eleanor Roosevelt School. SHA, however, prohibit drivers from School. would

Contest Deadline Set

Essays entered in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. second annual co-op essay contest must be in the mail by February 19 to be eli-gible for up to \$5,000 in Nation-al Cooperative Bank scholarship money. For the second year, GHI is sponsoring Eleanor Roosevelt High School and will award \$1,000 additional money to the Roosevelt College-bound senior who writes the best essay.

The GHI award for local entrants in the national contest commemorates the late Charles F. Schwan Jr., a former city councilman and former GHI president.

Students should contact Ms. Frank or Ms. Gill at the Roosevelt guidance office immediately. They should mail the original essay and application form to the National Coop Bank. They should also give the counselors a copy of the application form and essay by February 19, for GHI's local judging.

Recreation Review

Facility Entrance Card All participants, 14 years and over, entering the Rec Center are required to possess a Recreation Facility Card. They may be purchased by residents only at either Recreation Center.

making a left turn when coming onto Greenbelt Road. The pro-posal has received opposition from the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee. Green said that uniform warrants under federal standards will not allow the light without the left turn prohibition and that to do so may pose a liability problem for the state. Green also said that proposals for an overpass at the site would be too costly.

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