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Center Mall Renovation Next Step In Implementing 1988 Master Plan

by James Giese

As the next step in the process of implementing the 1988 Master Plan for Roosevelt Center, city officials are looking to renovating the mall, the area between Centerway and the mother-and-child statue. Last November, a grant application was submitted to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for a \$10,000 grant under the Main Street Improvement Program. If the city receives the grant, it will have to match the funds with an equal amount of city funds. The monies are to be used for the design of improvements to the Roosevelt Center Mall.

In February, State Senator Leo Green brought this grant request to the attention of Governor William Donald Schaeffer and expressed his support for the proposal. City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson is optimistic that the grant request will be acted upon favorably by the state. However, she notes that the total amount of grant funds available to all applicants is small and that the city may not receive the full amount requested.

The renovation of the city a project currently underway, is expected to cost less than the

funds available for the project by about \$100,000. The parking lot project was financed by a \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant and \$1.34 million in city bonds. The bond proceeds also were used to finance improvements to the commercial center original buildings owned by George and Lisa Ohristacos and the debt is to be repaid by the building owners. The unspent funds are proposed to be used for the city's matching funds to the grant and to accomplish the mall project.

Mall Design

How the new mall will look when renovated will be dependent on the result of the design process and designer selected. In its grant application, however, the city indicates that it is seeking a design that will carry out the recommendations set forth in the adopted Master Plan and Architectural Guidelines for the Renovation of Roosevelt Center which was prepared by the architectural/urban planning firms of Coffin and Coffin and Francis D. Lethbridge and Associates.

The plan recommends design modifications for the mall to restore some of the original views out to the woods and to improve pedestrian circulation interrupted by building and parking lot additions. It also calls for improved pedestrian access to the rear (post office) parking lot. The Coffins proposed two sets of sidewalk/stairways going at an angle from either side of the mall down the hillside to the parking lot and intersecting half way down to form what will look like a giant X from the air. In addition, paving, lighting, planting and

See CENTER MALL, page 10

March 23, 1994

The Honorable Antoinette M. Bram
Mayor
City of Greenbelt
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Dear Mayor Bram:

I am pleased to announce that I have approved your request for a Main Street Improvement Program (MIP) grant. This grant will provide \$7,500 from SFY 1994 MIP allocation to assist the City in funding five directional signs and professional design services for the historic commercial area, Roosevelt Center.

I am impressed with the financial commitment and cash contribution from the City. I consider this project to be an important aspect of the economic revitalization for this historic shopping center.

My staff at the Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Assistance Administration will continue to work very closely with members of the City staff to assure a timely implementation of this project. We are pleased to be of assistance to you in helping to bring this commercial improvement to fruition.

William Donald Schaefer
Governor

GHI Board Votes to Release Employee Salary Information

by Betty Timer

After two years of debate by two different Boards, the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Incorporated finally agreed to release salary information about its employees. The Board's route to this agreement, nevertheless, involved three bylaw amendments and a lengthy introduction.

The amounts of salaries of the general manager and all other GHI employees shall be recognized as part of the data of the corporation in the books of the corporation open for inspection by GHI members during normal business hours as stated under Article VIII, Section 6, open books.

Since that time, two Boards have refused to disclose individual employee salaries, other than that of the General Manager. As a result, this has become a very contentious issue not only between members of the Board, but between members, and between members and the Board."

Approximately three months ago, the Board decided that a bylaw amendment to be voted on by the members at the May annual meeting was the best way to resolve this wage-disclosure issue. Unfortunately, this process, according to Freas, would entail three bylaw amendments.

Director Carole Levin stated that it was irresponsible for the Board to require two membership votes on the same issue. Keith Jahoda unsuccessfully tried to convert this bylaw amendment to a policy statement. The bylaw amendment approach was defeated. After extensive discussion, Bill Phelan read the following motion: "The Board of Directors rescinds its action of November 18, 1993 and instead that the Board of Directors provide the members, upon request, the exact salaries of employees by position in th format similarly provided to the Board of Directors on October 5, 1993."

Seven board members voted in favor of the motion. Freas, who as president does not vote except to break a tie, indicated he favored the motion. Board member Wayne Williams abstained, believing the motion had nothing to do with the motion passed by the membership at the last annual meeting.

N&E Committee

Kris White, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, gave several reports, including suggestions for those GHI members who are also employees. These included:

(1) At meetings, staff members should preface their comments by stating, "As a staff member. . ."

(2) During an election, staff members should not distribute campaign literature during their working hours.

(3) Staff, while on the job,

should use discretion when discussing candidates.

An extensive outline entitled "Conducting Effective GHI Meetings: Steps to a Better Meeting" was submitted with little or no discussion.

Other issues raised by the N & E Committee pertained to the annual meeting and the next election. The committee suggested that assistance be available to members in wording or amending motions. President Freas noted that a member can request assistance from the President or the Parliamentarian at any time.

Annual Election

The Board decided to conduct the next election at Greenbelt Elementary School following the annual meeting and at Greenbelt's Municipal Building the following day. The N & E Committee was asked to determine if paper ballots or voting machines would be used in that election.

Absentee Ballots?

Lastly, the N & E Committee submitted its final draft of the bylaw change regarding absentee ballots. This issue had been proposed at the last annual meeting. The draft proposal, to be voted on by members at the May annual meeting, reads:

"An absentee ballot shall be provided to eligible members for the following reasons: religious beliefs, physical condition, or absence from the city on the day of an election. The absentee ballot will only be used for candidates for elected office. The absentee ballot will become available as soon as the candidates have been published in the Greenbelt News Review. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall have authority to grant an absentee ballot by reference to rules established by this committee."

Rules related to absentee ballots encompassed several pages. Copies will be made available at the annual meeting, but members can obtain a copy by calling Member Services (474-4161).

Misc.

Other issues included approving roof replacement for 135A Northway and approving sub-leasing and sub-lease extensions for 7-E Research, 14-S Ridge and 22-C Hillside. The Board also approved a \$300.00 donation to Greenbelt Elementary School for their Academic Achievement Program, down from \$500.00 last year. The Board decided not to donate any funds to the David Craig Scholarship Fund this year.



A view of the Center Mall as it looked when first built by the Federal Government in 1937.

—Source: Library of Congress

Greenbelt Gardener's Tips

by Rosie Rhubarb

The pace of the spring season quickens at last. Cheerful yellow daffodils and velvety purple crocuses are blooming. The cold weather had held these and many other flowers back but a few warm days in a row should bring many more flowers into bloom.

Make no mistake about it—the spring flowers are behind schedule this year. One of the earliest daffodils to bloom, the yellow "February Gold," just came into bloom last week—probably a record for lateness. The trees with a red or orange tinge on them are maple trees in flower. Usually they start blooming in late February and are an early sign that spring is coming. It's only lately that they have started blooming heavily, as hayfever sufferers well know.

After a few warm days in a row, look for some of the small spring flowers, such as the rich blue glory-of-the-snow, the blue squills and the purple grape hyacinth.

Vegetable gardeners can now plant seedlings of cool weather loving crops such as cabbage, broccoli, collards. Whenever the soil dries out enough to be crumbly, not gooey, that is.

Birds

The birds are pairing off, finding nest sites, and establishing their home territories. So now is a good time to get birds in the habit of coming into your yard. They help your garden by eating insect pests and weed seeds.

Birds need water, food, and shelter. The shortage of water is the most serious lack of our suburban landscape. A birdbath, especially one up off the ground and near a bush, will be greatly appreciated by the birds. Other additions to your yard which can attract birds are bushes and bird houses.

Ground Covers

Before spring has fully arrived and all the plants leaf out, I want to mention one other type of evergreen plant that anyone can have in their yard—groundcovers. These are low-growing plants that planted in a mass create an effect similar to that of a grass lawn—a mass of the same kind of plant creating a neat, uniform green area.

Evergreen groundcovers have advantages over grassy lawns: most are easy to care for, some can thrive in a lot of shade, they can provide a neat planting in difficult and confined places, and they provide year-round green. In these last leafless days of early spring, look around your neighborhood and see these neat patches of year-round green. Imagine how you could grow some in hard-to-mow spots such as around the base of trees, under shrubs, and next to walls. And some will thrive in a lot of shade which grass will not tolerate.

The three most popular evergreen groundcovers that seem to be everywhere and can take a lot of shade are pachysandra, vinca minor (periwinkle), and English ivy. Pachysandra will grow quite vigorously with fertilizing, but will still survive well enough if neglected. Vinca minor has small, oval, pine green

leaves and grows well, but does not overwhelm surrounding plants. Flowering bulbs and strong growing perennials will grow up through vinca. There are varieties of vinca with colored patches on the leaves and white or pink flowers. Vinca blooms in the spring, with periwinkle blue being the most common color.

The dark green English ivy is so well known that its good points—tough as nails and tolerating full shade—are often overlooked. But it is a vigorous grower and should be cut back once or twice a year. And if you live near a park—please don't grow it. There are many places in the city where ivy has grown into the park and smothered out natural plants.

Two other evergreen groundcovers that are good but not quite as tough as the big three are ajuga and lirope. Whirls of dark green or colored ajuga leaves spread across the ground to provide a tough, uniform mat. The small flower spikes look charming with violets in a tiny vase or a frog vase.

Lirope looks like a clump of thick-leaved grass or the house plant called spider plant. It is tough, and makes a neat edge along a walk. It blooms late in the summer and holds its berries long into the winter. Both ajuga and lirope will take a lot of shade and withstand drought.

Since groundcovers can be planted during the next several weeks, I'll briefly mention some non-evergreen groundcovers.

Three that will stand shade and will flower are phlox stolonifera (spring blooming), plumbago (intense blue flowers in the fall—also called ceratostigma plumbaginoides), and lily-of-the-valley (tough as nails and one of the best smelling flowers).

And two groundcovers most gardeners should avoid are: aegopodium (bishop's goutweed) and creeping charlie (gill-over-the-ground, glechoma hederacea).

Unless you have a spot in which nothing seems to grow, I would not plant either of these plants, as they take over everything. This is a good garden tip to keep in mind—ask if it's invasive. If it is, don't buy it or you'll pay the price later in hours of weeding.

Learn Different Ecosystems on a Hike

Watkins Nature Center is starting a series of hikes to allow people to experience different ecosystems in Watkins Regional Park through the seasons. The first hike, for spring, is on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30-11 a.m. Meet at the Nature Center at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Largo. To register or for more information call 249-6202, TDD 699-2544.

No Development

I wholeheartedly agree with the views of Alex Barnes, Jr. in last week's letters. When the Committee to Save the Green Belt (CSGB) was formed, it was to try to rescue Parcels 1 and 2 from development which would have devastated the last little bit of wildlife and forest remaining in the Greenbelt area.

CSGB was guided by an unspoken principle: that wild areas don't really "belong" to anybody except the life that exists there. However, we knew that legally the city had to buy it so that it would not be exploited.

I feel it is a big mistake for the city to think that we should start developing Parcels 1 and 2 just because we now "own" them. This precious bit of wilderness should be preserved as just that: wilderness. People ought not to feel that they are entitled to easy access through a wild area just because they legally own it. We should have the grace to appreciate that the beauty of this land lies in the fact that it is undisturbed, and to just leave it as it is.

It has been argued that "people are part of nature" and that therefore there is nothing wrong with developing extensive man-made trails and paving paths through the woods. This argument, taken to its logical conclusion, is like saying that New York City is "part of nature." Well, beauty is in the eye of the beholder. But I doubt that most people would find the same peace and beauty in paved areas as in a true wilderness.

Can't we honor these precious woodlands by leaving them alone? Appreciating the woods does not even require walking through them. During the time that I worked with CSGB, I had a foot injury and never once set foot in the woods, because I couldn't walk on anything but perfectly flat areas. In fact, in my 34 years in Greenbelt, I have hardly ever visited these woods. But I felt good knowing that that little bit of wilderness was there, and that there were a few deer and other wildlife left undisturbed. People are certainly part of nature, but we need to live in harmony with wildness and not always feel compelled to "manicure" it and blaze trails through it.

Henry David Thoreau said, "A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone." People, let's leave the woods alone. They are fine just the way they are.

Ruth Kastner
Co-founder, Committee to Save the Green Belt

Composting Demo Set

The Recycling Advisory Committee invites anyone interested in the "how-to's" of backyard composting to come on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in front of the old Center School. Residents will learn how to make their own soil enhancement with leaves, grass and other yard material. Free pallets will be available to those who attend this demonstration.

Correction

I am writing to make some corrections in your article on the public hearing on the city Trails Plan which appeared in your March 24 issue.

My comment on having the trail in Parcel Z on the trails plan somehow came out exactly opposite of what I said. When asked by Eric Berlin, I said that I felt that since the trail was in fact one of the existing trails in Greenbelt it was proper for it to be depicted on the city trails plan.

The major portion of my comments was directed at informing the City Council of activities in Parcel Z which have been carried out by GHI over the past

year. The GHI Board of Directors authorized money for the staff to build and install a wooden footbridge and for purchasing trees and shrubs to landscape in Parcel Z. With the bridge in place, GHI members had two volunteer work parties to improve the trails with log edges and wood chips and to plant the trees and shrubs.

I also commented that the council should consider this commitment by GHI Board, staff and members as being in favor of not paving the path in Parcel Z, a plan opposed by the residents in the neighborhood.

Ray Stevens
Chairman,
GHI Woodlands committee



GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT Discount Tickets

Effective April 4, the Recreation Department will, at a substantial cost savings, provide amusement park tickets for the 1994 season. Parks included will be Kings Dominion, Hershey Park, Six Flags/Great Adventure, Sesame Place, Adventure World (originally Wild World), and Dorney Park.

Tickets may be purchased at the Youth Center Business Office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Payment may be made by cash or certified check only. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS AND NO REFUNDS.** For additional information, call 474-6878 between 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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10:00 a.m.
OLD CENTER SCHOOL**

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**For more information call 474 8004.
Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt**

Channel B-10 Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday, April 5 & 7

- 4:00pm** Citizens for Greenbelt "Crime in Greenbelt"
- 6:00pm** "Children's Drama Class Performance"
- 6:30pm** "FY 1995 Budget Address"
- 7:00pm** "Crime Prevention for Seniors"
- 7:30pm** City Council Meeting of March 28

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Fitness Classes Open

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces the opening of registration for Bio Aerobics Dance Fitness classes for adults and teens. Spring session begins April 11. Classes will be held at Greenbelt Middle School and Greenbelt Youth Center.

For information and a brochure call 262-5175.

Visual Arts Meeting

What kinds of visual arts programs should we have at the new community center? This question will be discussed at a meeting on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. The Greenbelt Visual Arts Coalition invites anyone interested in arts classes, workshops, or other kinds of programs to come and bring their ideas. For more information, call Barbara Simon, 474-2192.

Fun at Goddard

Come to a model rocket launch on Sunday, April 3 at 1 p.m. at the Goddard Visitor Center. Bring a rocket or just come out and watch the other rocket enthusiasts. All launches are monitored for safety and are held weather permitting.

The Goddard Visitor Center is located at the Soil Conservation Road entrance of the Goddard Space Flight Center.

GHI Notes

Blood pressure testing from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 in the Board Room.

The A & E Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 14, at 8 p.m.

Greenbelt CARES

The Greenbelt Middle School student support group held its last session on March 25, after several interruptions due to snow day school closings. The group was co-lead by Teresa Smithson, and teacher/counselor Ann Donahoe. Ann will continue conducting similar groups in the fall.

A new group, addressing aggressive behaviors, is planned.

Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next Golden Age Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at the Youth Center. This will be the business meeting for April. We remind all members of the two trips this month. On Tues April 19 we will visit the Shrine of Elizabeth Seton in Emmitsburg, followed by a lunch at the Cozy Inn. On April 26 the Golden Age Club anniversary luncheon will be held at the Penwick House. Transportation will be provided, and members may bring a guest. For more information call Jim Maher at 513-5869.

The agenda for the meetings in April is as follows: On April 13 we will have the Birthday Social for the month, with refreshments by Vita Pergola's committee.

On April 20 our speaker will be Dr. Cathryn Dooley from the University of Maryland, who will talk on Senior Fitness. On April 27 Hilda Orleans will show a film on a Caribbean Cruise. All Seniors are invited to join with the group for a month of lively activities.

Artist Evans Is At Library Galley

The Gallery of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System presents a multimedia exhibit by artist Phyllis Jayne Evans. She is a member of the Studio Gallery, Washington, D.C. and her work was seen most recently in the "Drawings Coast to Coast" exhibit at Rockville Arts Place.

The show will be on display April 4 to April 29. The public is invited to the opening reception to be held on Saturday, April 9 from 3-5 p.m.

The Gallery is in the Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Road. 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 Natalie Weikart at 301-262-7000 about booking a show at The Gallery.

Nursing Center Hosts

Easter Egg Hunt

Greenbelt Nursing Center, at 7010 Greenbelt Road, announced that it will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration on April 4, at the Greenbelt Nursing Center. This free event is being held for the enjoyment of children in the community who attend. They must be accompanied by their parents or grandparents.

The festivities, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and last until 1 p.m. will feature an Easter egg hunt, prizes and surprises, as well as a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. The rain date will be April 9.

The Easter egg hunt and celebration is being sponsored by Greenbelt Nursing Center and Unicare Health Facilities Inc. which owns Greenbelt Nursing Center.

For more information call Melissa Underdow or Carol Breitenbach at 301-345-9595.

Recreation Review

City Tennis Court Use

Spring is nearly here! Tennis players are reminded to check posted rules for the city's tennis courts.

Greenbelt residents have priority use of the courts.

City Athletic Field Use

First priority for practice and games on city fields will be permitted to youth and city leagues. Permits are effective Monday, March 28. All other use is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Facility Entrance Card

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

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Monday, April 4 at 10 a.m. sharp at "Buddy" Attick Park. Entertainment will follow.

GEAC Meets

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Hunting Ridge Community Center located at 6914 Hanover Parkway. Topics to be discussed include Greenbrook Lake and proposed developments in the surrounding region.

All GEAC meetings are open to the public and residents of Greenbelt and Greenbelt East are encouraged to attend.

Contact Tim Sechrist at 345-6861 with questions or comments.

Adult Singles Club

Greenbelt residents are invited to join the new Prince Georges Community College Adult Singles Club—open to the general public as well as students. Volunteers are also needed to help coordinate activities. Future meetings are April 14 (open discussion on Dating in the 90's—free admission), April 22 (Networking Party), and April 29 (Singles Dating Game). For additional info or to register call 577-8619.

City Notes

City Public Works crews were involved in the following activities last week:

Reconstruction began on Public Works Building entrance doors and steps (as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act). Contractors bidding for tree planting work in Buddy Attick Park had their references checked. Broken concrete removed from projects was taken to a recycling center for reuse. A damaged tie rod on the Greenbelt Connection van was replaced. Excess traffic signs were removed from the Roosevelt Center parking lots. Curbs were painted yellow in several no-parking areas around the city. And drivers were provided to the Greenbelt Connection to transport residents to a March 24 hearing in Montgomery County on eliminating some Greenbelt Metrobus routes.

Crews also performed the following seasonal tasks: repairing potholes; preparing sports fields for seasonal league practice; repairing and painting playground equipment; repairing winter storm and road salt damage to pansy flowerbeds; completing cleaning and weedspraying of all city landscape plantings; and fertilizing, mulching, and planting at various locations around the city.

John Peterson to Speak To Genealogical Society

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library, 11 Crescent Road. The meeting is open to the public. Visitors are welcome and there is no charge.

The speaker will be John Peterson of the National Park Service who will tell about progress in the program to computerize the listing of names of those participating in the activity at each Civil War battle site. This project will enable visitors to the site to query the computer for the name(s) of their ancestors who may have fought at that battle.

At the Library

The P. J. Storytime for ages 4-6 will be held on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, April 7, the Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Used Books on Sale

Books and "other good things" will be on sale, at bargain prices, at the New Carrollton Library, 7414 Riverdale Road, on Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, April 10, noon to 5 p.m.

Sale items include books and magazines, encyclopedias, audio-cassettes, and some office furniture. Call 301-699-3500 for details.

Recycling Corner

The Recycling Drop-Off Center at Buddy Attick Park offers residents the opportunity to recycle beyond the curb-side program. This Center costs Greenbelt taxpayers approximately \$8,400 per year and in 1993 collected almost 200 tons of recyclables. Materials accepted include magazines, catalogs, cardboard/paperboard, aerosol cans, phonebooks, and white office paper. Each time a large, green container is hauled and emptied, the City is charged \$80.

The Public Works Department estimates the volume of material to be dropped off, then arranges a pick-up. There is no set schedule for emptying, which helps keep costs down. Occasionally one of the containers fills to capacity over a weekend. Should this happen, please don't leave recyclables on the deck. Instead, return in a day or two.

Remember, this Center is for Greenbelters only and receives no revenue for this operation. Residents outside Greenbelt are encouraged to bring mixed paper/cardboard to County drop-off locations at either landfill. For more information about the County drop-offs, call 925-5963.

Greenbelt Recreation Department
AND
The Greenbelt American Legion #136
PRESENT




Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 4, at the "Buddy" Attick Lake Park
10 am SHARP

*** In the event of Rain ***

Activities will be held in the Greenbelt Youth Center Gymnasium at 10:30 a.m.

The hunt will be divided into the following ages:

- *Pre-School
- *Kindergarten
- (*youngsters must hunt without assistance)
- 1st and 2nd Graders
- 3rd and 4th Graders
- 5th and 6th Graders

Entertainment will immediately follow the hunt
(approximately 10:30am)

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Attention GHI Members

Mark your Calendars Now

To Attend

The Annual Membership Meeting

on

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Greenbelt Elementary School

beginning at 1 p.m.



Greenbelt Girl Scouts "discover" some of Greenbelt's history in the Tugwell Room in Greenbelt library on Greenbelt Discovery Day.

Greenbelt Discovery Day

by Madeline Bell

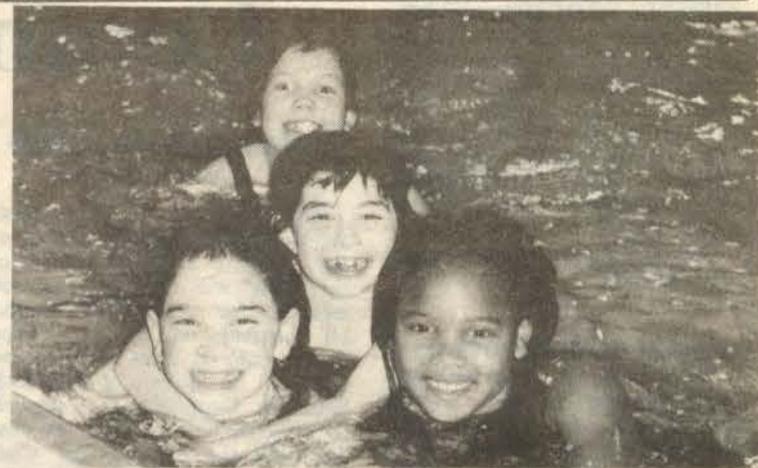
On February 5 and 6, Greenbelt Girl Scouts got together to participate in Greenbelt Discovery Day. To start the day we made a mural of what makes Greenbelt special. We had a lot of different ideas. Then we watched a demonstration by four members of the Greenbelt Double Dutch team and their coach Austin Gibbs.

After that we divided into teams for a scavenger hunt. We went to different places in old Greenbelt such as the library, the Center, the post office, and more. It was fun and we learned some things about Greenbelt we never knew.

When we got back to the Rec Center we were all pretty tired. We had a snack, played a little and got ready to go to the Greenbelt Aquatic Center. We had a good time there.

Back at the Rec Center, which we had all to ourselves, we watched a movie or played basketball or ping-pong or football or pool! Once we were done we were exhausted, so we changed into our pajamas, set up our sleeping bags and went to bed.

The next morning we got up and dressed. We had breakfast and packed up our stuff. When we were ready to go home we played games and sang songs until our parents came. We left happy.



Girl Scouts make a splash at the pool on Greenbelt Discovery Day.

Students Due Refunds

Maryland students who paid Milestone Educational Institute, Inc. of Massachusetts for travel services, and lost their money when the company closed in June 1993 may be entitled to limited refunds, Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran Jr. said today.

Thousands of students, many from Maryland, paid in full for trips abroad that were ultimately cancelled, and never received refunds.

To file a claim, each consumer must complete a simple form and submit it to the bankruptcy court in Boston. To obtain the form consumers should call the Consumer Protection Division's hotline at (410) 528-8662 and leave their name and address. The information will be sent to them.

According to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Milestone has been placed into bankruptcy. Its assets will be liquidated and distributed to its creditors.

Cancer Survivorship

Those who have the time and access to the Silver Spring Metro stop as well as the willingness to devote some free time to a cause which concerns everyone might offer some help to the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship. This organization needs assistance with telephone inquiries, organizing resources, data entry and so on.

For more information or to volunteer call the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center, Inc. at (301) 779-9444.

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The workshop is scheduled for

April 6, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Library, 7414 Riverdale Road. This is the third of four workshops co-sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County and United Cerebral Palsy of Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. The program is free and open to the public. Call the Mental Health Association at (301) 499-2107 or United Cerebral Palsy at (301) 262-4993 for more information.

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Holy Week Services

April 1
Good Friday

Noonday Prayer and Reflection	12 noon
Seven Last Words	1:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross	2:15 p.m.
Liturgy of Good Friday	7:30 p.m.

April 2
Great Vigil of Easter

Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 p.m.

April 3
Easter Sunday

Holy Eucharists 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
 No Sunday School on Easter Sunday

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Spring Walk Set

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Start anytime between 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Come and learn more about Maryland walking clubs and enjoy fun and exercise with family and friends or meet new friends.

For information call Ron Bowers at (410) 551-6396 or Ron Looper at (410) 969-8661 between 6 and 9 p.m.



Greenbelt Girl Scouts study the plaque outside the Youth Center in their quest to learn about the city's history.

Magpies Sighted at Lake

by Konrad E. Herling

In a most unusual occurrence, a flock of Magpies was sighted at Greenbelt Lake Monday afternoon. "I've never seen anything like it before," said long time resident Bernie McGee, who estimated the number at about 750. She consulted her bird guide to determine with certainty that the birds were indeed Magpies.

Magpies are known as songbirds as they keep up a noisy chattering sound to communicate with each other. All but two of the flock continued their northward path. The two drifters have been found circling Roosevelt Center.

Bob Holloway, a veteran bird watcher, and Chairman of the Greenbelt Arts Center's music series, was reminded of Hitchcock's "The Birds." While relieved that virtually all of the birds have left for "greener" pastures, Holloway has his eye on the two left behind. Betty Allen, Greenbelt historian, and ever aware of the improved condition of the historic Roosevelt Center, has been organizing a group of concerned neighbors to ward off the magpies and is hoping the others don't return. "We may have to take some creative action to deter any attacks on this prize of history, including, if necessary, playing folk music at extremely loud levels."

For more details regarding Magpie sightings call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 441-8770, or better yet come hear Magpie, the exciting folk duo, perform at the Arts Center on Saturday, April 23 at 8 p.m.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Happy Birthday to Joseph Best, who will celebrate his first on Friday, April 1.

Mary Anne Stringfellow recently received a bachelor of arts in sociology from Salisbury State University. Mary is the daughter of Therese and Frank Stringfellow of Woodland Way.

She plans to pursue a nursing career and has been accepted by the School of Nursing at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. for the fall of 1994.

Farinaz Fiorouzi, a sophomore at ERHS, and Shade Bocote, a fifth grader at Springhill Lake Elementary, wrote essays that were selected by lottery to represent their schools in the Fourth Annual "Unsung Heroines" program. The program, sponsored by the Prince Georges County Department of Family Services/Women's Division, celebrates Women's History Month by inviting students to write essays on women they consider to be their "Unsung Heroines."

Farinaz selected her mother, Kiameh Mahlooji, as her unsung heroine and Shade selected her mother, Michelle Ukoh.

Free State Income Tax Help Available

Free state income tax assistance is available from any of the State Comptroller's Taxpayer Assistance Offices, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. And the offices will also be open on certain weekends and holidays, including Monday, April 4, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Local offices include Upper Marlboro, Prince Georges County Courthouse, 14735 Main Street, Room 083B, (301) 952-2810. 1-800-753-3486 and Wheaton Plaza North Office Bldg., 2730 University Blvd. West, Suite LL6, 949-6030.

TDD for the hearing impaired is (301) 565-0450. Maryland Relay Service for the hearing impaired is 1-800-735-2258.

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To volunteer or obtain more information, call (301) 779-9444.

Christmas in April

Christmas in April is looking for volunteers for their 1994 program. Former volunteers will not be receiving a reminder letter as in the past, therefore all 1994 Christmas in April volunteers need to call to be placed on the list. Volunteers will be repairing and renovating 100 homes of elderly and/or handicapped, low-income neighbors on Saturday, April 30. Needed are: skilled carpenters, drywall finishers, plumbers, roofers, and electricians, as well as many unskilled helpers, to work on the houses selected for repair in Prince Georges County.

For more information or to volunteer your services, call the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at (301) 779-9444.

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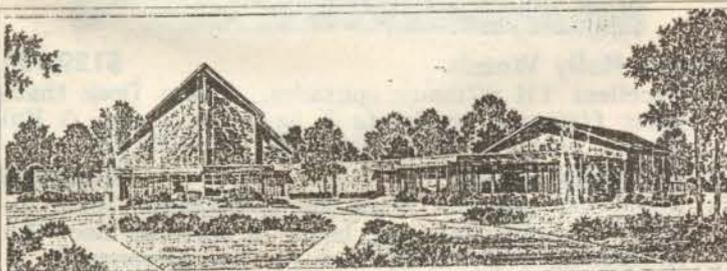
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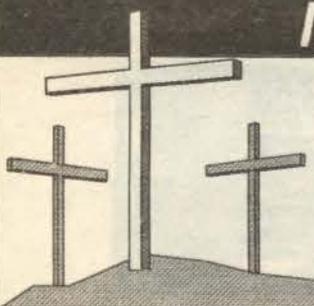
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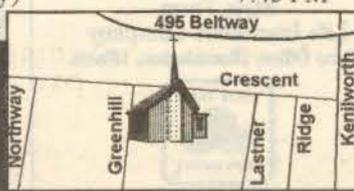
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Bible Study for all ages (Sunday)	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sunday)	11:00 AM
Easter Musical (Easter Sunday)	7:00 PM
Midweek Prayer Service (Wednesday)	7:45 PM

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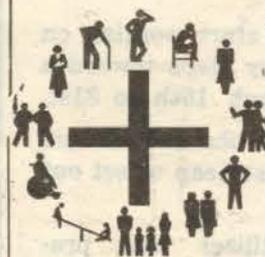
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Gray Team Is Victorious In Basketball Tournament

by Doug Mangum

During Gold's march to the loser's bracket final against Blue, they had two exceptional victories. First against Red they had to overcome a six to four deficit in the second quarter and shut down the Red to take a 10-6 lead at the half. In the second half Gold outscored the Red 17-9 to eliminate Red from the tournament 27-15.

Vinnie Osborne with a two-game tournament total of 22 points lead the way for Red and Ben Kepler and Michael Proctor each scored four points. Meanwhile Gold had five players score, they were Dru Baldauf 6 points, Brett Hanna, Marcus Wilkins, and John Vaughn all with 4 points each and Steve Cure led with 9 points. In their second game they bounced the Green team out of the tournament by once again coming from behind to win 14-12. With the score 10-9, Antanes Hayes's basket gave Green back the lead 11-10. Dante Hayes hit a free throw to extend their lead to 12-10. Gold answered with two baskets from Marcus Wilkins who displayed an awesome inside game of strength and shooting touch. Gold held on to the lead.

Blue-Gold

Friday's Blue-Gold game was everything it was billed to be with a final face-off between Blue (6-4 for the year) and Gold (7-4), with Gray waiting in the wings to play the winner for the league championship. Alan Williams, Alex Green, Timmy Bates and Oby Oross scored for Blue. Steve Cure and Dru Baldauf scored for Gold. At the end of the quarter the score was 9-6 in Gold's favor. In the 2nd quarter the teams traded free throws to make it 10-7. Gold players Brett Hanna and Dru Baldauf scored. Marcus Wilkins hit two to give Gold a 13-12 lead. Alex Green's jumpshot put Blue ahead. Marcus Wilkins used a head fake and scored to give Gold a 15-14 lead. Alex Green scored again (all 7 points in the period), putting Blue ahead 16-15. Gold jumped on top with a free throw shot by Steven Cure (Gold) and Alan Williams and Alex Green scored making it 19-17 Blue. Blue then streaked ahead with a 7-0 run to go ahead 26-19. After a time out and a motivational talk from Coach Baldauf about rebounding, the Gold team returned to the court to go on a 6-0 run to bring the game to 26-25. During that spurt, Gold

got baskets from Dru Baldauf, Steven Cure, and James Faucette on an offensive rebound. It was James' first basket of the season and what a big time to have made it. Coach Baldauf leapt two feet off the ground on that play. He said "that play made my whole season." It looked as if the Gold team ("The Come Back Kids") were about to work another miracle. With the clock ticking down Dru Baldauf hit a jump shot to bring Gold to within one point at 30-29, with 14 seconds remaining. Blue was able to hold onto the ball and the narrow lead to advance to Tuesday's championship game against the Gray team.

Championship Game

Tuesday's championship game was a real barn-burner. The Gray jumped out on top with a quick 6-0 start with baskets by Corey Bernard, Jon Dent, and Sam Moussauz; Alex Green answered to make it 6-2. A bucket from Michael Wheeler made it 8-2 Gray. The teams alternated baskets to end the first quarter 12-6 in favor of Gray, with the 2nd quarter consisting of two big runs, one by each team, a 9-2 streak to take a 15-14 advantage by Blue. Then two lead changes with Gray retaking the lead 16-15 only to have Blue regain the lead 17-16. Gray then re-took the lead on a 6-0 run capped by a three pointer by Jonathan Dent to finish the half 22-17. The game became more defensive in the second half with some of the kids trying. Two shots by Alex Green closed the gap to 24-22. Buddie Magruder extended the lead to 26-22. Blue fought back to end the 3rd quarter in a tie, 26-26. In the final period Aaron Perry and Sam Moussauz (Gray) and Alex Williams and Buddie Magruder (Blue) scored. In the closing minutes Henry Naverrette threw a baseball pass to the streaking Jonathan Dent who then converted the lay-up to seal Gray's victory and the inevitable was felt as Gray notched their tenth win in eleven tries to take home the

African Dance Theatre To Appear at Playhouse

Rescheduled from February 12, the WO'SE African Dance Theatre will appear at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly, Md. on Friday, April 8, at 8 p.m.

Presented by the M-NCPPC Arts Division, WO'SE's mesmerizing, high energy dance and drumming brings audiences to their feet in an exuberant shared ritual of joy. Its performances are a mixture of authentic music, dance and folklore from the cultures of Guinea, Senegal and South Africa

For ticket information call the Box Office at (301) 277-1710 or (301) 277-0312 TDD.

Boating Safety

Make the Seal of Safety a part of your boat by getting a Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Marine Examination (CME). It is a free check of your boat's equipment, covering federal and state safety related requirements plus additional standards recommended by the Auxiliary.

The examination is conducted only with your consent.

The examiners performing this service are all members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who have been carefully trained to look for some of the more common problems which might occur in your boat or its associated safety related equipment.

If your boat meets the CME requirements, the award of the decal is your assurance that your boat is properly equipped for fun and safety on the water. At the conclusion of the examination, a copy of the CME checklist is given to you.

A CME is not a law enforcement activity.

For additional information or an At-Home exam in the Beltsville, Glenn Dale, or Greenbelt areas contact Steve Klein at 301-572-5565.

tournament title and the league championship 35-30!

Congratulations to first year Coach Seyed Moussauz and all the members of the Gray team for an exciting finish to a Fantastic Season.

Focus on the Family Meetings Scheduled

An invitation is extended to all families where one or both parents has multiple sclerosis, to participate in the upcoming program, Focus on the Family, a free program sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Soc.

For five Saturdays this spring, April 16-May 14, parents will meet with a group facilitator to discuss an array of parenting issues, while their children, with

the help of an art therapist, explore creatively the role MS plays in their families' lives. The meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, at The National Presbyterian Center, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016. Transportation can be provided if necessary.

Please call the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by Friday, April 8, at (202) 296-9891 to participate in Focus on the Family.



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PPTC Funds Available

Potomac Pedalers Touring Club announces the availability of funds to be given to non-profit organizations and individuals for bicycle related community services projects. PPTC established the Community Services Program in 1992 to fund projects related bicycle safety, bicycle education, development of bicycle facilities and the promotion of bicycling as a positive, healthy

activity. Applications will be accepted through June 30. If interested, send a self-addressed stamped envelope for further information and an application to: PPTC Community Services Program, 6727 Curran Street, McLean, Va. 22101.

Potomac Pedalers Touring Club, Inc., is a non-profit educational, charitable and recreational bicycle club. Since 1992, Potomac Pedalers has awarded 19 area grants totaling \$11,600.

Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin' Judy

Uncle Sylvester was reading the newspaper and grumbling when I walked into his house. "What's wrong, Unk?" I enquired. "Got a problem with your least favorite politician?"

"He's probably in on it, all right. Roads—they keep on building 'em and we still have nothing but gridlock."

"True," I replied. "That's why we've got to encourage people to use public transportation."

He snorted. "Sure, they open a Metro station and build another road to get to it. And if that isn't bad enough, now they're putting in another big one—the information super highway. I can't imagine where they'll find space to construct it."

"I wouldn't worry too much about that," I suggested. "There's space enough."

"Oh yeah, right. Maybe around Research Road? Or Defense Highway? What forest are they going to cut down—what green area will they eliminate to make space for it?"

"It's not exactly that kind of space" I said. "It's cyber-space."

"In Siberia, you say? Some-

thing the Russians are doing? I knew there was dirty work afoot. I suppose they're building a space station."

"No, I didn't say anything about Siberia. It's c-y-b-e-r."

"You mean the Russians have nothing to do with it?" asked Uncle.

"Yes, they do. Everybody does."

"I don't!" he insisted. "You had better explain what this cyber nonsense is all about."

"No," I answered.

"Ohc! Holding out on your old uncle. I knew there was something rotten going on!"

"There isn't, but please don't ask me to explain" I begged.

"Why not," he asked suspiciously.

"Because I can't," I blushingly admitted. "I haven't a clue!"



Health Club Fees Limited by Law

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. has advised consumers to think twice before joining a health club, weight loss center or self-defense school that has failed to comply with Maryland health club law. His office has compiled a list of facilities registered with the Consumer Protection Division.

In addition to requiring that these businesses register with the Consumer Protection Division, the health club law prohibits businesses from collecting initiation fees of more than \$200 or more than three month's payment in advance unless the business has posted security with the office to protect consumer's payments should the facility shut down or never open.

All other businesses are prohibited from collecting such advance payments, according to the Attorney General.

Under Maryland law, the maximum bond that any existing club has to post is \$200,000. As a result, even if a club posts the maximum bond, there is a chance that consumers would only receive a partial refund if the club closes.

Non-profit health clubs such as YMCA are not included on the list of registered clubs since they are exempt from the registration and bonding requirements of the health club law.

For information contact the Attorney General's office, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, telephone 410-576-6357.

Congressional

Arts Competition

Congressman Steny Hoyer (MD-5) has announced an art competition for high school students in the 5th Congressional District. The winning entry will be displayed this coming summer, along with artworks from Congressional Districts throughout the country, in a corridor of the United States Capitol — an area dedicated to the artistic skills of today's young artists.

According to Hoyer, the contest is part of An Artistic Discovery, the thirteenth annual competition implemented by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the creative talents of young Americans. Between now and June 1, members of Congress will conduct local competitions for high school students in order to select artwork to be displayed in the National exhibition.

"Artistic heritage is an integral part of our American history," said Hoyer. "This competition allows us to encourage our young artists whose creative energies are so vital to our rich cultural traditions."

The competition is open to any high school student in the 5th Congressional District and will be judged by a group of individuals from throughout the District. Artwork must be an original concept (not reproduced from any existing photo, painting, or other work), two-dimensional and no larger than 32" by 32" (framed). Eligible categories are paintings, drawings, collages and prints.

For further information on the Congressional Arts Competition, please contact Mary Brisker in Hoyer's office at (301) 843-1577 or (301) 705-9633.

**Attention GHI Members
GHI ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 22, 1994**



**Schedule of
Deadlines**

5 p.m., Thursday, April 7: To place an item on the agenda by petition for censure or removal of Board or elected committee member.

Midnight, Sunday, April 17: To place an item on the agenda by petition for specific proposition.

8 p.m., Thursday, May 12: List of candidates from the N&E Committee to the Secretary to be publicly posted.

5 p.m., Sunday, May 15: To appear on the official ballot, all nominations by petition and all written consent-to-serve forms must be in the hands of the Secretary or filed at the Corporation office.

Tuesday, May 17: Proxies must be received by the Board Secretary (by Midnight); or at the Corporation office (by close of business). Please note: In accordance with Article IV, Section 8d of the GHI Bylaws, the official proxy form may be obtained only by a member submitting a written request, over his or her signature, to the Secretary or to the business office of the Corporation. The form will be sent to the member by mail unless requested in person by the member.

1 p.m., Sunday, May 22: Annual Membership Meeting to be held at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Sunday, May 22, during the meeting: Voting for Nominations and Election Committee seats.

Sunday, May 22, upon recess of annual meeting: Voting, Board and Audit Committee seats at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Monday, May 23, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Voting for Board and Audit Committee seats at City Offices.

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Center Mall Renovation

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furniture in the plaza will be upgraded.

Original Design

The Greenbelt Commercial Center was an early design of an integrated neighborhood shopping center with ample parking in adjacent lots and stores fronting on a landscaped pedestrian mall. It was an important element of the model plan established for Greenbelt. When built in 1937 by the Department of Agriculture Rural Resettlement Administration, there were only two buildings that faced the mall and no parking lot behind the statue. The Co-op Food Store building and the Greenbelt Medical Center came much later.

Three wide sidewalks ran from Centerway to the back of the mall—one through the middle of the Mother and Child statue and the others on either side to serve the store fronts. The sidewalk along Centerway crossed the mall in front and in back, a curving sidewalk ran from the statue to the rear of the parking lots on either side of the center. The one sidewalk continued on to Center School while the other went on to Parkway and then to the underpass of Crescent Road near Hillside Road. The mall was crossed by two other walks, one at the entrance to the theater and store on the opposite side of the mall and the other where the two sidewalks leading to the parking lots are.

This created six grass areas bordered by low curbs. Benches were placed alongside the grass areas facing towards the sidewalks. The benches consisted of wood boards for seats and backs supported on either end by large rectangular concrete blocks. The grass areas were bordered by hedges. Tulip magnolia shrubs were planted in each grass area. In time, the shrubs became quite large and produced a beautiful display of pink flowers each spring.

Behind the statue was a grass hillside with a stairway leading to a densely wooded area that formed a backdrop to the statue.

In 1962, as a result of a land deal between the city and the Co-op, the wooded area was cleared out in order to build the north parking lot.

1974 Renovation

By the 1950's the mall had become run down. The sidewalks were badly cracked and uneven due to settlement and uplifting. The grass areas and hedges were poorly maintained, and dirt paths had been worn across them. In 1963, some improvements were made to the landscaping by eliminating the hedges and introducing flower beds of annuals. Although doubting Thomases cried out that the flower beds would be quickly vandalized, Greenbelters were pleased to find that they were not.

In 1973, the city council authorized the renovation of the mall, issuing bonds for the \$60,000 project with the debt to be repaid by the property owners at the center. T. D. Donovan and Associates, landscape architects, were hired to redesign the mall; construction was completed by the following summer. Subsequently, the Maryland Circuit Court ruled the special assessments to be a form of double taxation to the merchants, and the city wound up paying off the debt.

The present appearance of the mall is essentially that designed by the Donovan firm. Donovan objected to the openness behind the statue and the view overlooking the parking lot. He felt that the mall needed a defined ending and called for the planting of a row of evergreen trees behind the statue as a sight screen. Because the mall has always been a popular gathering spot for town residents, Donovan created shaded sections with clusters of benches facing toward each other to facilitate social interchange.

In the center of the mall a large open area was created for use for community events such as exhibits or performances. The landscape architect would have liked to use a combination of

concrete and brick paving surfaces, but due to budget limitations a colored patterned concrete known as Bomanite was used to create a brick-like appearance.

A dominant feature of the redesign was the planting of four rows of Bradford Pear trees that have subsequently provided spectacular arrays of color each spring and fall.

Design Criticisms

Criticism of the present design became vocal at the time the Greenbelt Arts Center and the city sponsored a weekend charette on redesigning Roosevelt Center in June, 1985. Four teams consisting of volunteer professional designers, citizens, city officials and business people developed design plans for the renovation of the center. Although no team was declared a winner, the city subsequently held a follow-up one-day charette event to combine the ideas into one plan.

The charette participants particularly criticized Donovan's decision to close off the mall behind the statue. They felt that access to the mall from the parking lot and the recreational facilities near Braden Field, particularly the planned indoor pool, should be strengthened. The view of the woods across the parking lot should be restored as well. To do this a variety of schemes were proposed to extend the mall

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In the early days there were drinking fountains attached to the statue pedestal. The woodland on the left was cut down to provide another parking lot for the commercial area. The sidewalk winding its way off into the distance went to Parkway and was eliminated when the new Co-op Food Store building was built on that side of the statue.

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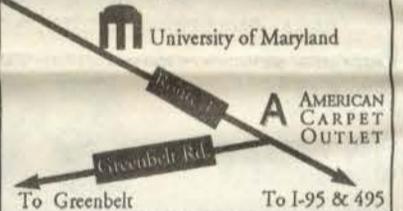
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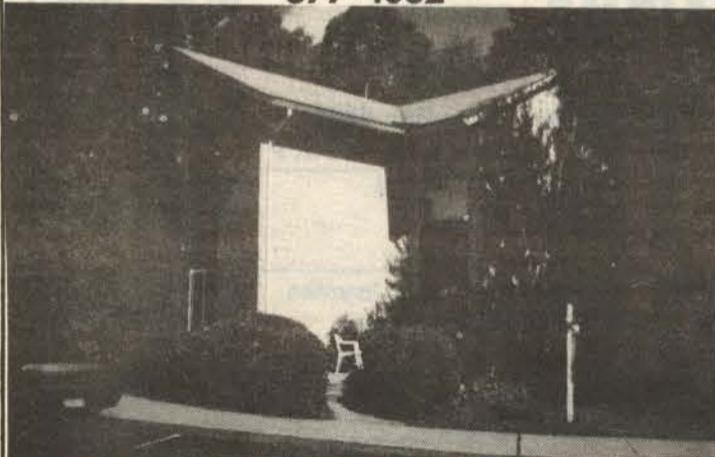
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Center Mall

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down the hill, one being a grand terraced stairway.

Another criticism was that the now grown Bradford Pear trees obstructed the view of the statue. It was felt that the statue was a focal point of the mall design. In order to improve the view, the participants generally felt that it would be necessary to remove trees.

Although not well addressed by the charette, the mall design has been criticized for its use for community events such as band concerts and exhibits. The open central area is too hot and sunny for this use in the daytime, and everyone seeks the shade of the pear trees or the canopied areas in front of the stores. At Greenbelt Concert band programs, for example, the band performs in the shade of the trees in front of the statue, while concert goers seek other shady areas leaving the open area directly in front of the band de-

void of audience.

How a designer can provide the desired shade for the community events while opening up the view across the mall to the statue will be an interesting challenge for the designer chosen by the city.

The Bomanite, which has been difficult and expensive to repair, is, at best, imitation brick. With the use of granite paver blocks and real brick along Centerway, it fails to meet the standard of design more recently established. The irregular surface is also a walking hazard to elderly pedestrians.

The tree beds, too, have come to look bad because of raised roots and the fact that no workable ground cover has been found. These beds lack the water and drainage systems now installed along Centerway and in the rebuilt parking lots in order to spur healthy growth and reduce above-ground root growth.

The most frequent citizen complaints about the mall, however, relate to the people using it. Bicycle riders and skateboard users annoy many of the senior pedestrians. Rowdy gatherings of young people and vandalism are



The Roosevelt Center Mall now has a canopy of Bradford Pear trees which turn white each spring with their blossoms. —Photo by Joe Polanin, courtesy City of Greenbelt

Ulrich Competitions Scheduled at Tawes

On Friday evening, April 8 and Saturday evening, April 9 at 7 p.m. the annual Homer Ulrich Competition Finals will take place in the Tawes Recital Hall of the University of Maryland at College Park. The April 8 event will feature the undergraduate contest while April 9 will present the graduate performers. There will be three finalists in each of four divisions: piano, string, wind/percussion, and voice. These competitions are free and open to the public. For additional information please call (301) 405-5548.

Lighthouse Sponsors Technology Expo

The Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind will host Assistive Technology Expo '94 on Friday, April 8 from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hands-on exhibits will feature the latest in braille output, on-screen magnification, speech output, and voice activation. The exposition will be at the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind at 1421 P Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. To register, call Doris Pharr on (202) 462-2900, extension 3004.

other problems that crop up from time to time.

Since the mall is intended to be a people place, it will be a further challenge to the designers to create a place that invites people to come and enjoy the space while at the same time discouraging improper behavior.

Bonsai Consultant

A volunteer expert will be available in the Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum to answer questions on the care and training of bonsai on Sundays, April 3 and 17 from 1-3 p.m.

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Police are seeking the two men pictured in the composite drawings above in connection with the robbery of an armored car guard on March 28.

ARMORED CAR ROBBED AT BELTWAY PLAZA

The Greenbelt City Police Department and the F.B.I. are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Federal Armored Express courier on March 28 at approximately 11 a.m. in front of the Giant Supermarket at the Beltway Plaza Mall. In a press release, the police department's spokesperson, Officer George Mathews said the preliminary investigation revealed that the courier was delivering an undisclosed amount of money to the supermarket when he was approached by two persons. According to the release, one of them was displaying what appeared to be a 9mm semi-automatic handgun. As the armed suspect demanded the money the second suspect took the courier's handgun. After taking the money, both suspects fled the area on foot, exiting through the rear mall doors to the rear of the Giant. The suspects then

got into a waiting vehicle driven by a third suspect and left the area in an unknown direction. The first suspect is described as a black male in his late twenties, 5'7" to 5'8" tall weighing 145 pounds, with close cropped hair. He was last seen wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. The second suspect is described as a black male in his late twenties, 5'9" tall, weighing 165 to 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a blue jumpsuit and a baseball-type cap with a white front. The third suspect is described as a black male, but no further details were available. The vehicle is described as possibly a dark colored Dodge Omni or Ford Escort.

Anyone with information can contact Detective Marie Croisette at 301-507-6530 or Special Agent John Liddi at 301-577-0600.

Equity 2000 Project Continues Sat. Academies

The Prince Georges County Public Schools' Equity 2000 Project continues its Saturday Academy Program at the campuses of Prince Georges Community College and the University of Maryland at College Park, beginning April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The academies will take place at PGCC on April 9, 16, and 23, and May 7, 14, and 21. The UMCP academies will be April 9, 16, 23, and 30, and May 7 and 14. Aimed at promoting greater school success for middle school students, the program was enlarged this spring to incorporate all middle schools, including Greenbelt Middle School.

The Saturday Academy is a student support program designed to help implement the Equity 2000 vision that all students can learn and excel at the highest level, given the opportunity and support. The program provides students with the opportunity to be exposed to academic enrichment activities in a college campus setting, in an environment of high expectations, that will motivate them to fully develop their academic potential. The program will help students to succeed in algebra and geometry in the ninth and tenth grades in high school and to be prepared to enter and succeed in college.

Included in the academy is a special parent involvement/support component. Students will be expected to attend all sessions, while parents, or a significant adult, will be expected to attend the first and the last sessions. The Saturday Academy is fund-

ed by a three-year grant to the Equity 2000 program from the Rockefeller Foundation.

For additional information contact either Equity 2000 Specialist, Dr. Rhonda C. Gill, at (301) 386-1563, Coordinator, Dr. Eldon Baldwin, at (301) 322-0446, or UMCP Coordinator, Dr. Elizabeth Robertson-Tchabo, at (301) 405-2804.

Two Youths Arrested In Synagogue Vandalism

According to a press release by the Greenbelt City Police Department, two juveniles were arrested and charged with malicious destruction in connection with a vandalism which took place on October 31, 1993 at the Mishkan Torah Synagogue. The vandalism involved the carving of swastikas into the front doors of the building. Arrested was a 15 year old Greenbelt resident and 13 year old nonresident. Both youths were released to parents pending trial. The investigation was conducted by the department's Criminal Investigation Unit.

Scam Artists Vie With Uncle Sam

As if the IRS itself weren't bad enough. Now amateurs are getting into the game. Some enterprising scam artists are trying to catch the poor taxpayer in his or her most vulnerable moment by impersonating Internal Revenue Service employees. They try to collect money for "unpaid taxes," sometimes insisting on cash payments. IRS Internal Security officials advise wariness. They caution that federal tax payments should be made by check or money order with "Internal Revenue Service" spelled out to protect against check altering. They also say that demands for payment by wire or non-postal express delivery are signs of a scam.

Arts Open House

The Stamp Student Union Art Center will host its annual Open House, on Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. There will be a series of free interactive workshops, in pottery, photography, drawing, printmaking, and acting provided by professional artists from the staff. This is a creative opportunity for all ages. In addition, an exhibition of works by Art Center faculty, staff, and students will be displayed. Information about summer courses will be provided at this event. For more information, please call (301) 314-ARTS.



Ron Miller, president of the Prince Georges County Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 619, presents State Sen. Leo E. Green (D-23rd District) with an award on behalf of his organization. Sen. Green has been recognized as the Maryland State Senate Fire Fighter of the Year for 1993.

Grease Man Cometh; WSSC in Hot Pursuit

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will intensify its efforts to identify and assess charges to individuals and firms that clog sewers with illegally or improperly discarded fats, oils and grease. The high-priority program, said the Commission, will benefit both residential and business customers through recovery of related WSSC expenses and a reduction in the number of sewer backups. The bulk of such violators, said the WSSC, are restaurants and fast-food establishments, although

other types of businesses also can be at fault. The blockages from fats, oils and grease often occur in main sewer lines, creating backups into basements and lower levels of nearby residences and other businesses. The WSSC intends to recover the costs of cleaning the lines, of damage claims paid to the homeowners, and of any related administrative expenses. It will pass these savings on to its customers. A single such occurrence can cost as much as \$2,000.



COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS

Meeting	Day and Date
Regular Meeting	Mon., April 11
Budget Work Sessions -	
- Revenues/Gen. Govt., Planning & Development	Tue., April 12
- CARES/Recreation	Mon., April 18
- Public Works	Wed., April 20
Regular Meeting	Mon., April 25
Budget Work Sessions -	
- F.O.P. Board	Wed., April 27
- Police	Mon., May 2
- Green Ridge House	Tues., May 3
- Contribution Groups	Wed., May 4
Regular Meeting	Mon., May 8
Budget Work Sessions -	
- Misc./Other/Cap. Projects (inc. Request to Purchase Lake Concession Stand.)	Tues., May 10
Public Hearing on FY/94-95 Budget	Mon., May 16
Budget Work Session - Wrap Up	Wed., May 18
Regular Meeting and Adoption of FY/94-95 Budget	Mon., May 23

Regular Council meetings and public hearings are held at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Budget work sessions are held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m. except for Green Ridge House which will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Green Ridge House.

These meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make the meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Around 2 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Southway at Greenbelt Road and smelled alcohol on the driver's breath and saw an open alcoholic beverage in his lap. The driver

was asked to step out to have a field sobriety test. Meanwhile, the passenger was given a pat down and found to have a baggie possibly containing a controlled dangerous substance. At that point the passenger ran away and was traced by a police dog as far as the Holiday Inn but then lost. A drug-detecting po-

lice dog then investigated the vehicle and found marijuana inside the vehicle, packaged for distribution. And the driver had some cocaine in his sock. As a result, the driver, a 37-year-old nonresident man, was arrested and charged on two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$80,000 bond pending trial.

Around 11 p.m. on Monday, March 21, an officer stopped a vehicle on Kenilworth Avenue at Ivy Lane for an equipment violation and found that the driver was driving with a suspended drivers license and that there was an open bench warrant on him for failing to appear in court on a driving with a suspended license charge. As part of the arrest procedure, the driver and the vehicle were searched, and marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found. Consequently, the driver, a 22-year-old resident man, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended drivers license, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed on \$1,000 bond and then released to the Prince Georges County Sheriff's Office for service on the open warrant.

An 18-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance around 12:15 p.m. on Monday, March 21, after marijuana was discovered in his vehicle during a routine traffic stop on Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue. The man was released on personal recognizance after appearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Around 12:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Parkway at Crescent Road, smelled phencyclidine (PCP) coming from the vehicle, and found that the driver's license was suspended. (S)he also found a plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance coated with PCP beside the passenger seat. Consequently, the driver, a 39-year-old resident man, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and driving with a suspended drivers license. He appeared before a District Court

A townhouse under construction was broken into in the 6000 block of Damsel Court on Thursday, March 24, and a gas stove was stolen.

On Monday, March 21, cash was reported stolen from a purse inside a desk drawer at an office suite in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, and a wallet was reported stolen from a purse inside a desk drawer in an office suite in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road.

A 43-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended after he left a two-year-old in a vehicle in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza for 45 minutes on Wednesday, March 23. He was released on citation pending trial.

A 29-year-old resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended after she left a three-year-old and a seven-year-old in a vehicle in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza

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on Thursday, March 24. She was released on citation pending trial.

A 17-year-old nonresident Eleanor Roosevelt student was arrested and charged with theft after (s)he was seen driving a suspicious vehicle with stolen registration tags on it through the school's parking lot around 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23. The youth was released to school officials pending trial.

Around 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, three men were arrested at the Greenbelt Police Department after two of them produced counterfeit resident aliens cards as identification in order to obtain a vehicle impound release, and the third was found to have no record of entry into this country by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The cards were confiscated and the men released at the request of the INS, who will be conducting a follow-up investigation.

A gray, 1993 Honda moped, MD tags 6145D7, was reported stolen from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on Friday, March 18.

Also on March 18, a stolen Chevrolet Spectrum was reported abandoned in the 7600 block of Greenbelt Road.

On Sunday, March 20, a blue, 1989 Suzuki Gitana GSX 750 motorcycle was reported stolen from the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive.

On Monday, March 21, a blue, two-door, 1985 Monte Carlo, registration tags NNS904, was reported stolen from the 7200 block of Hanover Drive.

On Tuesday, March 22, a Nissan Maxima was reported stolen from the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road and later recovered in not-driveable condition.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, the 9300 block of Edmonston Road, the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, the 5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive, the 7200 block of Hanover Pkwy., 7 Court Laurel Hill Road, and the 7600, 7800, and 8000 blocks of Mandan Road.

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An indecent exposure was reported at Wendy's Restaurant around 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22: A man came out of the rest room with his trousers unzipped and himself exposed and walked around the restaurant for a while. About 20 women from a college athletic team saw him and some of them asked him to zip up his pants. Although he was unresponsive to their requests he eventually did zip up his pants, apologize, and leave. He is described as white, about 25 years old, 5'8", 190 lbs., brown neck-length hair, unshaven, with a large round face and a mark on the left side of his nose near the eye, wearing a lime green T shirt, light blue jeans, work boots, and a dark-colored ball cap.

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