

News Review

We've Moved!

Please look for us inside the Community Center (through the outside door facing the Municipal Building, up a few steps to the first door on the left.)

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As City dignitaries listen, Mayor Antoinette Bram presides at the dedication ceremony of the new Community Center on March 16.

She is flanked by a plaque and a painting of the building by Dan Kennedy.

photo by Rita Wooddell

Upstairs and Downstairs: Community Center Tour

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

"We're back in 1936 now," explains Recreation Department employee Karen Haseley to the people accompanying her on a tour of the Community Center on March 16. The visitors take a quick look at their maps to confirm that they have travelled from the original part of the Community Center to the new wing and back again.

It's hard to tell what is new and what is old, one visitor comments. Another says, "Yes, except for the water fountains, which really stand out."

For many visiting the Community Center on the day of its grand opening, this is a first chance to see the building after its renovation. Informal and formal tours of the building reveal to visitors the ways in which the old and the new have blended to create a new gathering place for Greenbelters.

Antiques and Computers

In the office of the *Greenbelt News Review*, antique manual typewriters sit at one end of the room, while computer equipment can be seen at the other end. A fax machine and copier are located on original wooden cabinets, while an old adding machine, still in use, occupies a corner of a desk. One visitor, familiar with the *News Review's* old, dark, former quarters, looks around at the daylight-filled room and comments that the new location is "amazingly different."

Across the hall in the Multi-Media Room, members of the Greenbelt Writers' Group are enticing visitors to drop in by means of desserts. Co-chair Sue Jordan explains that her group hopes to find people to donate

computer equipment for the room. "We hope to have a space of our own here," she says. "It feels like a home."

These two rooms are located at the east entrance to the building, but most visitors now come in by way of the south entrance, where the Greenbelt Museum has created a Visitors' Center. It con-

"We're back in 1936 now"

—Karen Haseley, Tour Leader

tains an introductory exhibit, and includes 1930s furniture, photographs, and newspaper articles. One headline reads, "Greenbelt Wives Blush and Hide/Til Undies on the Line Are Dried"—an allusion to the early controversy over city rules governing the hanging of washed clothes.

At the end of the exhibit, visitors are encouraged to write their comments about Greenbelt. Comments are both philosophical and grumpy: "I'd like a utopian community without stop signs or speed bumps."

Senior Facilities

Past the bathrooms—no longer child-sized, but now paved with 1930s-style tiles—is the Senior Game Room. One young boy, wandering in and seeing the pool table, promptly goes over to play with the pool balls. "It's for old people only," explain his parents and pull him away.

The gallery, which doubles as a Senior Classroom and Conference Room, is presently filled with art by Lenore Thomas, the sculptor who created the Community Center friezes. Near the entrance is a fund established to

restore Thomas's Mother and Child statue at the Roosevelt Center; not far away is a Thomas statue recently given to the city.

After passing bulletin boards which are filled with children's art, just as in the old days, visitors reach the Senior Lounge. One senior citizen is sitting there knitting; another is reading a newspaper. Janet Parker, on the other hand, is poised at the entrance, ready to pounce on another visitor and hand out information on the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. "Have you joined?" she asks. "Well, you'd better."

A Long Struggle

The door to the Senior Classroom is closed—a group of citizens is listening to a lecture on Maryland's Emergency Vehicle Law—so the next room encountered is the Children's Art Room. Here artist Barbara Simon is showing a group of children how to create a painting with just a

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"A Million Thank-Yous" At Dedication of Center

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

Last time, the Community Center's dedication was cancelled due to a snowstorm. This time, the only weather hazard was a sun so bright that City Manager Daniel Hobbs had to shade his eyes as he gazed into the crowd gathered outside the building. The open house and dedication of Greenbelt's Community Center took place on the warm afternoon of March 16. Sunlight reflected off the tiaras of the Misses Greenbelt, and one visitor commented, "It's awfully hot here in the sun."

Mayor Antoinette Bram spoke of the weather in her opening remarks, pointing out that on an evening just one week ago, snow covered the steps of the entrance where she stood and the temperature was ten degrees. As she reached out to touch the newly budding tree beside her, she said, "We are blessed today."

The first part of the ceremony took place outside, beneath the "We the People" frieze at the south entrance. Bram attacked the green ribbon with an oversize pair of wooden scissors—and when they failed to do their job, Councilmember J Davis deftly sliced the ribbon with a pair of green-handled scissors.

Everyone then filed back into the gymnasium, where invited guests had already enjoyed a luncheon served on tables covered with green cloths.

The Greenbelt Concert Band played the National Anthem while five officers from the city police's ceremonial unit displayed nation, state,

and county flags. Bram opened the ceremony of "a million thank-yous" by acknowledging the citizens of Greenbelt "for your largesse in footing the bill for a community center."

She called for a moment of silence in memory of Tony and Ann Pisano, who were among the citizens who worked hardest on the Community Center. Four other long-term members of the Community Center Task Force were mentioned several times during the dedication: William Stratton, Barbara Simon, Keith Chernikoff, and Betty Timer.

Plogman Speaks

School Board Representative Suzanne Plogman alluded to the controversy over whether to convert the building from a school into a community center. She told the audience that she was pleased by the decision, saying, "All one needs to do is to visit the school . . . to see the pride that the students and teachers and parents have in their new state-of-the-art school." She also quoted several citizens who were enjoying the facilities at the Community Center, such as a mother at the Greenbelt Nursery School, who said that the school's new rooms "are so overwhelming to clean—there's so much room."

State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin, and James Hubbard presented the city with a gift of a Maryland flag, and a proclamation from Governor Parris Glendening declaring March 16, 1996, as

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What Goes On

Mon., March 25, 7:30 p.m. City Board of Appeals, Community Center (see ad)

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., March 26, 7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council Budget Work Session, Management Letter, Municipal Building

Wed., March 27, 7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education Forum, Community Center

Thurs., March 28, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

True Pleasure

The light coming through the windows of the new Community Center and the light in the eyes of those working and playing in the building confirm the happy marriage of architectural form and function. Designed originally as both school and center for community activities, the building now focuses on the latter—yet it is still a school.

Nothing was clearer to those gathering in its halls on Saturday and peering into its working spaces. A preschool and kindergarten form an important element of the building's agenda. Then there are the history lessons—delightfully displayed—in the art exhibit of the work of Lenore Thomas, sculptor of the building's carved stone reliefs, and in the two settings of '30s memorabilia by the Greenbelt Museum. In the children's and the adults' art rooms, entranced participants were learning how to create works with media new to them.

It's a place for fun and happy interchanges. The gym seems always busy. Men play basketball, folks sweat through aerobic classes, and kids play tag. Visitors drop into the studios, chatting with the artists about their visions and methods. Sharing space is popular with many of these artists, who enjoy the companionship as they pursue their individual work. Elsewhere people eat together, play cards, and talk. In short, the building is becoming what everyone had always hoped it would be.

The sun smiled on the opening ceremonies on Saturday. And the sunny smiles of those who share this building reflect the true pleasure of community.

Library Alert

A decision to close the Greenbelt library could be made by June 1 with the adoption of the county budget. That could be the sad outcome of hardball politics now being played in Annapolis and Upper Marlboro.

In Annapolis, a group of influential state senators appear to be "getting even" with Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry for his uncompromising and, in their view, uncooperative stand on funding for the Redskins stadium. It now appears that Curry will have difficulty getting passage in the Senate of any of his revenue-raising legislative proposals, including extra funding for county libraries. Although the executive is gathering more support in the House of Delegates, and Governor Parris Glendening may lend a hand, we are told that the final decisions will probably be made by a conference committee whose senatorial representatives are unfriendly to Curry. If so, the county's deficit gap could force the executive to make drastic cuts. A year ago, libraries were similarly threatened until Glendening included added funds in his budget and the legislature approved the expense.

If library branches are to be closed, Greenbelt's is at high risk. Our library is not as heavily used as some in the county. In addition, Greenbelt is in a relatively weak position politically. Greenbelt did not support Curry in the 1994 County Executive race. Also members of the Greenbelt City Council have angered Curry by filing a lawsuit, along with other municipal officials against the county over tax differentials. While Greenbelt may have right on its side on the issue, the county executive holds a number of trump cards which could be harmful to the city if he chooses to play them. Already funding for the Lakewood storm drainage project has been withdrawn by the county.

The choice in library closings could be between the Bowie branch and Greenbelt's. If so, Greenbelt will be the underdog, since the much larger Bowie holds all the political cards. In our common election districts, all the elected officials live in Bowie. While they have been supportive of their constituents in Greenbelt, if push comes to shove between Bowie and Greenbelt, we cannot count on their support.

What can be done about the situation? We're not sure. Perhaps the die has already been cast. We can only hope that the governor can use his considerable influence to obtain the needed library funding at the state level.

Locally, we think it is time for Greenbelt officials to resolve their differences with the county executive. They should be working together to solve county and city problems, not fighting each other in court. Perhaps a third party mediator is needed to resolve the issues.

Last, but not least, it is time for concerned Greenbelt citizens to get involved in the political fray, and to make clear their support for keeping our library open.

P.G. Combined School Choruses in Concert

On Saturday, March 23, the Music Department of the Prince George's County School system will present the 21st Annual Kennedy Center Concert, featuring the Combined Elementary Honors Choruses, the Middle School Honors Chorus, the High School Honors Chorus, and the All-County Senior Youth Orchestra.

The concert will be held at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts at 2:30 p.m. For ticket information call (202)467-4600.

Seating for the disabled is available in specific orchestra and box-seat sections.

Many Thanks

Many well deserved thank yous were offered at the dedication of the Greenbelt Community Center. I would like to add mine to that list.

Thanks to the Greenbelt citizenry and the City Councils involved with this project for seeing and supporting the potential of a Community Center.

A well done thank you to the Community Center Task Force. This group of citizens volunteered five years of their time and effort to making the Center a reality that will serve the community for many years to come.

Finally, thanks to the many city employees who assisted me with the hundreds of details of getting the building opened: Cathy Salgado and the Recreation Department, Ken Hall and the Public Works Department, Jim Sterling and the Community Development staff, and City Manager Dan Hobbs for his support.

It was a great day for Greenbelt on Saturday. Thank you one and all.

Michael McLaughlin
Deputy City Manager
(Michael McLaughlin was the project manager for the Community Center)

Give to GIVES

Elsewhere in this issue is a plea for operating funds from GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. Through the informal assistance of family, friends, and church members, many seniors and others are already being helped. Well, how often have you found out after the fact that someone could have used some help? Then, when you stated your willingness, the person said, "Oh, you're so busy that I didn't want to bother you."

The fact is that GIVES is the way to remove the factors of "bother" or imposition from the decision to ask for help. Because the care giver will receive a care credit for every hour volunteered, he or she is "banking" that someone will be there when the tables are turned, and the care receiver knows that no one was "bothered."

Donations of equipment and hours of time have gotten GIVES started, but postage and the phone bill require cash. Please help out for the sake of present seniors and your own future.

Betty Timer

Thanks

My sincerest thanks to all, when I was in the hospital. First, to my family, Dr. Trifoglio, and all my friends, for their prayers, flowers, get well cards and phone calls. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you all.

Vito Pergola

Plant Folklore

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, discover the stories and traditional uses of native plants found in Greenbelt National Park. Meet at the park's ranger station.

Letters to the Editor

Balancing Costs And Benefits

As a representative of District 23 of Prince George's County since 1978, I have faced a lot of tough decisions. This is my responsibility and it is one I welcome. "Ducking" a critical vote has never been my style and no vote has been tougher than the football stadiums issue.

After sitting down with Annapolis fiscal experts and economists, I voted in favor of creating the opportunity for a football stadium and recreational complex in Prince George's County and the lottery-funded football stadium in Baltimore.

First, I had to determine if this truly was a "schools vs. football" issue. This year with many state agencies and programs slated to be trimmed, education remains the top budget priority. We will allocate a record amount (\$133 million for school renovation, upgrade and construction.) In 25 years we have put more than \$4 billion into school construction and we will put in another \$6 billion more over the next 30 years. Our education needs are great and we will continue to meet those needs. But our economic development needs are also great.

I have no great interest in football or making rich people richer, unless it also makes a lasting contribution to the employment and economy of my county and my state. With a net investment of \$58 million in dedicated transportation funds for roads that were needed anyway, the Redskins Stadium will return to us the following: \$160 million privately funded construction project (and jobs it will create), a permanent source of jobs and tax revenue (\$8 million a year for the county or five cents on the assessable tax base, and enough money to build a new elementary school every two years). Thus the Redskins will become one of the largest taxpayers in the county. With a new on-site

sports complex available to all Prince Georgians, the stadium will be another landmark that will draw attention and business dollars to our county.

I also strongly agreed with the critics of the Baltimore Football Stadium who said that deal was too sweet — for the owner. Incidentally, I had voted against the successful 1987 proposal that created the two stadium complex at Camden Yards. But the earlier legislation always envisioned debt financing with sports lottery money.

The bottom line here is not that we have chosen one worthy issue or program over another. We have balanced two important interests — students and economic development. And we have done this with a responsible vision for better schools, continued job growth and community pride.

Joan B. Pitkin

GIVES Support

I am a disabled resident of Old Greenbelt who has needed various types of help since last June. My family does not live close by and the only people I could call upon were the other residents of 20 Court Southway. I am sure they tired of me after a while but they were always nice. Now they too can say "Thank GIVES," as I have.

GIVES is a volunteer service whose office is in the Senior Lounge in our Community Center. I called them (507-6680 or 474-6668) to ask for a ride to part of the County I was not familiar with.

I can drive short distances but not longer trips. GIVES sent a lady to take me who arrived right on the dot at my house and was pleasant and not nosey. Just plain nice!

If anyone else out there needs help, call Janet Parker, Chairperson of GIVES, at one of the numbers above.

Emmalea Kelley

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Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

Beverly Hummel of the Gray Panthers will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Golden Age Club scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 at 11 a.m. in the multi-purpose room of the new Greenbelt Community Center. Her topic will be "The Excessiveness of our 'For Profit' Health Care System and Some Legislative Solutions."

A wonderful time was had by all members who attended the Greenbelt Community Center Dedication and Open House on Saturday, March 16. A big "Thank You" to everyone who worked so hard on this event and especially to Karen Hasely, the Senior Activities Coordinator.

The March birthdays have been celebrated and Spring is here (hopefully). Now is the time to plan for the upcoming trips. On Tuesday, April 23, clubmembers will visit the National Wildlife Center and then tour Historic Laurel. Lunch at "The Old Country Buffet" is included in the cost.

The list will also be available for members to sign up for the May 30 trip which will be a tour of Easton and Oxford on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The fee will include dinner; however, lunch is "on your own."

Here's hoping spring will shake away the winter blues caused by this unusual season. Those members who wish to get active should join the Senior Exercise programs at the Center or at the pool.

Doerr to Speak

The Gray Panthers of Greenbelt will feature as their speaker the well-known advocate for the separation of church and state, Edd Doerr, the executive director of Americans for Religious Liberty on Saturday, March 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. The public is invited to join in the discussion of school vouchers, open praying in public schools and other tax-supported facilities, and other related subjects.

For further information call 474-6890 or 474-6668.

Wetlands Hike

On Sunday, March 24, at 11 a.m., learn about the biological role that wetlands play while discovering the plant and animal communities in a forested swamp on this two mile hike in Greenbelt National Park. Meet at the campground entrance station.

At the Library

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 28. For more information contact the library at 345-5800.

All branches and offices of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be closed Monday, March 25, in observance of Maryland Day.

Community Events

Easter Activities At Beltway Plaza

The Easter Bunny will hand out goodies from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 and from noon - 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. Children can also have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

The Easter Bunny will help children, ages three to ten, find Easter eggs on Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m. The eggs are filled with either candy, AMC movie passes, or a certificate for one of the big stuffed jelly bean bunnies.

Two free big stuffed jelly bean bunnies will be given to the boy and girl in the cutest Easter outfit judged by the Easter Bunny.

Learn about Services For the Mentally Ill

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) will hold a public forum on Wednesday, March 27 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Rd. The forum will feature a panel of speakers from four sources of help for the mentally ill in the county.

People can learn whom to call for problems being experienced by a mentally ill person and the family members trying to deal with them. An individual with a mental illness might have the following symptoms: they might quit taking medication, stop eating, become suspicious of friends and relatives, or become angry with others. Those friends and relatives who care for the individual and who want to help often don't know where to turn for quick assistance.

New services begin from time to time. Established services change direction. New staff or sources of funding may put a different emphasis on what an agency offers.

All are welcome to hear staff members from the Emergency Psychiatric Services of Prince George's Hospital Center, the P.G. County Hotline, VESTA and the Family Crisis Team in Laurel.

AMI is a local, state and national non-profit organization of relatives and friends of people with serious mental illnesses. Support groups meet in various locations (including the Health Dept. in Cheverly on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.) and a local information line is maintained (839-0253). For information about the forum or the organization call Marge Owens (345-1572) or Agnes Hatfield (982-2053). Both live in Greenbelt.

Literary Luminaries Of the Roaring '20s

"Explorations Unlimited" will once again welcome Dr. Bill Fry from the English Department of Prince George's Community College on Friday, March 29. Dr. Fry will be discussing the "Literary Luminaries" of the roaring '20s, including Edna St. Vincent Millay, Ernest Hemingway, and F. Scott Fitzgerald (& Zelda). Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite poem to share.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center, Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. For more information call 397-2208.

Arts for the Aging Dance Workshop

On Thursday, March 28, Nancy Havlik, from Arts for the Aging, will give a dance performance and workshop for senior citizens in the Community Center's Dance Studio. This workshop will encourage individuals to participate, dance, move and have fun.

This presentation will be held at 1 p.m. in the Dance Studio at the Greenbelt Community Center. Any senior citizen wishing to attend is encouraged to come. Call 397-2208 for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt At Nursing Center

Children are cordially invited to attend the annual Easter egg hunt that will be held by Greenbelt Nursing Center on Tuesday, April 2. The rain date will be April 3.

Come hunt eggs, meet the Easter Bunny and have refreshments.

The Easter egg hunt will begin at 1:30 p.m. For questions, call Hannah Jones at 345-9595.

Bicycle Coalition

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition (GBC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The main agenda items are 1) Plans for GBC-sponsored rides tied to P. G. County Tri-Centennial celebration, 2) Bike Week events in May, and 3) Bike lanes on Cherrywood Lane.

Because City Council will be discussing the proposed redesign of Cherrywood Lane on the same evening, the meeting will adjourn early so that members can attend the City Council meeting. All area bicyclists are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Steven Harper, at 301-513-9368.

Recreation Review

Aerobic Jamboree

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will present an Aerobic Jamboree on Saturday, April 6 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. All aerobic dance enthusiasts are invited to join in this free event featuring workouts with instructors from Jackie Sorenson's "Jackie's Workout," Torobics "Step To The Beat!" and JAHS Fitness Unlimited "Culture and Heritage." Participants should bring their own step and optional hand weights to maximize the aerobic experience. Door prizes will be awarded. Call the Recreation Department for additional information.

Community First Aid and Safety

Be prepared for emergencies! Sign up for a first aid and safety class to be given on March 26, 27 and 28 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from 7-10 p.m. To register, please contact the Recreation Business Office at 397-2200.



Greenbelt Municipal Access Television Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday, March 25 at 8:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting-Budget Presentation

Tuesday & Thursday March 26 & 28
6:00pm "The Greenbelt Community Center Opening"
7:30pm "City Council Meeting" - replay of 3/25



Great coffee, sinful desserts, wholesome lite fare, and music! And in our own neighborhood! Visit the New Deal Cafe for dinner and dessert this weekend.

Friday, March 22nd, 8 PM: Open Mike
Saturday, March 23rd, 8 PM: No Performance

Friday, March 29th: Heartbeat
Saturday, March 30th: The Suburban Bushmen

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-12AM. 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD474-5642

Technology, Schools & the Future

A Citizens' Forum

sponsored by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 p.m. displays
7:30 p.m. presentations

New Greenbelt Community Center
Multi-purpose Room



"The technological revolution can be the most democratic opportunity for the future."

President Bill Clinton
White House Conference
at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School
March 7, 1996

The public is invited to come see and hear what's new in Greenbelt's schools. Find out what the technological capabilities are of our schools and what the future holds. Greenbelt's School board Representative Suzanne Plogman will speak. Representatives have also been invited from the Roosevelt Community of Schools, Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, Greenbelt Middle School, Robert Goddard Middle School, St. Hugh's School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Quince Orchard Elementary School, Greenbelt Elementary School and Magnolia Elementary School.

Kite Flying Contest

Sunday, March 24, 1996 1 PM

Schrom Hills Park

FREE!

Prizes to be awarded for the following categories:
Largest Kite Smallest Kite Highest Kite Most Unusual Kite
Prettiest Kite Youngest Flyer Oldest Flyer
Your kite must fly to qualify!

Greenbelt Recreation Department

(301) 397-2200

Edith W. Lyles

Edith W. Lyles, 96, died Monday, March 11, at the Greenbelt Nursing Center. A Greenbelt pioneer, Mrs. Lyles and her family moved from Washington DC to Greenbelt in 1938. After many years she returned to Washington DC and later moved to Atlanta, GA and Arcadia, CA. She returned to Greenbelt in 1978.

Mrs. Lyles retired in 1959 from the Government Printing Office with over 30 years of service. She was a supervisor of the pamphlet bindery section.

Having served in the Navy during World War I, she was a member of American Legion Post #33 for 61 years.

Mrs. Lyles is survived by her son, Kenneth W. Lyles, Severn, MD; daughter, Barbara Hulstrom, Greenbelt, and two grandsons.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Church on Friday, March 15, with Father Thomas Crowley officiating. Interment was at Greenbelt City Cemetery.

Support Groups

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be offering two small-group experiences beginning March 24 at 4:30 p.m. The first small group to be offered is "A Time for Healing: Coming to Terms with Your Divorce." The group is not a therapy group, merely a gathering of persons seeking the emotional and spiritual healing God's grace provides. The Rev. Mike Gilliom will lead this group.

The second group is for those who grew up in dysfunctional families, primarily those affected by alcohol. Again this is a support, not a therapy, group. The course, entitled, "Making Peace with Your Past," will be led by Pastor Drew Shofner. Anyone who is interested but unsure, should feel free to attend the introductory meeting on March 24 to see if either course might meet his or her needs. There are no strings attached and people do not need to be members of the church to join either group. The courses are offered in the hope they may be a service to the community.

For more information, please call Greenbelt Baptist Church at 474-4212.

Cholesterol Screen

Laurel Regional Hospital will offer free cholesterol screenings to the public on Thursday, March 28 from 3 to 5 p.m., in the hospital's J. Russell Jones Room. Registration is not necessary, but a maximum of 65 screenings can take place during the allotted time. The blood test involves a finger stick that produces a drop of blood, and it measures total cholesterol (HDL plus LDL). This screening is not recommended for persons under a doctor's care who need to have HDL and LDL levels monitored separately. For more information, call the Public Affairs and Development Department at 497-7914.

Now at Montpelier

The Montpelier Recital competition continues on Sunday, March 24 with a free concert at 3 p.m. of the Resounding Winds Saxophone Quartet. Reservations are necessary so call 953-1993, TTY 490-2329.

Mowatt Memorial's Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week observances by Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, include Palm Sunday (March 31) worship service at 11 a.m. with special music by the children; Maundy Thursday communion at 7 p.m.; the Tenebrae service on Good Friday at 7 p.m. followed by a prayer vigil at 8 p.m. continuing to the beginning of the Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake (rain location the Baptist Church). Then at 7:30 a.m. Mowatt will have Easter breakfast followed by the 11 a.m. Easter worship service. All are invited to these special activities.

An unusual feature for Mowatt, a seder meal is planned for the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m.

Let's Go Fly a Kite

All kite flyers are invited to Shrom Hills Park on Sunday, March 24 at 1 p.m. The Greenbelt Recreation Department will be sponsoring its annual kite flying contest. The Department has made a special weather request for that day and expects perfect kite flying weather for experienced and novice flyers. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. For additional information about this free event, contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 397-2200.

Capitol College Open House

Capitol College, an independent, four-year college in Laurel, will host a Saturday open house on March 30 between 1 and 4 p.m. Students and parents attending the open house will be able to learn more about the college's degree programs in electrical engineering, electronics engineering technology, computers, telecommunications, and management; admissions requirements; financial aid and scholarships; career services and co-op; and other student services. Capitol will also offer tours of the state-of-the-art lab facilities, campus, and dorms. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak with current students, faculty and staff.

For more information about Capitol College's open house, please contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-950-1992.

Financial Aid For Cancer Help

The American Cancer Society's Cancer Aid Plan offers financial assistance with hospital bills, surgeon's fees, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and physical rehabilitation for eligible cancer patients. Nutritional supplements and other medical supplies are available for those who qualify. Maryland residents may call 933-9350.

Promise Keepers Postpone Meeting

The March Greenbelt Promise Keepers prayer breakfast has been postponed until April 4 at 7 a.m. The upcoming meeting will concentrate on the "Breaking Down the Walls" theme, the focus of the 1996 conference. "Breaking Down the Walls" is the sixth promise of a Promise Keeper, reaching beyond any racial or denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity. This year's conference is scheduled for RFK May 14 and 25. Those interested in participating in this year's conference can purchase tickets by calling 1-800-239-7595. Join Promise Keepers to see what the excitement is about!

Cancer Visitations

The American Cancer Society offers the Reach to Recovery visitation program for mastectomy and lumpectomy patients. Trained volunteers visit new patients and present a temporary prosthesis, exercise instructions, encouragement, and support. To request a visit or additional information Maryland residents may call 933-9350.

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Artists Adjust to Life In Community Center

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

"This is a new German-made tool," says Richard McMullin, and demonstrates the cutting tool to Councilmember Rodney Roberts by punching out a piece of stained glass. Scattered all about him are bits of colored glass waiting to be cut.

In the Brothers McMullin studio, Richard and Michael are still becoming adjusted to life in their new, light-filled room in the Community Center. "We were waiting in line to get in here," Richard McMullin tells a visitor who has taken advantage of the March 16 open house to visit the Community Center. "It's a huge improvement. It's much nicer to have natural light and to have people visit you."

The McMullins' old studio was located in the basement of the Greenbelt Co-op, and McMullin reports that the artists used to be visited by the "Center bums." Now they are visited by rock bands and by girls who wander in and sing show tunes a capella.

McMullin says that their initiation to the Community Center was more daunting. "The thing that happened right away was a posted list of rules," he said. The rules forbade such things as children visiting late at night, alcohol, and nudity. "Of course, all of us were so prone to taking our clothes off," McMullin comments. He says that on the first night, he brought his children to the studio, opened champagne, and "tried to break as many of those rules as possible so that we could get it out of our system."

McMullin notes that similarly tight restrictions are placed on Greenbelters using the Community Center gymnasium, and says with a laugh, "I think sports people should be controlled—artists should be left alone."

His studio is filled with collages, paintings, and a set of "I Married the Wrong Man" Barbie dolls. The last were created by his brother, and they list features such as "Low Self-Esteem" and "Al-anon Member-

ship." Richard McMullin himself works with stained glass. On the day of the open house, he is busy creating a day-lily window, which is based on a larger design which he once created for a church. Most of his designs are for private homes; McMullin says he grew tired of designing windows for churches, which usually had committees controlling every aspect of the design. He says, "I feel more satisfied in making someone happy in their house than in waiting for the congregation to stop arguing over which way the Mother Superior (in my window) should face."

He works as an architect for the Treasury Department, but especially enjoys the stained glass work he does at his Community Center studio. He likes being able to share the studio with his brother because "working together has been beneficial for both of us—we're constantly criticizing each other's work."

Having a studio in the Community Center does have its disadvantages, he says. For one thing, the center's employees often seem unsure of what



Richard McMullin displays his stained glass to visitors to the Brothers McMullin studio.

- photo by Beverly Palau

will be going on in the building at any given time. For another thing, he says wryly, "If we leave the studio, it's hard to come back. There's always something going on" elsewhere in the building.

McMullin thinks that it is appropriate that the Community Center provides new opportunities for Greenbelt artists. "One

of the beauties is this is one of the very few communities where you can grow up and be allowed to be interested in art," he says. "It gets kicked out of you elsewhere."

A visitor, having admired McMullin's work, starts to leave. "Come back this

evening," McMullin urges him. "We'll be showing 'Dr. Strangelove.'" And sure enough, there is a film projector in the room, nestled in between all of the pieces of art. It's another quiet night at the Brothers McMullin studio.

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The City of Greenbelt is accepting proposals for architectural design service for the renovation/reconstruction of the basement of the Greenbelt Youth Center recreation facility. Proposals will be accepted until March 29, 1996. For more information, please contact Mr. William Holland at (301) 345-5417.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The City of Greenbelt is seeking proposals for a lump sum turn-key design and construction of a pre-engineered low-profile 60' x 64' storage building with 3 overhead roll-up garage doors at the Public Works yard.

A concept sketch and contract documents may be obtained at a cost of \$10.00 from the Finance Office, Municipal Building, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1886 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland (adjacent to Buddy Attick Park) on Thursday, March 28, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. Contact Public Works Director Carl Hirsch at (301) 345-9334. EOE.



**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY
COUNCIL GREENBELT
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MARCH 25, 1996 - 8:00 P.M.**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks () placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
—City Manager's Fiscal Year 1996-97 Proposed Budget
7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- *10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Left Turn Lane—Hanover Parkway at Greenbelt Road
12. Community Identification Sign—English Country Manor
13. Police Grant Application—Equipment for Narcotics Van
14. Purchase of New Handguns
- *15. Swim Team Practice Lanes
- *16. Design Options for Cherrywood Lane

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council 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 this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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GIVES Seeks Money To Support Program

At a late February meeting, the board of directors of GIVES, the Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service, voted to conduct an informal fund drive throughout the community in order to raise operating funds. Expenses are being incurred to pay for office supplies, postage, and the phone bill.

This volunteer group, planned and started in 1994 and '95 and still in its infancy, has not so far been able to attract grant money. GIVES has registered a pool of nearly 100 volunteers who are donating time to disabled and housebound seniors so they may remain independent in their own homes. Care givers receive a "care credit" for each hour that they help with running errands, grocery shopping, providing transportation, or doing light housekeeping, such as laundry. These credits may be used to request services which the caregivers may need, "banked" for future needs, donated to another individual, or given back to the bank so that the oldest members may maintain positive balances.

A computer software program, provided by the Cooperative Caring Network of the United Seniors Health Co-op, is used to facilitate matches and maintain records. The GIVES office is located in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center. The phone number to request assistance is 507-6580.

Voluntary contributions in any amount may be sent to the treasurer, Nancy Birner, at 13-N Ridge Rd. (Checks may be made out to GIVES.) The organization, founded by the city's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, is supported by a coalition which includes the Golden Age Club, the Adult Care Center, and the Gray Panthers, as well as other community groups. Additional information is available from the chairperson, Janet Parker, at 474-6668.

Laurel Oratorio Soc. At GAC on Friday

Celebrate the history of Broadway and the great heritage of musical theater in "100 Years of Broadway" presented by an ensemble of 40 singers from the Laurel Oratorio Society Friday evening, March 22, 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. From the music of Tin Pan Alley to State-of-the-Art Contemporary Broadway, a treasury of an entire century of drama, laughter, and beautiful music will be included. Concluding the evening will be a presentation of the Broadway hit show "Big River" which was the recipient of seven Tony awards in 1985.

The Laurel Oratorio Society was organized in 1969 and has become a major musical entity in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan area. Supported by local businesses and corporations, religious and civic groups, government entities, and hundreds of individuals, its members have successfully influenced artistic life, not only in Laurel, but in its environs, by presenting and encouraging others to present the very finest of choral literature.

ACE Sponsors Citizens' Forum on Technology

Greenbelt citizens can learn about their local schools at a March 17 Citizens' Forum focusing on "Technology, Schools & the Future" sponsored by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Featuring presentations by local school representatives at 7:30 p.m., the Forum will be held in the Community Center's multi-purpose room which will open at 7 p.m. with displays from the schools.

The use of technology will be very important for the future of today's students. In his speech to students at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High on March 7, President Bill Clinton said, "the technological revolution can be the most democratic opportunity for the future." He went on to tell the students that their future was the brightest of any generation of Americans "if you can make the transition into the high-tech age."

This interest in technology is also strong among Greenbelters. In an informal survey ACE took during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, the use of technology in Greenbelt schools

received high marks.

One of the goals of the Advisory Committee on Education is to foster communication about Greenbelt schools. Because of the public's interest in technology, the committee felt it would be appropriate to discuss what technology means for Greenbelt's schools. The upcoming Citizens' Forum will explore the technological capabilities of Greenbelt schools, future plans in this area and also ways to help achieve these goals.

Principals to Speak

Suzanne Plogman, Greenbelt's representative on the Prince George's County School Board, is the first one scheduled to speak at the forum. Dr. Gerald Boardman, chief educational administrator of the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools, will speak about the technology program of the Eleanor Roosevelt cluster of schools. Others who will speak include Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dean Mike Reidy, Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Carolyn Goff,

Lions Club Offers College Scholarships

The Greenbelt Lions Club will once again award at least two \$500 non-renewable academic achievement scholarships - at least one \$500 scholarship from the Stan Hoke Scholarship Fund and one \$500 scholarship from

Spring Hill Lake Elementary Principal Linda Sherwood and from Magnolia Elementary School Principal Elizabeth Benson and Terry Dolan. The principals of, Oakcrest Elementary, St. Hugh's School, Robert Goddard Middle School and Greenbelt Middle School have also been invited to speak.

The Advisory Committee on Education invites all those interested in Greenbelt's schools to attend. "This is a good opportunity for people to learn more about the schools their children attend or will attend," says Leta Mach, chair of the committee.

the proceeds raised from last year's Pancake Breakfast with Santa.

Criteria for both scholarships include: must be a Greenbelt resident; must be a high school senior or college senior (with 100+ credits toward a degree); and must demonstrate financial need. The specific criteria for the Stan Hoke Scholarship is a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher and a high school senior who intends to major in education. The GPA requirement for the Lion's scholarship is 3.5 or higher with no specific major required.

Interested Greenbelters may pick up an application packet at the Greenbelt Youth Center or the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Guidance Officer. For more information call 474-2324. The application deadline is April 15. Recipients will be selected and notified in May and recognized at an Awards Dinner on June 24.

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This Is Our History

by James Giese

(Former City Manager James Giese offered extemporaneous remarks at the dedication of the Greenbelt Community Center on March 16. They are restated and revised here for publication.)

This building is Greenbelt history and, today, you have become a part of it. This is where most of the churches of Greenbelt were formed and held their first worship services. This is where recreational programs were first organized and the Greenbelt Recreation Department became the first such department in Maryland. Here the Greenbelt library was organized - one of the first, if not the first, of the county's public libraries. That small library grew into the branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library system now located next door.

In this room Greenbelt's citizens organized a cooperative to run the stores in the commercial center, the predecessor of our present grocery store. This is where in 1953, the residents formed another cooperative, GHI, to buy the homes built by the federal government.

This is the site of many occasions in the life of the city, both happy and sad. Eleanor Roosevelt came here, a fur stole draped about her shoulders, to support a war bond rally in 1942. Here the town held a memorial service when President Franklin D. Roosevelt died, and shortly thereafter celebrated the end of World War II. And on all important occasions the Greenbelt band played, as it does today.

I remember seeing this room filled to standing room only in 1964 as more than a thousand citizens turned out to protest a proposed high-density Greenbelt master plan. GHI residents have often filled the room at annual meetings, expressing their divergent views on how best to run the cooperative.

The planners of Greenbelt meant this building to be both an elementary school and a community center, and as such it operated for many years. Later the building was used primarily as a

school. Now it has become a community center, although its use as a school still continues with the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School located here.

I remember a time when plans were agreed upon for this building to be remodeled and enlarged as a school, while the old North End School would become the community center. There was one dissenting voice on the city council, that of the only woman member, Toni Bram. She thought that a new school should be built at the north end, while this building should become a community center. I thought, as probably other men did, "Well, there she goes again, making no sense, just like a woman." Then the principal of the school, Dr. John VanSchoonhoven, said that the plans for his remodeled school were not acceptable. The best quality education could not be provided in an out-of-date facility

which, for reasons related to historic preservation, could not be radically modified. Slowly, others came to agree.

Although there was great controversy and a close vote, once the decision was made, the citizens, city council and school board worked together to create a great new elementary school and, now, this great multipurpose, multigenerational community center.

This building which we dedicate today will join our other fine community facilities, the new school, the Aquatic and Fitness Center, the Greenbelt branch of the library, the adjacent athletic fields and the Youth Center, as places where our citizens can come together, work together and have fun together. With these facilities and the many citizen organizations that use them, we carry on the ideals of the planners who first created Greenbelt. We continue to make our community an important part of our life, and we continue to make Greenbelt, Greenbelt.



Former City Manager James Giese reminisces about past events at the Community Center.

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FDA Food Safety Facility Proposed at Metro Site

by Elaine Skolnik

Plans to locate the proposed Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property are no longer on the drawing boards, according to Development Director Jag Bhargava of the General Services Administration (GSA). Instead, three sites are being considered for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) facility in the area of the College Park Metro Station. The project is fully funded for design and construction.

"We are currently in the process of site selection and Environmental Impact Assessments," Bhargava told the News Review. He added that "FDA would share the excellent resources of the University of Maryland, their laboratories and lecture halls." The issue was on the College Park City Council agenda on March 19.

Bhargava explained that the BARC site was out of contention because of Greenbelt's apparent reluctance to support the project and because of the proposed site's designation as a "green-wedge." He was referring to the 1964 General Plan (amended in 1982), where the design pattern divided the county into wedges (green/open space) and (urban development) corridors.

Mayor Antoinette Bram observed, "If College Park is receptive to having the FDA facility in its Metro Station area, it sounds like a better plan than breaking up more green space at BARC."

Initially GSA had selected a 100-acre site between NASA and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Beaver Dam Road. At the time the city council was concerned about disturbing wetlands and traffic congestion. Later, due to downsizing, the project was scaled back to 35 to 50 acres.

At that time, Bhargava noted

that the project could be placed on the site with minimal disturbance of woodlands. He also told council in June 1995 that most employees would use the current NASA employees exit from the Parkway, while trucks and at least some employees would travel by way of Greenbelt Road.

A still wary council pressed Bhargava to consider developing the project on private property, such as at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

This project is part of FDA's consolidation plan to combine 18 Washington-area offices into three sites in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties — two of them in Prince George's. The Veterinary Medicine facility, located off Muirkirk Road, is 70% complete and scheduled to open in October.

Come Hear Strings

On Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m., the Guameri String Quartet will hold an open rehearsal in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building at the University of Maryland at College Park. The rehearsal is open to the public and admission is free. For information call 405-1150.

Book Sale at Library

A magazine/book sale is set for Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library.

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23, 24
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25, 27
7:30

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The Beltsville Garden Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at Duckworth Special Center at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. For more information, call 490-8976.

Film to Be Shown At Archives Building

A film will be shown at the National Archives building in College Park. On Tuesday, March 26 the film "Amelia Earhart" will be shown at noon. The Archives is at 8601 Adelphi Rd. Parking is available. All films are free and will be shown in the auditorium.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday, March 25, 1996
(Rescheduled from 3/4/96)
7:30 p.m.

Planning and Community Development Conference Room
Community Center
15 Crescent Road, Suite 200

AGENDA

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Approval of Minutes from Quarterly Meeting 12/4/95 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Summary of Activities for Department of Planning & Community Development 5. Review of Case Files
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Composts, Leaves, and Subleases On Greenbelt Homes Inc. Agenda

by Randy Crenwelge

One of the main agenda items at the March 14 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors' regular meeting was compost piles. Board members had a substantial interest in this issue and some thoroughly expressed their viewpoints. Other topics of interest included provisions under which a member may sublease a GHI unit, a proposal to broaden investment opportunities which would require a bylaw change, and resales and marketing of GHI homes.

The GHI board wishes to continue to encourage the composting of yard wastes. Board members agreed that compost piles must be enclosed and screened by plants or fences. Members who maintain more than one compost pile or a pile larger than six foot by six foot will be required to obtain permission from GHI's Technical Service's staff who will consider yard size, proposed location, and proposed screening. GHI members will be encouraged to use active compost piles and be discouraged from identifying trash heaps as compost piles.

The board reviewed a previously passed motion which would allow leaves to be left unranked in flower beds when they are neatly placed within a defined edge. The board also modified previous wording of a second part of this regulation which now allows leaves to be left (besides in flower beds) only in areas of yards that are wooded and have no lawn.

The GHI board has been actively investigating and developing criteria that allows for the subleasing of members' units provided that certain pro-

visions are met. Members may apply to sublease their units if their jobs require them to temporarily leave the Washington metropolitan area and they expect to return.

Members may also sublease GHI units if their jobs require that they live on or near their jobs. Again, the members must state that this is a temporary requirement and they expect to return. In this case, subleasing privileges may be granted by the general manager for a period not to exceed two years.

Members may additionally sublease their GHI homes if they leave the metropolitan area to further their education and expect to live in the unit upon completion of the academic program. Members may also sublease their unit with GHI approval under hardship conditions such as illness, etc. Subleasing under this condition may not exceed two years.

For members who have not been able to sell their units, subleasing privileges may be granted by the general manager for a period not to exceed one year after the following conditions have been met. First, the member's home must have been actively marketed for a period of not less than six months from the date the Intent to Sell was received by GHI at the value determined by independent appraisal; the selling member must be willing to accept an offer at the amount of the appraisal.

When subleases are approved for houses that are for sale, the subtenants must be interested in purchasing the unit at the conclusion of the one year period. The subtenant or prospective member must be able to demon-

strate both assets equal to 5% of the appraised value and the financial capability to complete the purchase within 12 months. The selling member must have completed repairs required by the resale inspection prior to application for the sublease. Additionally, the owner must obtain written permission to sublease from his or her lender prior to consideration by GHI. To comply with Greenbelt's housing code, a hard-wired smoke alarm must be installed. The member who leases his or her unit must obtain liability insurance to cover them as landlord and an amount sufficient to protect GHI against any liability sustained by the member's subtenant. GHI shall be named as one of the insured parties on the policy. The minimum amount of liability insurance shall be \$300,000. Proof of insurance must also be provided to GHI. Extensions for subleasing will be handled on a case by case basis.

Bylaw changes are being considered by the Ad Hoc Bylaws committee to allow GHI to invest in mutual funds whose portfolio consists of government securities or government insured securities. It has been reported that these funds have had constant rates of returns of approximately double what GHI is currently receiving on its investments.



by Linda Savaryn
474-5285

Condolences to Barbara Hulstrom and family on the recent death of her mother, Greenbelt Pioneer Edith W. Lyles.

Prasanthi Durvasula, 4th grader, came out on top and won a hard fought spelling bee in which 27 4th, 5th and 6th graders in Greenbelt Elementary School's After School Program participated. Runners up were Steven Hall, 6th grader, and Jessica Baker, a member of a 3/4 class, who was the only 3rd grader in the bee. All three won two tickets to Adventure World. Congratulations to all the contestants who worked so hard to prepare for the contest.

Mahsa Modarres has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Amber Lynne was born Feb. 5 at Laurel Regional Hospital to Rhonda and Richard Ginsburg of Jessup, MD. She is welcomed into a large family, with sister Leah Morgan; grandparents Harriet and David Ginsburg, 30 year residents of Greenbelt; and Dorothy Esham (once of Hyattsville, now of Baltimore).

Her maternal grandfather was the late Lee Esham.

Marine Pfc. Jerome Gary, son of Jerome and Cora Gary of Mandan Road, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, CA. The 1995 graduate of ERHS joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

Marion Holland, Police Records Assistant with the Greenbelt City Police Department, will be resigning on March 27. Marion has worked for the Police Department since 1984, when she was hired as a Communications Specialist. In 1988 she transferred to the Records unit, where she has worked in her current position. Although we are sorry to see her go, we wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

A longtime resident of Greenbelt, Marion is married to Billy Holland, a former Greenbelt Police Department employee who is currently employed with the Code Enforcement Unit for the City of Greenbelt.

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Preliminary Agenda

GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, March 28, 1996

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GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items:

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- Living Trusts
- Subleasing Policy
- Forest Management Plan

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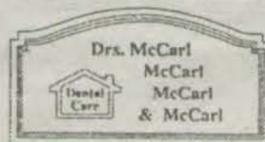
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Councilmember J Davis exults during ribbon-cutting ceremony, as Mayor Bram and Councilmembers Putens and Roberts wield oversize scissors. At right, Councilmember White and Miss Greenbelt grin.



Kids are hard at work in the upstairs hall.

TOUR

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tub full of water and food dye. "I never thought we would make it," she says, referring to the long struggle to establish a Community Center, in which she participated as a member of the Community Center Task Force. "It's almost ten years to the day since we started."

Another Task Force member, chairman William Stratton, examines the original wooden cabinets which line the walls. "That tells you how many children they used to think appropriate for a classroom," he comments, then goes over to admire the slide-and-pivot closets.

Haseley, giving her tour, also takes care to point out that the original woodwork has been retained. "Unfortunately, we don't have all the knobs," she says. "We're working on this."

Across the hall, the Adult Art Room is filled with children drawing pictures on some of the original blackboards. Elsewhere in the room, artists are spinning thread and drawing in pastel.

Tour of Ground Floor

A short trip down the stairs takes the visitor to the ground floor of the 1960s wing. Here in the Greenbelt Arts Center's costume room, GAC's president, Marie Tousignant, is explaining to a visitor about the computer system GAC has used

to catalogue its costumes. "All I've been hearing from people who visit is, 'Do you take donations?'" she says. "Everyone wants to empty their closets. They all think that we need evening gowns, and there are actually very few plays that use gowns." What the Arts Center really needs, she says, are clothes from the 1930s and 1940s for its upcoming play about Greenbelt.

Across the hall, the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten fills three rooms. Above the miniature furniture, dinosaur art hangs from the ceiling. At one end of the room, a young girl ignores the traditional ironing board and kitchen behind her and bangs on a computer keyboard. The children have been creating snowflake art and pictures of comets and constellations. Space, in fact, is a favorite subject at the school: a long piece of paper displays the pupils' answers when asked whether they wished to go into space. A girl named Kellye replied, "No, there are too many stars." A similar survey asking what the children like with bread reveals that Griffin likes to squish his bread.

The school is filled with many enticing items: a hamster cage, play steering wheels, and books with titles like, "The Elephant Who Liked to Smash Small Cars." A father is desperately trying to lure his

son away from all the toys, but the boy dilly-dallies long enough to pick up a phone and say, "Hello? Hello?"

Upstairs, Haseley introduces visitors to the next room by saying, "One of the biggest rooms that people really like is this dance studio." There are oohs and aahs as the visitors enter the mirror-lined room. A woman says to her daughter, "Wow, this was your first grade?" The girl replies, "Yeah, and I sat wa-a-ay back here." She runs across the wooden floor to pinpoint the exact location of her desk.

A crowd has formed in front of the Code Enforcement office, where brownies and cookies are available. Near the cement-floored Rehearsal Room, a couple is consulting the Community Center map. "No, you go this way," says the woman. "I remember the way."

Artists' Studios

The Multi-Purpose Room is now empty, though it was earlier filled with members of the Greenbelt Concert Band. The Greenbelt Access Television room has not yet been finished. This leaves the artists' studios, where much of the liveliest conversation is taking place.

In one room, Dan Kennedy is finishing a painting of St. Hugh's Church. A visitor leans over his shoulder and suggests painting a priest at the entrance to the church. "A priest by himself is no good," Kennedy replies. "I have to have some action, so I'll have him talking to other people."

At the other end of the room, Ann Reiss is surrounded by twigs and pods and other natural objects which she has turned into art. She breaks off her work in search of a missing item. "I don't know where my berries are," she says. "Maybe a rose will do."

In the next room, Sharon Lefchick is showing visitors her faux finishes, which she describes as "a playful way of decorating." Nearby are casts of monster arms made by her son.

Nancy DePlatchett is standing at the entrance to her studio, which is filled with "Centerbum" T-shirts, jewelry, a cornhusk angel, a birdhouse painted with a moon, and the Greenbelt quilt



Musicians entertain invited guests during luncheon in the gymnasium.

which she designed. DePlatchett leans over to speak to a young child who is clutching a handful of pens. "Are you going to color with them?" The child looks up at DePlatchett uncertainly, then flees to the other end of the hall.

It is nearly closing time by now. "It will be kind of nice to have the halls quiet again," says DePlatchett. "We're exhausted from all the visitors."

Her visitor replies, "I was sitting in the gym thinking about how many gym classes I substituted in there."

"I've had three former custodians come by here," DePlatchett says. She moves slightly to the side, revealing that her door is propped open by a stuffed cat.

Next door, the Ceramics Room is occupied by children playing with clay and a woman at the potter's wheel. "We're

closing up the room now," she is told, and the potter reluctantly abandons her work.

Downstairs, the halls are empty except for the pictures of early Greenbelt. "A strong sense of neighborliness has become ingrained in Greenbelt life," says the caption to one.

Just as the last visitors are beginning to exit, a couple enters the building by way of the east entrance. It is their first visit to the Community Center, and they duck into the Dining Hall where the New Deal Cafe makes its home. "Nice!" says the man, looking around at the bright art on the walls. "I'm impressed."

Across the hall, the gym has been emptied of its dedication day decorations. It is once more a basketball court, ready for use when the Community Center opens its doors the following day.



The City Managers: Dan Hobbs and Jim Giese share a laugh as News Review staffer Virginia Beauchamp listens.



Lunch is served to former Mayor Gil Weidenfeld in the dining hall.

-photos by Beverly Palau



Cutting the big, beautiful, green ribbon in the warm sunshine at the Community Center's grand opening: From left (front row) Cathy Salgado, building manager; Suzanne Plogman, Board of Education, with her daughter; Councilmember J Davis; Mayor Antoinette Bram; and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Tom

White. Rear section Richard Castaldi, County Councilmember Audrey Scott; Dan Hobbs, city manager; Gil Weidenfeld, past mayor; Delegate Jim Hubbard; Councilmember Ed Putens; Ted Mecum, Community Center Task Force; Senator Leo Green and Delegates Joan Pitkin and Mary Conroy (both partially hidden).

- photo by Rita Wooddell

DEDICATION

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Greenbelt Community Center Day. County Councilwoman Audrey Scott noted that the Community Center is an example of a partnership between city, county, and state. "It is by working together and joining in common causes that we succeed," she said.

Former Greenbelt Mayor and County Councilman Richard Castaldi also admired the building, telling the crowd, "Anyone who gets bored with television, come down to the (New Deal) Cafe and we can get a little (conversational) turmoil going there."

Former Mayor Weidenfeld
Former Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld commented, "They say it takes an entire village to educate a child. Well, it takes an entire city and its elected officials to give us the quality of life we enjoy in Greenbelt." As for the controversy over how to use the building, "Only history will tell us if we made the right decision . . . but I

personally feel that the verdict is in and we've made the right decision."

Short comments by members of the City Council were followed by a speech by former City Manager James Giese (see separate article), after which the present City Manager, Daniel Hobbs, praised his Deputy Manager, Michael McLaughlin, for his work on the Community Center. "While I might eventually call this 'a wonderful professional development opportunity'" for McLaughlin, Hobbs said, his assistant had to spend long hours on the job. Hobbs thanked McLaughlin's family for its patience and presented him with a check which he described as "not enough to retire on, but more than enough for a dinner for two."

Bram also recognized the work of Recreation Director Hank Irving, Assistant Recreation Director Harry James,

Public Works Director Carl Hirsch, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Wilson, Community Center Director Cathy Salgado, and City Attorney Robert Manzi.

Community Center Task Force

William Stratton, chair of the Community Center Task Force, said, "For me, this project is particularly resonant because I can appreciate this building both as an architect and as a citizen of Greenbelt." He called the Community Center an example of "civic excellence and architectural excellence," and said that it demonstrated "Greenbelt's amazing ability to continually renew itself."

Task Force members were awarded with certificates, Community Center T-shirts, and potted plants. The City Council also unveiled a plaque honoring the Task Force and other groups and individuals who helped create the Community Center. The plaque will hang inside the main door.

After the work of the architects and the general contractor was acknowledged, a second plaque was unveiled listing the council members and city staff. Artist Dan Kennedy then unveiled his new oil painting of the Community Center.

Salgado came to the podium to say, "I hope to see everyone here often . . . We're here to help and serve you."

Bram concluded the ceremony by reading Edmund Blunden's poem, "The Survival." Standing upon the stage which has served Greenbelters for nearly sixty years, Bram read the line, "Inheritance has found fresh work."



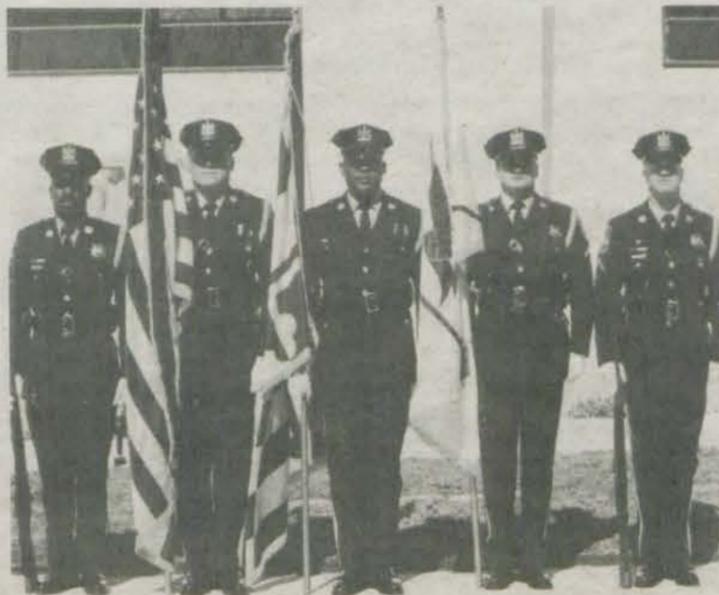
Betty Timer and Barbara Simon share a celebratory handclasp as other members of the Community Center Task Force applaud.

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The contribution to the Community Center of Deputy Manager Michael McLaughlin (standing, left) is praised by City Manager Dan Hobbs. Behind them is Mayor Antoinette Bram.

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Officers of the ceremonial unit of the Greenbelt Police stand at attention.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A woman parking her car in the 9000 block of Breezewood Drive in the early hours of Monday morning, March 11, noticed two men entering her apartment building. As she approached the building, she saw the men standing in the hallway. As she passed them, one approached her, displayed a handgun, and forced her into her apartment. She was asked if anyone else was home, and the woman said her husband was home. The men demanded money from the husband and after getting the money, the husband's mother entered the living room. The husband grabbed the gun and a struggle ensued, during which a shot was fired missing all parties. The mother struck the armed man with her walker forcing him to drop the gun. Both men fled the apartment followed by the husband who had picked up the gun. The husband fired two shots at the suspects, who were last seen running towards Breezewood Drive. The area was checked by a K-9 unit with negative results. The robbers are described as: 1) a black man, 5'9" to 6'0", medium build, brown eyes, no facial hair, thin face, wearing a black leather jacket, blue jeans and a purple ski mask; and 2) a black man, 5'9" to 6'0", medium build, wearing a black leather jacket, blue jeans and a black ski mask.

A man delivering food in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway was robbed at gun point on Monday evening, March 11. As he entered the building hallway, he was con-

fronted by a man who displayed a handgun and ordered him to lie on the floor. Another man then appeared and emptied the victim's pockets. The men ordered the victim to leave the building. A witness observed the two men enter an early 80's grey vehicle, possibly a Pontiac, and flee the area towards Mandan Road.

As an officer was preparing to write a citation for a vehicle parked in the fire lane in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road on Friday evening, March 8, the driver returned and said he would move it. As he drove away, a computer check revealed the plates were registered to another vehicle. The officer stopped the vehicle on Southway at the B-W Parkway exit. The driver was reported on a computer check to have two open warrants with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The man refused to get out of the vehicle and attempted to drive away. The officer reached into the vehicle and grabbed the gear shift attempting to place the vehicle in park. The man continued to drive away, dragging the officer alongside the vehicle. Another officer and a citizen blocked the vehicle's path, forcing the driver to stop. The driver was forcibly removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest.

The 21 year old non-resident was charged with assault with intent to murder, assault and battery, two counts of resisting arrest, fleeing and eluding in a motor vehicle, operating an uninsured and unregistered vehicle with tags listed to

another. After being treated, and released, for injuries incurred during the arrest, the man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$75,000 bond. The officer received minor injuries resulting from being dragged alongside the vehicle.

An officer, acting on advice from a citizen, located three children, ages one, four and five, unattended inside a parked vehicle in the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road on Thursday morning, March 14. The driver, a woman, returned to the vehicle a short time later and was placed under arrest. The woman was charged with leaving children unattended in a motor vehicle, and released on citation pending trial.

Another officer responded to the Giant Supermarket, 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, on Saturday evening, March 9, on a report of someone attempting to use a stolen check to buy groceries. The suspect, left the store prior to the officers arrival. She is described as a black woman, in her 30's, 5'11", 280 lbs., wearing a tweed coat and a black leather hat and was seen leaving the area in a blue, or gray, Honda with Maryland tags.

A burglary in progress was reported in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace on Wednesday morning, March 13. Officers arriving on the scene observed the suspects leaving the residence. Three Greenbelt youths, ages 16 and 17, were arrested and charged with burglary. They were released on citations to guardians pending trial.

Other thefts reported include: electronic equipment

and jewelry from a residence in the 7500 block of Mandan Road on Friday, March 8; money from a locker in Bally's Fitness Center, 7415 Greenbelt Road, on Friday, March 8; a handgun from a residence in the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive on Monday, March 11; and a boy's blue 14 speed Trek 1000 bicycle from an unlocked shed in the 51 Court of Ridge Road on Wednesday, March 13.

Auto Thefts and Recoveries

A 1990 Mazda, reported stolen from the 7900 block of Mandan Road, was recovered on Wednesday, March 13, in the 7200 block of South Ora Court. The vehicle had two flat tires. No arrests were made.

One of the tags from a vehicle reported stolen on October 19 from the 6110 block of Breezewood Court was recovered on Wednesday, March 13. The registration plate was located on the roof of a boiler room in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway.

A tag reported stolen from a vehicle in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza on March 11 was recovered two days later on another vehicle in the same parking lot.

A black over brown 1984 Oldsmobile Delta 88, MD tags ASD611, was reported stolen from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane on Wednesday, March 13.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Breezewood Drive and Breezewood Terrace, 8000 block of Brett Place, 11 Court of Crescent Road; 6000 block of Greenbelt Road (three incidents), 6900 block of Hanover Parkway (two incidents), and 7800 block of Lakecrest Drive.

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