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Trash Collection & Recycling Focus Of Public Works' Budget Review

by Betsy Likowski

"The budget as you see it is a bare bones budget...we can live within it," but there are concerns, was how Public Works Director Carl Hirsch described his department's budget at a worksession on Wednesday, April 10. "The most important thing is to maintain the same level of service with the constraints on staffing and budget," he continued. This worksession is one of a series in which the city council examines the budget for Fiscal Year 1997 department by department.

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining the streets, buildings and parks of the city as well as collecting trash and coordinating recycling. "This winter has been an acid test for the department," said Hirsch. "The workers came through with flying colors, but infrastructure and machinery" took a beating and will take time and money to get back to where they were. Several councilmembers offered praise, with Councilmember Thomas White calling it a very hard working and effective department.

The total budget for FY97 for Public Works is \$1,850,100. The worksession discussion was a workmanlike review of the department's budget. An underlying theme was the tightness of the budget, as every section of the

department had a list of unmet needs. Also, just a couple staff adjustments caused some discussion, especially as to affordability.

Trash and Recycling

Changes are upcoming on the waste disposal front. City Manager Daniel Hobbs has proposed increases for both trash and recycling pick-up fees. The refuse collection fee is proposed to increase

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—Carl Hirsch,
Director

one dollar a month from \$11.50 to \$12.50. There was a deficit last year because the County cut the Landfill Disposal Rebate from \$156,338 to \$57,300. The increased fee should eliminate the deficit. The total budget proposed for Waste Collection in FY97 is \$434,500.

The city's recycling program includes a drop-off center and pick-up of recyclables for most city residents at their homes. For these programs \$79,000 is proposed for FY97. Even with a recycling fee paid by residents and money made from selling recycled materials a shortfall of \$20,300 is projected. It is

proposed that the recycling fee be raised by \$3 per year for three years to close this gap.

On the other hand, recycling instead of hauling the materials to the landfill saves the city an estimated \$54,145 in tipping fees. In FY95 437 tons of paper were picked up curbside, with 670 tons estimated for FY96; and 251 tons of glass, plastic, aluminum, and steel in FY95 with 265 tons estimated for FY96.

Big changes are in the cards for the city's recycling program: the coordinator is leaving, the current contract for curbside pick-up expires soon, and the Recycling Advisory Committee has proposed that city crews pick-up recycling by cutting back trash pick-up to one day a week.

Recycling Coordinator Tracy Vincent has announced that she will leave on July 1. Hobbs and Hirsch want to replace her as soon as possible with a full time employee (Vincent is 3/4) to handle both recycling and other public works projects. After some discussion, the consensus of council was such that a search for the new coordinator will begin.

The city's Recycling Advisory Committee thinks recycling costs can be reduced by having the city's trash crews handle the curbside recycling program. This proposal, if adopted, would mean trash pick-up would be reduced to one day a week.

Some other towns only have trash pick-up one day a week, noted Maryalice Locke. The second trash pick-up day of the week is 40% lighter than the first, noted Vincent.

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What Goes On

Sun., April 21, noon
GHI House & Garden Tour. Start at Community Center

Mon., April 22, 8:30 p.m.
City Council Budget Worksession on Capital & Other Funds, Municipal Building

Tues., April 23, 7 p.m.
Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

Wed., April 24, 7:30 p.m.
City Council Budget Worksession on Contribution Groups, Municipal Building

Thurs., April 25, 7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place 8 p.m.
City Council Budget Worksession Recreation Department, Municipal Building

Sat., April 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Earth Day, Schrom Hills Park

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Council Looks for Ways To Fund Crisis Counselor

by Jim Smith

The director of Greenbelt CARES, Carol Leventhal, met with the five members of the Greenbelt City Council and staff on Tuesday, April 9. The evening worksession was one of a series of ten budget worksessions planned to review the 1997 city budget.

The city manager's budget proposal to the council included a total budget of \$272,700 for CARES, which is about \$9,000 above estimated transactions in FY 1996. Increases come in the areas of personnel expenses, insurance, transportation and subsistence.

The budget also reflects a zeroing out of a grant by the county to CARES. This grant is not expected to be forthcoming in FY97 for the second straight year. In FY95 the city received \$8,500 from the county for this program. Greenbelt had expected to receive \$4,000 in FY 96, but the county revoked this grant. The expected state grant for CARES in FY97 is \$77,900

which matches the state contribution in previous years.

CARES performs social services for the Greenbelt area including counseling to adults and youth, coordination of a rather large tutor matching and training service, job placement, placing clients into GED programs, and teen and pre-teen group therapy. The staff coordinates with the police department as a way of getting referrals. The staff of 4.5 full-time equivalent employees has 2.1 positions budgeted for counselors and 2.4 positions budgeted for the Director and office assistants.

Leventhal mentioned that with the type of issues they encounter, the clients usually want to be seen on an individual or family basis. Some group sessions are conducted but the clients served in this manner is well under half of the total clients served. Family therapy, according to Leventhal, has proven to be



Greenbelt 12 & Under Boys' Basketball Team. Bottom row (l-r): Timothy Williams, Morris Williams, Jabari Savoury, Ronaldo Gonzalez. Top row (l-r): Thomas Schutz, Dexter Curtis, Allan Williams, Vincent Osborne, Coach Bridget Osborne.

Greenbelt Kids and Coach Held Up in Bladensburg

by Dorothy Sucher

A coach and five children, three of them from the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, were held up at gunpoint on Friday, March 8, in Bladensburg. Coach Bridget Osborne had taken the five youngsters, including her son Vinnie, to participate in a Boys and Girls Club basketball game at Bladensburg High School.

After they parked in the school parking lot, the group was accosted by two males about 19 years old, one of whom had a shotgun and threatened to shoot one of the children unless Osborne gave him 50 dollars. She told him she had no money; however 11-year-old Dexter Curtis produced five dollars. The thief then pointed the gun at the boy's feet, threatening to "smoke his boots" unless more money was forthcoming.

All the children emptied their pockets, coming up with a total of \$8.25 which the thieves took, together with their basketballs.

"Just Let Them Go"

"I begged them, 'Please let the kids go—just let them go,'" said Coach Osborne. "So they let them run away. And as soon as the kids got in the school, they let me go, too. It was frightening. The kids were really traumatized initially. They didn't want to play, but I decided to go ahead with the game anyway. I emphasized it was better to do something instead of sitting and dwelling on what had happened." Osborne added, "I would like to see more security provided in the future. Maybe the home team could have a couple of volunteers, maybe parents, supervise the parking lot until everybody gets there."

The Prince George's County police were called from the

We've Moved!

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Praise for Coach

"The coach, Bridget Osborne, was very courageous," stated Desiree Curtis, office manager of the Greenbelt Community Center and mother of one of the children. "She kept her head during the whole thing. If she hadn't, it could have been much worse. She really put her life on the line—she even told them, 'Just take me, and let the kids go.' I think she deserves some kind of award."

But Osborne said, "The worst thing was feeling helpless to protect the kids. I felt like they protected me, actually. It was kind of touching. I had this gun pointed at me, and the kids just emptied their pockets of whatever money they had. Later I took them to an ATM and gave them back the money."

Bridget Osborne will not be coaching for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club next year. She said she'd made up her mind to quit before she took the kids to Bladensburg, for family reasons.

The holdup played no part in her decision, then? "Maybe. Somewhat."

Parade Celebrates County's 300 Years

On Tuesday, April 23 at noon there will be a tricentennial march and review in downtown Upper Marlboro. The parade and ceremony will highlight the founding day of the county. For information call 322-1996.



Three Cheers and a Boo

Hurrah for the final surfacing and striping of Parkway. Residents and other users of Parkway had to put up with a long, rough road over a long, tough winter. It's too bad that this construction project wasn't scheduled earlier last year so that all work could have been done before the big freeze set in. Now that it is finished, at last, the street looks great!

A big cheer and a sigh of relief that the Maryland Senate restored and the House supported the \$2 million supplemental funding bill for Prince George's libraries. We appreciate the effort put forth by the Friends of the Greenbelt Library and the Friends of the Prince George's Libraries, Inc. to encourage the right legislative decision and thank those legislators who worked openly and behind the scene to avoid a crisis. Thank goodness push didn't come to shove as we feared.

A big cheer for the Greenbelt Arts Center. This once ragtag group that still operates out of rudimentary makeshift quarters, keeps getting better and more professional. Thanks for bringing live theater and other performances to Greenbelt.

We award the boo to the Advisory Planning Board's recommendation to eliminate two automobile travel lanes on Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt West in favor of bicycle lanes. With METRO ridership expected to pick up when the remainder of the Green Line is completed, two more office buildings planned for Capital Office Park and major future development proposed at and around the METRO Station, now is not the time to be narrowing roadways that only recently were widened.

New Series Starting Of Parenting Classes

The second session of parenting classes sponsored by the Family Education Network, Inc. will begin on Thursday, April 25 at Greenbelt Elementary School. The nine-week class highlights strategies for effective parenting which include cooperation, problem solving, enjoying children and many others.

Call 888-1020 to register. There is a fee. People who have questions should call Mary Ann Canter, 808-4040.

Community Yard Sale Planned

A community yard sale will be held on Saturday, April 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. as part of the City's Earth Day festivities, to take place at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway.

Participation is free and reservations, needed to properly allocate space, can be made by calling 474-8308. The deadline to reserve a space at this community yard sale is Wednesday, April 24. The American Rescue Workers truck will be available to receive donations.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Prince George's County Office of Recycling is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Collection Day on Sunday, April 21 at the County offices on Peppercorn Place in Landover from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following materials are accepted: oil-based paint, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, paint solvents and thinners, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, car batteries and other corrosive, poisonous or toxic chemicals. Substances should be brought in their original containers. Discarding hazardous items in the regular trash is dangerous and bad for the environment. Materials not accepted include latex paint and commercial chemicals. Latex paint is not hazardous and can be thrown into the regular trash.

For a complete list or more information about hazardous waste, contact Prince George's County at 95-CLEAN (recording) or 883-7163.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

How few there are who have never suffered from an allergy - especially at this changing time of year and in this very changeable weather area. Come to the Golden Age Club's meeting on Wednesday, April 24, and hear Jim Maher, Jr. speak on allergies. All meetings are now held in the Multi-purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center at 11 a.m.

The "Needle Arts Show and Springtime Tea" will be held in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center on Sunday, April 28, from 2 - 5 p.m. The club's "busy bees" are hard at work preparing for this event. See Betty Deitch for details. This is a fundraiser for the GIVES program.

The Annual Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, is fast approaching. It will be held at the "E.J.'s Landing Restaurant" in the Best Western Motel in College Park. See Phyllis Budin for reservations or call her at 345-3879.

There's still time to sign up for the trip to Easton and Oxford on the Eastern Shore of Maryland which is scheduled for Thursday, May 30. Lunch and dinner will be included in the fee.

On Thursday, June 20, a trip is scheduled to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country for a food tasting festival. The cost will include dinner. A special thanks to Jim Maher for the wonderful job he does in planning the trips. His list for summer and fall is now available.

Betty Maher, Flea Market Chair, requests that items be brought to the meetings and asks that clothes and shoes not be included. This event will be held on Saturday, June 1, as a part of Greenbelt Day Weekend.

The sympathy and prayers of all the Golden Age Club members are with the family of Bill Boswell, who passed away this week after a long illness. Bill and his wife, Floy, have been active in the Club for a long time.

See you at the meetings or around the Community Center for other happenings.

Letters

Raise Taxes Again

It should come as no surprise that the Greenbelt City Council wants to raise our taxes again! This is a regular routine the council has gone through for years. These are the people who can't tell the difference between a necessity and a luxury in preparing the budget. We have to have police and fire protection, trash pick up and road repairs. We don't have to have fancy subsidized recreation programs, no matter how much we may enjoy them. Currently, more than 23 percent of our city budget is devoted to "recreation"—and our recreation expenditures are not even close to being self-supporting. Adding insult to injury is the requested increase of 2.6 percent in the recreation budget compared to only 2 percent for public safety.

Citizens should note that this tax increase comes at a time when violent crime, once again, is on the rise, and all types of crime have been steadily rising for the past five years (see, Greenbelt News Review, April 11, page 1). The county is "reconsidering" the funding it passes through to Greenbelt for police which will reduce the amount we receive for our police department. In view of this, should the City of Greenbelt treat its recreation department as a sacred cow, but not fill the job of a police dispatcher, authorize overtime for police, replace police cruisers or allow responsible police officers to purchase outdated municipal weapons? It makes no sense to me, and I suggest to many others.

In addition, city revenue (and the city budget) has more than doubled in the past ten years. We can attribute this to a high tax rate imposed, in part, by the city council.

In Fairfax County, there has been an outcry against the efforts of the county council to

raise income, natural gas and other taxes. I encourage the residents of Greenbelt to take a lesson from the residents of Fairfax and send a message to the city council to cut spending before they increase our taxes again.

Diann Howland

(Editors Note: To clarify the story in last week's issue, the city manager has proposed a tax hike for next year. The city council has not yet decided whether to accept this recommendation.)

Uphoff and Hooper Paintings Shown

Greenbelt artists Linda Uphoff and Deborah Hooper will be showing their work in acrylic and watercolor at Passageways Studios. The exhibit, part of Spring Open Studios, will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are located at 6601 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale.

Passageways is a twelve-artist cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard, and Montgomery counties. Their work includes printmaking, painting, sculpture and mixed media. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios. Light refreshments will be served.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
474-9744
WEEK OF APR. 19

Beautiful Girls

Fri, Sat (5:00 - All Seats \$3)
7:20 9:40
Sun (5:00 - All Seats \$3)
7:20
Mon - Thurs 7:30
(Mon \$3)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING & WORK SESSIONS



Meeting	Date	Time
Budget Work Session - Capital & Other Funds	4/22	8:30 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Contribution Groups (Conference Room)	4/24	7:30 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Recreation	4/25	8:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Green Ridge House (at Green Ridge)	5/1	7:30 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Planning & Community Development	5/6	7:30 p.m.
Work Session on Dog Park	5/6	8:30 p.m.
Budget Public Hearing	5/7	8:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	5/13	8:00 p.m.
Final Budget Work Session	5/14	8:00 p.m.
Budget Adoption and Regular Meeting	5/20	8:00 p.m.

Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public; all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

David E. Moran
City Clerk

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Donation Drop-off At Schrom in April

The monthly donation drop-off will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Schrom Hills Park from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to correspond with the City's Earth Day Celebration. In addition to a community yard sale and donation drop-off, there will be a zoological presentation featuring birds, mammals, and reptiles, an animal petting corral for children, recycling games, pollution exhibits, a low-impact camping demonstration courtesy of REI in College Park, musical entertainment and more.

The donation drop-off will return to its regular schedule and location in May. For more information about Earth Day or the Donation Drop-Off Center, call Tracy Vincent at 474-8308.

Vision and Hearing Screenings Saturday

The Greenbelt Lions Club is sponsoring free vision, glaucoma and hearing screenings on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. At the onset, glaucoma has no noticeable symptoms. All those over 40 should have annual check ups. Open to the public.

Bicycle Coalition

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition (GBC) will postpone its scheduled meeting for Monday, April 22, until Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are now held at the new Community Center (next to the Greenbelt Library). The main agenda items for the April 29 meeting will be: 1) discussion of the city's proposed redesign of Cherrywood Lane, 2) arrangements for GBC's annual bicycle commuter breakfast on May 21, and 3) scheduling and routing of rides in GBC's tour of county historical sites. The next ride in the series will be on Saturday, April 20, and will go to Riversdale Mansion and Bladensburg. Meet at Roosevelt Center at 9:30 a.m. All area bicyclists are welcome. For information, call Steven Harper, GBC Chair, at 301-513-9368.

Community Events

Rain or Shine GHI Tour is On

Whether or not there are April showers, Greenbelt will have its GHI (Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) House and Garden Tour this Sunday, April 21. The tour begins at noon and ends at 5 p.m.

If it rains, tour booklets showing maps and homes on display, will be available in the Museum Room of the Community Center. If weather permits, booklets will be available at a table outside the Center near the library parking lot. Streamers and balloons will identify those homes on the tour. The booklet shows maps on which heavy dotted lines have been placed to indicate the easiest routes to follow on a walking tour. Complimentary refreshments will be served at the end of the tour at GHI Headquarters on Hamilton Place.

Jim Schiedel, President of the Southern Maryland Model A Club, recommended that the free

shuttle be used only for the North End since the distances are so much greater than those for the southern part of Old Greenbelt. The shuttle will begin and end in the library parking lot. Riders can get on or off at any one of six stops labelled on the maps as "CAR STOP." If it rains, the Model A courtesy cars will not be able to leave their garages, because brakes on a Model A are not too reliable if they get wet.

For those people on the tour, and all others, there will be a combined plant sale and plant swap near where the refreshments will be served at GHI Headquarters on Hamilton Place. The plants on sale are those recommended by the horticulturist of the City of Greenbelt, Bill Phelan, who will be there to dispense practical gardening know-how.

Kindergarten Open House Is April 30

A special kindergarten open house will be held at Greenbelt Elementary school on Tuesday, April 30 from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten teachers will present an overview of the program to the parents while youngsters enjoy an activity in an adjoining room.

Present kindergarten children will have an opportunity to visit a first grade class during that time in preparation for next year.

This is an opportunity to see the school first hand and to have questions answered that parents may have as their children begin their first school experience.

At the Library

On Tuesday, April 23, there will be a Babysitting Workshop for ages 12 - 19 at 7 p.m. Registration is required.

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5 will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 10:15 a.m.

Ceramic Demo

On Monday, April 29, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., a ceramics demonstration by Ann Potter of the Greenbelt Pottery will take place in the Community Center's ceramics studio. The demonstration will include basic hand building and wheel techniques as well as familiarize senior citizens and other interested individuals with the Greenbelt Pottery's classes and open studio labs. Jessica Gitlis will be available to answer any questions on space availability and class schedules. For more information call 441-3859.

Greenbelt Kids Star In Fiddler on Roof

Three Greenbelt kids, Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, Theresa Arnold and Chris Fominaya play leading roles in an all-kid production of "Fiddler on the Roof." The musical will play April 26, 8 p.m. and April 27, 2 and 8 p.m. at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. Call 277-1710 for reservations. There is a fee.

Special Meeting of Gray Panthers

The regular April meeting of the Gray Panthers of Greenbelt will not take place. Instead they will meet jointly with the Gray Panthers of the District of Columbia and Montgomery County on Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. at the Elizabeth House, 1400 Fenwick Lane, in Silver Spring. Those attending are asked to bring lunch. Beverages will be provided by the Gray Panthers from Montgomery County.

The featured speaker will be Dixie Horning, Executive Director of the National Gray Panthers. Car pools are being formed. Those willing to drive or needing a ride or having an agenda request may call 474-6890 or 864-4944. Come and mingle with area Gray Panthers.

Astronomy Day

How does an evening of gazing at the sky, or perhaps spotting a comet sound? If this sounds like fun, then plan to join the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, and the Goddard Astronomy Club, in celebrating Astronomy Day on April 20. Come out to the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, from 6 - 10 p.m. There will be telescopes, sky gazing, planetarium programs, meteorite displays, and weather permitting a viewing of comet Hyakutake. For more information, call the Science Center at 918-8750.

GHI Notes

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is hosting its annual Spring House and Garden Tour on Sunday, April 21. The public is invited to attend and meet at noon at the Community Center. Join the tour through the historic GHI district and pioneer planned community.

The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet in the GHI Library on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next regular Board of Directors Meeting is Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, April 25, 1996
7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Room**

Key Agenda Items:

- Presentation of 1995 Audited Financial Statements (presentation by Chaconis & Wilson)
- Rental Garage Policy
- Replacement Reserves Bids
- Labor Day Festival Plans

Board meetings are open to members.

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This weekend,
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New Deal Cafe

Friday, April 19th: Karl Zielinski - traditional Irish & folk
Saturday, April 20th: Stan Brown - country & folk

Friday, April 26th: Open Mike
Saturday, April 27th: Suburban Bushmen

Plus visual art by Greenbelt artist Jennifer Taylor

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-12AM. Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 474-5642

HISTORIC OLD GREENBELT



GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

Presents the 1996 Spring

HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, April 21 noon - 5 p.m.

**Free self guided tour with maps available on the day of the tour at the Historic Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD**

*Free transportation will be available courtesy of the Southern Maryland Model A Club

OBITUARIES

Bill Boswell

Bill Boswell, 71, died on April 15 after a year long illness. Bill and his wife Floy have lived in Greenbelt for over 30 years. Mr. Boswell was a member of the Center Bum group and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Mr. Boswell grew up in Washington, D.C., where he graduated from Gonzaga High School. He began working for the then War Department two weeks after graduating high school and continued in Federal service until his retirement 35 years later. He moved to Greenbelt with his wife and four children in the early 60s.

Mr. Boswell would walk to the Center daily and would always seem to meet someone he knew. (One of the nice things about living in Greenbelt!) His family knew if he volunteered to go to the Co-op for a quart of milk, they could count on him returning a few hours later. He had a great sense of humor and always had kind words to say about everyone. The Boswells were planning to celebrate their 50th (Golden) Anniversary next week.

Mr. Boswell is survived by his wife Floy; sons Robert and David; daughters Kathy and Floy; grandchildren David, Steven, Zeke, Jake, Billy and Michael; and great-granddaughter Ashley.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, April 19, at 10:15 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

Crayon Cornucopia

A hands-on art experience for adults will be offered at "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, April 26, in the Community Center. Linda Uphoff will be leading a workshop that offers a sampling of the kinds of artistic activities she will be directing during the Senior/Adult Art Mart scheduled to begin in June.

Friday's workshop will include mixing, shading, layering, and scraping techniques with wax crayons. Each participant should bring a box of crayons, a magazine photograph or a card of a subject of choice (preferably 5 x 7), and white drawing paper. Supplementary materials will be on hand if needed, so everyone should feel free to attend regardless of the supplies brought. No art experience is necessary.

Uphoff, a local artist and longtime art teacher, currently teaches drawing at the Community Center. She has an MFA from the Maryland Insti-

Seniors Lunch Now At Community Center

The Prince George's County Senior Nutrition Program provides a hot lunch weekdays in the dining room of the Community Center. Those interested in eating lunch occasionally or daily should sign up the prior week in the Community Center office. A small donation is collected at the door from those who can pay.

The menus for the week of April 29 through May 3 are listed below. Sign up by 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 25.

April 29: split pea soup, stuffed

tute of Art, is a founding member of Passageways Artists Studios in Riverdale, and is a member of the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Committee.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Classroom at the Community Center. For more information call 397-2208.



cabbage, chuck wagon vegetables, green beans, wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

April 30: grapefruit juice, potato-turkey casserole, lettuce and tomato salad, pumpernickel bread, orange sherbet.

May 1: vegetable soup, curried meat balls with noodles, mixed squash, Italian bread, fruit cocktail.

May 2: cranberry juice, baked chicken with gravy, black-eyed peas, collard greens, wheat roll, canned plums.

May 3: orange juice, baked pollock with lemon sauce, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, frosted cake.

All meals include margarine, milk, tea and coffee.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

6301 Greenbelt Road

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

All are Welcome

Rev. Sidney Conger 474-7573

Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:15 a.m.



Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Bible Study for all ages (Sun.)	9:45 AM
Worship Services (Sun.)	11:00 AM
	7:00 PM
Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)	7:30 PM

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WHEREAS, peace stems from an inner state supported by a spiritual or moral attitude, and it is chiefly in evoking this attitude that the possibility of enduring solutions can be found; and

WHEREAS, religion is the greatest of all means of establishment of order in the world and for the peaceful contentment of all that dwell therein; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental purpose animating religion is to safeguard the interests and promote unity of the human race and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship among men and women; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt Baha'i Community has for 20 years been striving to provide an example to the community of the concept of world citizenship, the need for which has come about as a direct result of the contraction of the world into a single neighborhood through scientific advances and of the indisputable interdependence of nations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Antoinette M. Bram, by authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation on the occasion of

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF GREENBELT

which will be observed by the Greenbelt Baha'i Community on the 21st day of April, 1996, during the "Festival of Ridvan", the Most Great Festival of the Baha'i year, and urge all to resolve to promote in themselves and in the community those qualities and attributes which generate the recognition that mankind is one, which opposes prejudice and racism through education and dialogue, which promote the concepts of equality and dignity of all mankind, and which create respect for each other in a true world community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, MD to be affixed this 13th day of April, 1996.

Antoinette Bram, Mayor

ATTEST: David E. Moran, City Clerk

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Legislative Report: Legislators Adopt State Budget Below This Year's

by Leo Green, Senator, 23rd District

We passed some significant legislation benefiting the citizens of Maryland during the 1996 Legislative Session. These items include, among other items:

Budget - The balanced \$14.6 billion budget for fiscal year 1997, which begins July 1, is smaller than 1996's fiscal year budget. This is the first time this has happened since the Great Depression. The budget reduces funding for most state agencies and eliminates 800 jobs, but it boosts spending on education, including a 5% increase in aid to local school systems and \$137 million for school construction.

Health - Under new regulations health insurers and health maintenance organizations will be required to provide new mothers with at least a 48 hour hospital stay. This is the first law of its kind in the nation.

Crime - The General Assembly approved the Governor's Gun Violence Act. The bill limits hand-gun purchases to one per month, creates several new crimes involving the use, possession, purchase, sale, and transfer of firearms, including "straw purchases," gives the courts and law enforcement officers authority to take certain actions in situations involving domestic violence, and gives victims or their families the right to testify at parole hearings. In addition, a new law will hold adults legally responsible for minors drinking alcohol in their homes.

Welfare - Through the Welfare Innovation Act of 1996, strict new standards have been created for recipients and new programs have been designed to get beneficiaries off welfare rolls.

Education - Of the total budget, the largest amount in

two decades, \$137 million, has been allocated to build, renovate, and modernize schools. The General Assembly gave counties more flexibility in deciding how much to spend annually on schools. Special grants will be given to schools that show improvement in State Performance Tests. In addition, schools and teachers will now have more authority to control disruptive students.

Stadiums - Although the stadium projects were, in essence, agreements made prior to the 1996 Legislative Session, The General Assembly used its position to get the principals to provide additional personal funds for proposals. This saved \$40 million on the stadium contracts, and avoided breaches of pre-approved contracts.

Transportation - The "sleeper" of the Session was the State Aid to Local Subdivisions bill. This legislation alters the distribution of "Highway User Revenues" among the counties and Baltimore City. It reduces Baltimore City's share from 15% to the greater of \$157.5 million or 11.5% of the growth in revenue distributed. This change is estimated to reduce Baltimore City's share by \$13 million and increase the 23 Counties' share by an equal amount beginning in fiscal 1998.

Economy - The General Assembly approved legislation which, among other things, grants tax credits to companies who create 60 or more full-time jobs at a single location. The sales tax on snack foods was also repealed this year.

Sponsored Bills

The General Assembly also passed three bills of significant importance to the state, which I sponsored. The first provides consumer protection for fraudulent use or disclo-

sure of electronic signatures in connection with a credit card or other payment device. The second requires certain insurers, non-profit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for reconstructive breast surgery on both the diseased and non-diseased breast following a mastectomy. The third, a bond bill, provides \$500,000 towards the preservation of the Belt Woods Home Farm in Bowie. This national treasure is one of the last old growth hardwood forests on the East Coast.

Locally, Prince George's County will receive \$295 million in education funds, including \$13 million in magnet school funding. In addition, the General Assembly has appropriated more than \$5 million to Prince George's County to support the Neighborhood Schools Initiative, which is designed to reduce the number of students who must be bused outside their neighborhoods to attend school.

Direct aid to Prince George's County has increased over \$19 million dollars. This includes almost \$11 million to Community Colleges, and \$5 million to Libraries. Of this, the \$2 million special grant funds for Prince George's County were restored to the budget for the second year in a row.

The local "sleeper" legislation, which I sponsored, provides in part for the creation of a task force to study the relationship between Prince George's County and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. This is an important issue which we have been trying to address for many years.

County Celebrates 300th Birthday Party

A 300th birthday happens only once in a lifetime. Accordingly Prince George's County has planned a year-long series of festivals, events and activities to celebrate its Tricentennial. To commemorate the County's founding, a day-long celebration will culminate in a one-of-a-kind birthday party and Tricentennial Gala on April 23.

The incomparable Gladys Knight will headline the black-tie event, which will be held at Cole Field House on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. Additional entertainment will feature notables such as the Doc Scantlin Orchestra and The Hubcaps, as well as locally known musicians. The Gala begins at 6:30 p.m. with a reception and a 7 p.m. formal program. Dinner, dancing

and entertainment follow until midnight as Prince Georgians celebrate the birthday of their county.

"This is going to be a marvelous birthday celebration! Excitement is mounting as we approach April 23, and Prince Georgians everywhere are celebrating our heritage," said Prince George's County Executive Wayne K. Curry.

The Tricentennial Gala Committee is chaired by Theodore (Ted) Howard, President of ABSS, and Dr. William E. Kirwan, President of the University of Maryland at College Park. Presenting sponsors include Buck Distributing Company, Industrial Bank N.A., PEPCO, and US Air Arena. Additional sponsorship packages are available, as well as individual tickets. A portion of the cost of each ticket is tax deductible. For Tricentennial Gala ticket information, call 468-2262.



Little Murders by Jules Feiffer

What if Donna Reed had to deal with daily gunshots outside her window and her daughter's rather untraditional wedding?

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Surratt Open House

Historic Surratt House Museum, 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, will hold a spring open house on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21 from noon to 4 p.m. In addition to free guided tours, children's activities will be held on the grounds. These will include 19th century games, chores, and lessons in the use of herbs. For information, or to arrange special accommodations for someone with disabilities, call 868-1121 (Voice & TTY).

Fun at Goddard

The Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center invites everyone to participate in its model rocket launch program on Sunday, April 21. The countdown begins at 1 p.m. Bring rockets or just come and enjoy watching other rocket enthusiasts. All launches are monitored for safety and are held weather permitting.

The Visitor Center is on Soil Conservation Road. For more information call 286-8981, or TDD 286-8103.

Christmas In April Needs Volunteers

Christmas in April of Prince George's County needs help more than ever this year! The Blizzard of '96 has brought on more homeowner problems that need to be repaired. All roofers, plumbers, carpenters, heating specialists and other skilled trades people are urged to volunteer their expertise for one day only. The repair day is Saturday April 27. For information, call the Christmas in April office at 301-868-0937.

Spring Fair/Auction

The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten, 15 Crescent Road, are holding a Spring Fair and Silent Auction on Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Fair and Silent Auction will be held in the grass area between the Greenbelt Community Center and the Greenbelt Library.

The Fair is featuring something for everyone: crafts, art projects, book sale, 50-50 raffle, games, yard sale, plant sale, face painting and food.

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CARES

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very effective at helping youth get through tough times.

There was strong sentiment on council to re-budget the fulltime position of Crisis Intervention Counselor which was budgeted in the FY95 budget but never filled in order to save those funds. Mayor Antoinette Bram called for suggestions on how council could come up with the projected \$40,000 necessary to pay for the counselor. One suggestion was a five or ten dollar co-pay similar to what someone on a group health insurance plan would pay. City Manager Daniel Hobbs said that the idea made sense from a strictly managerial standpoint because an individual who pays even a nominal fee for a service will place a higher value on the service. He added though, that a quick look at the number of clients would suggest that a nominal co-pay arrangement would not yield anywhere close to the needed funds. In the case of a co-payment or a fee for service there is added administration involved and also the undesirable effect of discouraging the poorest of the clients who may be the preferred beneficiaries of this service. Leventhal reports that fees for service at other providers of this type of service can run anywhere from \$1 to \$35.

Another possibility is to contract out the position, instead of creating a full-time city position. Although this could potentially save tax dollars, Leventhal says that there is value in having the counselor on staff. In-house counselors share their experiences and benefit from each other's knowledge. A Crisis Intervention Counselor who is not on staff would not benefit from this type of moral and professional support, she said. Councilmember Thomas White countered that having a professional staff from outside could create a synergy of information sharing with staff that would benefit all involved.

In support of finding a way to fund this position, White passionately referenced the 1995 Annual Report of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureau, which noted that on average, it costs approximately \$1,000 a family to provide formal counseling at a Youth Services Bureau com-

pared to \$52,000 a year to place a single youth in a residential correctional facility. This sentiment was seconded by Mayor Bram who said that the funds spent on this part of a budget "will have a value much larger than we will ever know." Councilmember Edward Putens cautioned that he would not support funding this position by bleeding other budget items.

A 1/2 cent property tax rate increase was mentioned as a way to fund the Crisis Intervention Counselor to the grimace of all elected officials. The overall budget already calls for a 4.5 cent increase over last year's rate. Each penny increase in the tax rate is estimated to yield \$52,600 in revenue for the city.

Aside from the Crisis Intervention Counselor, the budget document identified there are two other unmet needs. Office expenses of \$600 to cover computer maintenance were not included, nor was a \$2,000 Replacement Fund transfer. In previous years the fund transfer was set aside in anticipation of future capital outlays. Hobbs mentioned that this year the fund transfer was not necessary because the fund is large enough for anticipated need.

The final budget for Greenbelt CARES will be decided at the May 14 final budget worksession of the FY1997 budget.

Concert Scheduled

An important upcoming event for the Laurel Oratorio Society will take place next month. As part of the Tri-Centennial Celebration of Prince George's County, the LOS, in conjunction with 200 members of the Honors Chorus from the County Elementary Schools, and the Prince George's Philharmonic, will present the North American Premiere of Douglas Coombes' Choral Symphony No. 1, "Merlin, Magician of the Universe." Coombes is a native of Great Britain and will be coming to the United States to narrate his composition. The concert is scheduled for April 19, at Northwestern High School, Hyattsville. Edmonds will direct the concert.

For ticket information call 441-8770.



Julie McHale of the Greenbelt Recreation Department accepts a grant from Lions Club President Ralph Bram to fund camp scholarships and awards for academic excellence.

Lions Grant to Fund Academic Excellence

The Greenbelt Lions Club has awarded a grant of \$1,350 to the Recreation Department of the City of Greenbelt, of which \$850 is to be used to recognize academic achievement and \$500 for camp scholarships.

The academic achievement awards are distributed to academic achievers as well as students showing an improvement in courtesy to others. Awards are disbursed on a quarterly basis at

the Greenbelt Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School, and Springhill Lake Elementary School. "The growing number of students on the honor rolls and striving to be ethical students is evidence that the children are interested in obtaining a quality education," stated Julie McHale, Recreation Coordinator, who accepted the grant on behalf of the city. "I am amazed at the community support this program continues to receive in times where everyone's budgets are reduced."

Kidney Foundation Seeks Assistance

The National Kidney Foundation needs help to make their programs work. Their special activities help to prevent kidney disease and assist patients who are living with kidney disease. Help is needed to prepare Mailings. Call 699-2800.

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Attention GHI Members!!
Dates and Deadlines for Candidates
for GHI Offices

Candidates' Night at Greenbelt Municipal Building	May 2
Last day for any Candidate to file Consent Form for name to appear on ballot	May 11
GHI Annual Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center	May 18
Elections	May 18-19



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PUBLIC WORKS

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It appears that council will not decide this issue during the budget review. We need input from the trash collectors, said Mayor Antoinette Bram. There's not enough time to make such a big change in the two months before Vincent leaves, said Hobbs.

Streets and Equipment

The Public Works Department maintains almost 25 miles of streets. This includes repair, lighting, and snow removal.

This past winter's severe weather meant almost twice as much was spent on snow removal as budgeted, at an estimated \$60,000 for snow removal and \$25,000 for de-icing chemicals. A snow emergency grant of \$31,500 is expected to be received this year to offset these costs.

The proposed amount for street maintenance in FY97 is \$574,700 and for all expenditures for streets \$1,921,200. This includes: traffic, maintenance of equipment, and traffic control.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked Hirsch if he was comfortable with this amount of money for street repair. He said he could do more if he had more. If we continue to spend this amount for the next two or three years we could catch up, said Kenny Hall, Superintendent of Operations. Unmet needs for street maintenance are \$73,000 for equipment and to landscape an underpass.

The public works department maintains the equipment and vehicles used by city employees in their work and \$262,600 for this purpose is proposed for FY97. Hobbs said the auto repair shop should be open 12 hours a day and that the department needs another mechanic of the calibre of James Keifline, the city's auto mechanic. Council and staff discussed functions and required qualifications of this additional mechanic. The cost of a new employee will be funded by a reduction in overtime.

Miscellaneous

The proposed budget in FY97 for administration costs of the public works department is \$438,000. This includes personnel expenses (\$338,200) and operating expenses such as electricity (total \$92,000).

The unmet needs include \$500 to \$1,000 to correct the heating imbalance in the public works offices. Can't we find money in the budget for this?, asked White. The budget submitted is a bare bones budget that takes into account that the city is under financial constraints, replied Hirsch. Bram asked that Hobbs and Hirsch try to work this out in the next week.

Upcoming projects include completing an equipment storage building, improving bus shelters, and implementing recommendations of a study done of the department by the University of Maryland's Institute for Government Service to improve effectiveness of the department.

The city's door-to-door dial-a-ride service, the Greenbelt Connection, will be funded slightly more than last year's level at \$76,400. It is estimated that in FY96 this service was used 7,000 times. The

cost of transporting each rider is \$8, but the city only charges about \$1, said Hobbs. Davis asked if the survey on the inter-city bus revealed that people would pay more. Hobbs replied that they would not be willing to pay much more than they are now. The city will soon get a new bus from the county, which will pay part of it.

The public works department takes care of the city parks including: 487.23 acres of parkland, 30 playgrounds, 7 ballfield complexes, and 10 tennis courts. The proposed FY97 budget for this work is \$713,100.

Also in the public works budget for FY97: Roosevelt Center, \$39,700 for upkeep of sidewalks and parking lots; city cemetery on Ivy Lane, \$1,300; Municipal Building upkeep, \$28,600.

Mentally Ill Alliance Meets in Library

The monthly public forum of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) will be held at the Greenbelt Library Wednesday, April 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. The speakers, Kayleen Hadd, RN, MSN, CS and Dr. Caleb Adler, MD will discuss current research on schizophrenia. Hadd is a clinical nurse specialist who coordinates outpatient clinical drug trials at NIMH. She will present a brief overview of anatomy and physiology of schizophrenia. Dr. Adler, a psychiatrist with NIMH, will discuss current research findings and new medications.

AMI is a family organization which sponsors support groups around the county for relatives of people with serious mental illnesses. Call the information line 839-0253 or 577-6026, Marge Owens 345-1572, or Agnes Hatfield 982-2053. Marge and Agnes live in Greenbelt.

Hospice Volunteers

Hospice of Prince George's County is in need of volunteers to help in their Largo office with clerical tasks such as telephoning, xeroxing, and filing. They also seek volunteers to assist with home care activities, such as visiting patients and their families, transporting patients to medical appointments, and providing respite care. Volunteers should have their own transportation. Formal training is provided. For information call 699-2800.

County Celebrates Founding Day

Since a Tricentennial comes only once in a lifetime, the Tricentennial Celebration Committee plans to mark the occasion in a big way!

April 23 marks the 300th anniversary of the founding of Prince George's County. To commemorate this historic event, a day-long celebration is planned which culminates in a Tricentennial Gala at the University of Maryland.

The day begins with a 9 a.m. reenactment of the county being signed into existence at historic Mt. Calvert. The procession of re-creators then proceeds to the present-day county seat, Upper Marlboro.



At exactly noon on the anniversary day a county-wide bell-ringing announces the start of the afternoon festivities. A number of various military units, including R.O.T.C. and veterans' groups will join marching bands and community and cultural organizations in a parade down Main Street in Upper Marlboro. As the parade winds itself to the County courthouse there will be a ceremony with speeches and presentations from county and state dignitaries. A military fly-over will also add to the day's excitement.

As the sun sets behind the Prince George's County horizon on April 23, county residents are invited to go home and get their dancing shoes on! Cole Field House at the University of Maryland, College Park will host a Tricentennial Gala that evening.

Don't miss out on this once-in-three-centuries day of partying! For more information on founding day activities or Gala ticket availability, call the Tricentennial Celebration Office at 322-1996.

CPR Classes

On Saturday, April 20, free training in Adult CPR will be offered at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The three-hour sessions will include information on heart disease, risk factors, signs of a heart attack, mouth-to-mouth breathing, one-person adult CPR, and care for a conscious and unconscious choking victim. Classes follow the guidelines of the American Heart Association. For information on class locations and times call 864-LIVE.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn 474-5285
Condolences to Floy Boswell and family upon the death of her husband, Bill.

Aimee Fellows coaches the Elizabeth Seton High School girls' basketball team, the Mustangs, which won its first City Title recently. Fellows swam on the Greenbelt swim team for many years.

The Maryland Statewide Pets on Wheels (POW) program held its annual Volunteer Enrichment Seminar recently in Severn, MD. Prince George's POW volunteers participated in a major way this year. Allie Lee and his advanced class from Greenbelt Dog Training performed for the lunch time demonstration. Lee is a pet temperament screener for the P.G. POW program.

UMCP President To Address Lions

Dr. William E. Kirwan, President of the University of Maryland at College Park is scheduled to address the Greenbelt Lion's Club on Monday, April 22 at "E.J.'s Landing," Best Western Motel on U.S. 1 in College Park.

The public is invited to attend at 7:15 p.m. For further information and reservations, call 474-5156.

Misses Greenbelt Contestants Sought

by Sarah Ellis

Remember, there are "no limits" to the number of girls we are looking for to enter this year's Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Pageant! "No Limits" is our theme this year - there are no limits on being the best person you can be and having fun with the best group of girls in Greenbelt!

The Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Pageant promotes education by awarding scholarships to the winners, which are funded by area businesses and organizations. Little Miss and Junior Miss contestants must live or go to school in Greenbelt; and Miss Greenbelt contestants must live, work, or go to school in Greenbelt. The girls will enjoy many events throughout the summer, including community activities and fundraisers. The orientation meetings will be held on April 23 (Miss Greenbelt contestants) and April 24 (Little and Junior Miss contestants) at 7:30 p.m. All contestants must be sure to pre-register. Parents or guardians, plan to attend with your contestant(s) and meet the Pageant organizers. To pre-register for an orientation meeting, or for more information, contact the Pageant Executive Director, Natasha Jewell, at 352-8665.



Greenbelt Municipal Access Television Channel B-10 Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday, April 23 & 25

6:00pm Greenbelt Recreation Dept. presents:
"The 1996 Easter Egg Hunt w/ Kinderman"
6:30pm "It's Municipal Government 1996"
Semi-Final at Springhill Lake Elementary
7:00pm "It's Municipal Government 1996"
Semi-Final at Greenbelt Elementary School

Wednesday, April 24 at 11:00a.m.

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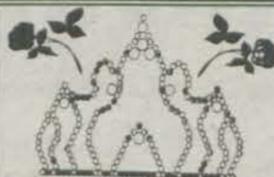
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Feiffer's "Little Murders" Is No Laughing Matter

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center is taking a bold chance in bringing Jules Feiffer's "Little Murders" to Greenbelt. Beginning this weekend, Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, audiences will be given a painful, yet sometimes comical, insight into an American family circa 1967. The play runs the next four weekends, through May 11.

Each person who observes the Newquist family will have his or her own interpretation of what Jules Feiffer was thinking 30 years ago. Feiffer, long known for his cartoons featured in the New Yorker, which poke fun at American culture from Hollywood to Main Street to Washington, uses this play format to comment on how America changed in the 1960s. The play will prompt anyone over 35 to recall the questioning of American values: commitment, the role of family and authority. It will strike a chord with those of all ages regarding the insecurity we feel, evidenced largely in this production by the fear of crime.

Who produces these thoughts in theatrical form? In observing a couple of rehearsals last week, it was clear that this controversial play required a strong, confident, talented and vibrant cast. Chris Lepore, director, shows great dexterity in massaging the skills of Lou Yakstis, Michal Freedhoff, Joanne Bauer, Jim Ruth, Ervin Reed, Ken Krintz and Steve Feder. The Newquist family deals first with a death by shooting in the family, perhaps in the same way that

Feiffer perceived Americans dealing with the series of violent experiences starting with the JFK assassination and ranging from the Vietnam War to racial violence and motiveless murders. Shock, anger, a sense that we no longer controlled our own destiny, both as a nation and within each family.

Carol Newquist, (Jim Ruth) is the father who is ready to trade basic civil liberties for the basic freedom of fear. Margaret Newquist (Joanne Bauer), the eternal optimist, plays the dutiful wife, struggling to hold things together but always on the edge of falling apart. Feiffer, in his letter to Christopher Morahan, director of the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of the play in 1967, sees daughter Patsy (Michal Freedhoff), as the all-American girl, Doris Day of 10 years ago ... She has spirit, exuberance, great feminine strength and an indomitable spirit, all of which implies that she's oblivious to the lessons of anyone else's life but her own. Kenny Newquist (Ervin Green) is bright and witty, the family comedian who wants to be like his sister. Add to this mix Alfred Chamberlain (Lou Yakstis), who appears to be trying to find himself and a career to his liking. Lacking direction and confidence, he daydreams when at work, at play or in just walking around the neighborhood. But Patsy finds him charming and lovable, and of course, she falls in love with him.

Who would bring this couple together? Apparently, Judge Jerome Stern (Marty

Burke), the couple's first choice to marry the twosome, was not acceptable. After all, he was going to mention God and Alfred was an agnostic. Instead, Reverend Henry Dupas (Ken Krintz), would serve in this capacity. While audiences will try to absorb the play's plot, its various moods and bizarre characters, this moment will give everyone a chance to relax and laugh heartily. Reverend Dupas, who enters the scene on a motorcycle, questions basic concepts such as love and family and in the process virtually incites a riot. The witnesses, (Frank Pearlman, Teresa Hendry, Mike Briefs, Mila Thomas and Richard Baty) reinforce the reaction of an incredulous wedding family.

The married couple and other family relationships change with the story and other acts of violence occur. The tension is deepened by the oppressive presence of Officer Miles Practice (Steve Feders). The ending... well I'll let you come and see for yourself. One thing is guaranteed - this play will make you think.

The play, produced by Alex Barnes, is assisted ably by a technical crew which includes, Laura and Jim Adams, Kirk Madsen, Dennis Jelalian and Trix Whitehall. The set was designed by Tom Smith.

Library Volunteers

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is in need of volunteers to assist with several short term projects. The position is available for several hours during the day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The volunteer does not need to come in every day. For information call 699-2800.

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The most beautiful time of the garden year is here when every week different flowers are in bloom. Look around your neighborhood, not just to enjoy the beautiful flowers, but to get garden ideas.

See what plants look good together, such as azaleas and bluebells. See what plants are commonly planted. Many people have daffodils and azaleas in their yards because they are tough and do well in our area.

If you are put off by having daffodils or azaleas like so many others, don't avoid proven performers, rather look for the unusual colors, shapes, and placement. For example, daffodils look great with smaller bulbs, especially blues such as grape hyacinth, hyacinth, squill, or blue star flower.

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Volunteers Needed For Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist the nursing staff at blood drives and donor centers in providing good customer service, greeting, escorting and serving refreshments to blood donors. The typical drive lasts four to six hours. Call (202) 737-8300.

for learning is the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. house and garden tour this Sunday (12 - 5 p.m. meet at the Community Center). Take this opportunity to get a close look at gardens. You don't have to live in GHI to benefit from this tour. As the oldest section of the city many yards have mature shrubs and trees. These give new gardener and homeowners an idea of what these plants will eventually look like.



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GATE Holds Annual Meeting

by Randy Crenwelge

On Tuesday, March 23, Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) held its annual meeting. Items on the agenda included an overview of the year's past accomplishments, activities, and programming; an election of its officers which resulted in the incumbent officers being re-elected for another three year period, future programming plans; and the status of the new GATE studio under construction in the Community Center.

Robert Zugby, GATE's President, delivered the annual report to the membership. Currently, GATE is preparing to undertake interviews with the candidates for City Council, cover performances at the Greenbelt Art Center, and Greenbelt Little League. GATE has undergone some growing pains which included the breakdown of its cameras and not having free access to its studio as frequently as needed. At this time, Zugby believes that it is important to remain independent of any other organization or governmental jurisdiction so that constitutional free press and speech guarantees can be maintained and exercised appropriately.

Konrad Herling presented a proposal and ideas to format community activities into one program. Some activities that might be included are local news, feature stories, recreation activities, community advisory boards, civic organizations, residential issues, and Gray Panther meetings and activities. This hour long program would include the popular teen program "Greenbelt 20770." Other activities recommended by advisory board members included a focus on Greenbelt women, local politics, medical news presented by local doctors, volunteer organizations and activities, etc. Upcoming activities to be covered by GATE and of significant interest to all Greenbelters include Greenbelt Day, the Labor Day Parade, Prince George's County Tri-Centennial, etc. Greenbelt citizens are encouraged to contact GATE for programming ideas and suggestions.

GATE is seeking volunteers to help edit programming, report on current events and local activities, provide background research for future programs, write scripts and stories prior to filming, etc. It was suggested that GATE might benefit by obtaining professional editing services as needed. Additionally, GATE plans to hire a part time Programming Director to help manage the community access cable television.

A membership report was given to the advisory committee. Currently, GATE has 40 active members. To become a member, anyone can join by paying a small fee. Members are entitled to use or borrow audio and visual equipment at a small fee to cover the equipment's routine overhead costs such as insurance. Under consideration is offering different levels of membership. Benefits would be offered to members on an incremental basis according to enrollment or the membership status.

GATE has received a sizeable grant from Maryland Cable

Gala Birthday Celebration Honors Eleanor Ritter, 90

by Millie O'Dea

Greenbelt Pioneer Eleanor Ritter turned 90 years of age on March 17 and to celebrate such an auspicious occasion, her family surprised her with a party at the Greenbelt American Legion on Sunday, March 24.

Ritter and her family moved from Harrisburg, PA to Greenbelt in 1937, where she has lived at the same address, 6-P Hillside, for 59 years. Eleanor and Charles (now deceased) raised three children: Louise and twins Helen and Harvey. Louise D'Amico is deceased; Helen Hindt lives in Forestville and Harvey Ritter in Bowie. Ritter has five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Her first great-great-grandchild will be born sometime in the fall.

Charles Ritter worked for the Government Printing Office and Eleanor was active in the Parent Teachers Association, the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and the Greenbelt Community Church. As members of a planned community, they utilized Greenbelt's system of inner walkways. They never drove a car but instead, walked and used public transportation.

More Than 100 Guests

More than a hundred guests honored Ritter at her party, which was filled with many surprises. Her oldest great-grandson, Jay D'Amico, whom she had not seen in several years, flew in from Kansas City,

which will help ensure completion of its new studio, renovate equipment, fund part time employment of its proposed director position, etc. This grant will help GATE achieve its short term goals; however, ongoing membership drives and other funding mechanisms will be required to achieve its long term growth, improvement, quality programming, and success.

To achieve its goal of providing accurate, informative and professional quality programming and local news, GATE must overcome certain obstacles. They include obtaining financial resources to purchase needed equipment and free access to its own studio which is under construction. There was also discussion about the fees that GATE must provide to the municipal government for the use of its facilities on an ongoing basis.

Emily Pucko, who lived in Greenbelt many years ago, made the trip to surprise her friend with whom she has kept in close touch since moving to Miami, Florida. Pucko said "she feels more like a relative than a friend." Ritter greeted friends and neighbors from Greenbelt, including many of the older firemen, and friends from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties and Virginia.

The celebration began, after the happy birthday song, on a tearful note. Harvey, Ritter's son, who had helped organize the party, was in the hospital recovering from open-heart surgery. A video tape was shown, however, which was made in the hospital with Harvey wishing his mother a happy birthday.

Greetings from Dignitaries

Grandsons Charles, Edwin and Duane Hindt read an account of their grandmother Ritter's life. Ritter's grandson, James D'Amico, read greetings from President Clinton, Senator Bob Dole, Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senator Barbara Mikulski, Governor Parris Glendening, and Congressman Steny Hoyer. Proclamations were read from State Senator Leo Green, State Delegate James Hubbard and Mayor Antoinette Bram. Prince George's Councilwoman Audrey Scott attended the party and presented a proclamation to Ritter.

Joe Rimar, in a jovial mood, began reading a poem he had written for his close friend and neighbor. He tearfully asked his wife to finish the reading. Ritter's only granddaughter, Debra Jones, read a letter from a close friend, Joe Flynn. Eleven great-grandchildren were introduced and they presented Ritter with a large bed pillow. The pillowcase on one side was signed by each of the great-grandchildren, and on the other was embroidered by Debbie D'Amico, wife of James D'Amico.

The last presentation was a wooden plaque presented by Helen Hindt, Ritter's daughter; Mary Jane Ritter, her daughter-in-law; and Elmer (Al) Hindt, her son-in law. The plaque was a gift from a close friend, Bernard Ellis, "to a well-loved and admired mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend."



Pioneer Eleanor Ritter blows out the candles on her 90th birthday cake.



Eleanor Ritter gets a hug from great-grandson Jay D'Amico of Kansas City, MO, at her 90th birthday party.

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A Long Celtic Evening

by Barbara Likowski

It was a tribute to St. Patrick's Day. The music was beautiful, there were several new attractions, story telling, dancing - this was the Celtic evening at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). But something was missing. We just didn't have that feeling of exhilaration we had at all of the other Celtic evenings at GAC and we've seen them all.

Perhaps it's us, we thought. So we asked several people what they thought of the evening. Several told us the same thing. It was good but too long. Too long, we shrieked! It's never long enough for us and we're always there til we're shoed out. Yet, we had to admit that this concert did seem long. Why?

Perhaps we came with expectations of more of the same, that is lots of fiddling, toe tapping fiddling, that is, played by the Homespun Ceilidh Band and Skye Gathering. The kind of music that makes one want to clap, stamp, yell, dance, move about! There was some of this and we loved it. But not nearly enough.

There were more slow tunes this time. And while we liked each one, we did begin to feel like the evening was slowing down. We hesitate to say dragging.

No doubt we were spoiled by the abundance of jigs and reels in past concerts.

There were lots of interesting performances. We especially liked hearing a piece by a cello and a beautiful Celtic harp. One Celtic harp can get buried under the mass of other instruments. That didn't seem to happen in this concert.

Mae Talla, a group specializing in Scottish Gaelic vocal music, did not disappoint us. Once more we listened to songs sung in the old language and again something inside us responded as though we recognized something.

Storytelling, added to the program for the first time, seemed to fit right in with the rest of the program. Once in awhile we couldn't hear a word or two. That might be old age catching up with us or the fact that we were sitting in the very back row. But we enjoyed them.

Trix Whitehall was good as ever. We've come to expect to hear her sing a song of love avenged. And John Ward really played that fiddle. But not rickling enough often enough.

A disappointment in content will not keep us from the next concert. We are already looking forward to that next one. Keep them coming!

Children's Program

"Down the Drain - A Watershed Demonstration" is an educational program for children 8 years of age and older with their parents. It will be held Sunday, April 28 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge, North Tract. Participants will discover what happens to water when it leaves their home and property, how it can become polluted and how to prevent water pollution, using a watershed model. Advance registration required. The program is free. Call 410-674-3307.

Science Fair Has Many Winners

Science Fair Day on March 19 at Greenbelt Elementary School was heavily attended by students and parents.

First graders shared their scientific experiments with their parents in the classrooms. They showed their understanding of the scientific process including stating an hypothesis, predicting a result and stating a conclusion.

Students in grades three through six presented their projects at the second annual science fair. There were many winners in all categories, over 180 students participated. The first place winners include:

Grade three - Nick Dobson, Shamiela Melvin, Dolly Friend-Gomez, Rebecca Fletcher, Danielle Finney, Eric Williams, Anthony Buemi, Jonathan Surbrook, Kara Yates, and Crystal Kelly.

Grade four - Jessica Teets, Mark Halpern, Meridith Marr, Katharine Barton, Jenny Hall, Katie Massie, Madison Calebaugh, Cherrelle Curtis, Jessica Keane, Deon Moore, and Shannon Chase.

Grade five - David Lemus, Patrick Fox, Kevin Marable, Janelle Aguillera, Nicole Barton, Jackie Brown, Elizabeth Hinsley, Ruth Campbell, Danielle Rodman, Natarshia Peltzer-Wade, and Jessica Brown.

Grade six - John Norden, Jared Hunt, Matthew Inzeo, Jessica Batten, Micah Bobo, Tracy Keley, Raymond King, Sarah Hinsley, Meghan Lloyd, Katerine Griffin, Kristian Benson, and Thomas England.

On Wednesday, April 10 second graders had a "Science Show and Tell" for classmates and family members. This preparation for science fairs in coming years was fun and educational for the children.

Parents were encouraged to work with their children and help them when they needed assistance. On the other hand children were expected to explain their experiment and use the materials by themselves.

Registration Dates Set for Kindergarten

All elementary schools in Prince George's County will hold kindergarten registration during the week of April 29 to May 3. Although kindergarten registration may be accepted anytime, people are encouraged to register their children that week so that plans for next year may be formulated.

When registering a child, the parent or guardian should bring proof of residency, child's birth certificate and proof of required immunization. Papers will be given to each parent regarding the requirement of a physical for all children entering the Maryland public school system for the first time.

All children who are five years old on or before January 1, 1997 must attend kindergarten before entering first grade. However the law does allow for exemptions. For more information call the school the child will attend.

Children cannot be enrolled in first grade unless they have completed a public or private kindergarten or have an accepted exemption.



First place 4th grade winners in Greenbelt Elementary School's science fair present for the awards ceremony and faculty -Principal Carolyn Goff, Christina Hennigan, Cherrelle Curtis, Science Teacher Carole Lubetzky, Katie Massie, Jenny Hall, Mark Halperin, Jessica Teets and Deon Moore.

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- photo by Letty Bryce

Cholesterol Screening

Laurel Regional Hospital will offer free cholesterol screenings to the public on Thursday, April 25 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.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the parking lot of the Marriott Hotel, 6400 Ivy Lane, in the early hours of Saturday morning, April 6. One of the participants, who was standing next to the open door of a vehicle, was asked to step aside. The officer then observed a Taurus 9mm semi-automatic handgun on the floorboard. The man, a 29 year old non-resident, was arrested, charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, and released pending trial after appearing before a District Court Commissioner.

A woman reported a "peeping Tom" looking in a window of her home in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. When she confronted him, he said he was looking for his cousin, and left. The next evening, the woman found a note on her front door stating she was being watched. The suspect is described as a 6-foot black man in his twenties with black hair and a moustache, wearing a green shirt, dark pants, and a baseball cap.

An officer patrolling the 100 block of Centerway on Saturday evening, April 6, noticed a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot. An interview of the occupants resulted in a quantity of suspected Valium in the vehicle. The driver, a 17 year old resident youth, was arrested and charged with distribution of prescription drugs. The youth was released into the custody of a parent pending trial.

While patrolling the 4 Court of Hillside Road early Sunday morning, April 7, an officer observed a suspicious parked vehicle with a door open, lights on, and the engine running. As the officer approached the vehicle he detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. A search of the vehicle located pipes commonly used to smoke marijuana. A 20 year old resident man was arrested, charged with possession of paraphernalia, and released on citation pending trial.

An officer patrolling the area of Ora Glen Drive and Ora Court on Saturday morning, April 6, stopped a vehicle which was weaving and traveling well under the posted speed

limit. An open alcoholic beverage was located inside the vehicle. A computer check on the driver revealed his license had been suspended. The driver, 49 year old resident man, was arrested, charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage and driving on a suspended license, and released on citation pending trial.

A 911 hang-up call, made on Friday afternoon, April 5, was traced to a residence in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. Officers investigating discovered a five year old child alone in the apartment. The child was transported to the station. The mother contacted the police later in the evening and was asked to come to the station. Upon arrival, the woman, a 41 year old resident, was arrested, charged with leaving a child unattended, and released on citation pending trial.

Thefts reported include: a VCR and telephone from a residence in the 400 block of Ridge Road on Saturday afternoon, April 6; and a two-way radio from an office at the Greenbelt Middle School, 8950 Edmonston Road, on Tuesday, April 9.

Auto Thefts and Recoveries

A 1992 Chevy Blazer reported stolen from Upper Marlboro on March 28 was recovered in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court on Friday April 5. No arrests were made.

A 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier four-door reported stolen from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on April 4 was recovered by Prince George's County Police on Sunday, April 7. The recovery occurred in the 5000 block of Tuxedo Road, Cheverly. No arrests were made.

A beige 1981 Mercury Cougar four-door, MD tags RCL 623, was reported stolen from the 8200 block of Canning Terrace on Monday morning, April 8.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block of Greenbelt Road (two incidents), 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, and 400 block of Ridge Road.

Lindsay Callahan to Attend Youth Leadership Seminar

Former Greenbelter Lindsay Seek Callahan, a 16 year old sophomore at St. Vincent Pallotti High School, Laurel, will be attending the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) Leadership Seminar in April.

HOBY is an international organization committed to recognizing and developing the leadership potential of high school sophomores. The Maryland Leadership Seminar, held annually since 1978, builds leadership skills through a series of workshops and discussion groups. Students are provided an opportunity to interact with leaders from the fields of business, government, education, science, and the professions. HOBY was established in 1958 by actor Hugh O'Brien who portrayed television's Wyatt Earp. He founded the organization as his contribution to society, inspired by a visit with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Lindsay was a 1994 graduate of St. Hugh's Catholic school in Greenbelt. She has an A average in the honors program at Pallotti. Currently she is president of the sophomore class. She enjoys running for the cross-country

team, track and field and is an accomplished member of the Gambrills 4-H riding club, where she is the newly elected club vice-president. Lindsay is a member of the school choir, the handbell choir and is studying the recorder and piano.

In December she was chosen to perform for the Washington, Maryland State Music Teachers Association. Her original composition was selected and she played in the "Composer Circle Concert" in Ward Hall, the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, at Catholic University. This past year she received a silver medal in the National Latin Merit Exam.

In her spare time Lindsay does volunteer work with needy children. She volunteers her services weekly to

LARS of Laurel and makes monthly food deliveries to the Pregnancy Aid Center in College Park.

Lindsay was recently nominated to be listed in "Who's Who among American High School Students" by her principal at Pallotti, Paul Leonarczyk.

Long Term Goals

Lindsay's long term goals are to study and receive a degree in Veterinary Sciences.

Currently she cares for two dogs after school, Daisy and Bean. She also gives dialysis to Greenbelter Elizabeth Dolina's cat Tessa every other day. Lindsay lives with her parents Gus and Linda Malakatis in Beltsville.

Her family owns New Impressions, the second-hand clothing shop in Roosevelt Center.



Lindsay Callahan

AMI Meeting Set

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) of Prince George's County will hold a meeting of the "Support Group for Siblings and Adult Children of Mentally Ill Parents" on Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in Room 218 of the Cheverly Mental Health Clinic which is across from Prince George's Hospital.

For further information contact: Donna, (301) 839-0253 or Jane, (301) 577-6026.

Native Shrubs

Join Joan Feely, curator of the native plant collection at the National Arboretum for a walk through Fern Valley on Saturday, April 27. Discover the beauty and diversity of native shrubs. Learn how these woodland shrubs can be used in landscaping. The walk starts at 10 a.m. in the Fern Valley parking lot and is free. Registration is limited to 25 people, so call (202) 245-2726 to register.

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P.G. Artists Hold Spring Art Shows

The Prince George's Artists Association will hold their 26th Annual Juried Spring Fine Art Show featuring some of the county's finest talents. Three Greenbelt artists will be in the show. Jo Pritchard of Ridge Road works in watercolor and collage. She has exhibited in several shows and has been an award winner. Another award winner is Cody Pierson of Laurel Hill Road. He is a student in the arts program at a county high school and works in a variety of mediums. Marti Lewis, of Breezeewood Terrace works in watercolor.

The show will be held in the Community Room of the Market Place Mall, Route 450, Bowie, Maryland, on Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 21, noon to 4 p.m. An artists reception will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The show is free to the public. Some original art work will be available for sale. For additional information call 341-5467 or 336-8414.

Opening on April 24 and continuing through June 7 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends will be the association's "Colors of Spring" exhibit on walls. On April 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, a second exhibit, "Riotous Colors," will be held. Both exhibits are at the Huntington Community Center, 13022 Eight St., Old Town Bowie. There will be an artists reception with live music on Saturday, April 27, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

PGCC Science Trek Celebrates 10 Years

Science Trek, a children's science conference sponsored by Prince George's Community College and Prince George's County public schools, will celebrate its 10th anniversary Saturday, April 27 at the college.

Each year Science Trek brings together 400 county fourth through sixth graders with scientists and educators to learn more about the wonders and importance of science.

Registration is 7:45 a.m., then master of ceremonies Tom Kierein, WRC Channel 4 meteorologist, kicks off the event at 8:30 a.m. in Queen Anne Auditorium. An award will be presented to Vera Zdravkovich, dean of PGCC's division of science, mathematics and health technology, for founding Science Trek.

Science Trek continues through 1 p.m., with the children attending three sessions they've selected from 26 offered. Among the topics they can explore are snakes, sharks, computer animation, life in space, weather forecasting, how telephone calls are sent, the portable planetarium Starlab, making bubbles, and slime.

Each child also receives a goody bag filled with a variety of science-related items donated by various government agencies and businesses.

For more information contact Michael Pritchard at 322-0157.

Basketball Tournament

Prince George's County school system students as well as alumni will compete in the Second Annual Easter Basketball Classic to benefit schools on Saturday, April 27, at Prince George's Community College in Largo.

The basketball tournament, which will feature teams of students and alumni from DuVal, Central, Suitland, and Fairmont Heights high schools, will begin at 11 a.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. The tournament is sponsored by Prince George's Community College to raise funds for the county schools.

The coed tournament is an annual activity planned by Save Our Selves, Inc., and Chestnut Enterprise, community groups working to stimulate pride and growth within the school system and the greater community of Prince George's County. There is a fee.

For more information on the tournament call 459-6622 or 532-1697.



Hand graters have changed little over the past 60 years as Terri Kepler finds out during her visit to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum hands-on domestic technology exhibit. The exhibit is at the Greenbelt Community Center, museum exhibit area/office on the second floor, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mondays and Fridays and 1 - 5 p.m., the first Sunday of each month, through August. photo by David Lange



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