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Once-a-Week Trash Pick-up Called Unworkable by Crews

by Diane Oberg

The proposed changes to the city's refuse and recycling collection were the topic of a lightly attended city council worksession on Thursday, April 24. In his budget proposal, City Manager Michael McLaughlin called for reducing refuse collection from the current twice per week to once-per-week. He said that these changes are necessary to eliminate a deficit in the refuse and recycling accounts without a fee increase. Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Foley told the News Review that customers would be guaranteed one pickup per week, even during weeks shortened by holidays.

The members of the refuse crews who attended the worksession did not believe that the once-a-week plan is workable. Although they would be picking up trash from roughly the same number of homes per day as they do now, the amount of trash collected from each house would be more. Currently, Larry Dodson, of the refuse crew, estimates that the two crews pick up roughly seven to seven and a half tons of refuse per day on the first pickup of the week, and four to five tons per day on the second collection of the week. Crewmember Jeff Keiffline asked whether the crews would be required to work overtime. McLaughlin said that he did not believe that overtime would be required.

The main concern of the crewmembers was the physical burden of toting more pounds of trash each day and the longer days that will require them to work. The city manager has recommended that the crewmembers receive a five percent pay increase "to compensate them for the extra effort required" under the new proposal.

Public works management estimates that the larger loads will increase crewmembers days by one hour. These estimates, however, were greeted with skepticism by the crewmembers.

There is a "high probability" that it will work.

—Michael McLaughlin,
City Manager

Big Deficit

Refuse collection has been operating at a loss during the current fiscal year. When the Greenbelt City Council passed the fiscal year 1997 (FY97) budget last May, it expected the combined refuse and recycling operations to cost \$26,700 more than they brought in revenues, in part because of the steep reduction in the landfill disposal rebate previously paid by the county. The actual experience has been

somewhat worse — the combined accounts are projected to close the year with a \$37,100 deficit.

The main problem has been on the revenue side of the equation. Costs have actually been slightly less than expected. However, revenues have dropped even further. One main cause is a drop in the number of customers. Refuse collection lost 72 customers from FY96, while city recycling collection lost 1,025 customers. (The major changes were the loss of Greenwood Village, Greenbrook Village and Windsor Green from recycling collection and Belle Point from refuse collection.) While fewer customers reduces costs somewhat (due to lower tipping fees), unless sufficient customers are lost to eliminate the need for a work crew, labor costs do not decrease.

Another factor in the deficit is that the market for recyclables has collapsed. In FY96, the city earned \$17,809 from the sale of recyclable materials. In the current fiscal year, the city expects to earn just \$4,000 (significantly less than the \$12,500 it projected in passing the budget last year). For FY98, the city expects revenues to stay flat at \$4,000.

From July 1994 until December 1996, the city used private contractors to pickup recyclables. However, in 1996, the city government became dissatisfied with

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Greenbelt's Senior Citizens

Golden Age Club Keeps Seniors from Going Stale

by Dorothy Sucher

(This article is one in a series the News Review is publishing in May to celebrate Older Americans Month.)

With more than 220 members on the roster, the officers of the Golden Age Club must come up with plenty of programs — and they do. "We're a rather vibrant organization," said the club's president, Irv Siegel, explaining that the weekly meetings attract about 50 members, who come to plan activities and hear speakers on current topics of interest.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club is the oldest senior club in the County in continuous opera-

tion since its foundation. Some of the group's regular activities include a flea market at Roosevelt Center in June, a summer camp scholarship, and a variety of group trips. The bus holds 45 and is usually filled.

A Bored Retiree

Siegel, who is 76 and grew up in the Bronx, joined the Golden Age Club five years ago. He had retired from his job as an auto salesman and was bored. "Men aren't as sociable as women," he said. "Or we network in different ways. Once we leave the job we suddenly find we have no

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Irv and Pearl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary three years ago this month

Greenbelt Senior Citizens

Pearl Siegel, Having a Ball

by Dorothy Sucher

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"This is the happiest time of my life," says Pearl Siegel, 74. "I get a kick out of living."

She looks it. An attractive woman with curly gray hair, she has a sparkle in her eyes that shows an unquenchable zest for life, and walks with a spring in her step that must have something to do with good heredity, as well as the twice-weekly, 2-hour exercise class she takes at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Thrives on People

For Pearl, keeping busy is the secret not merely of contentment, but of that more elusive state, happiness. She thrives on people, and these days she finds them mostly at the Community Center, where she has made many new friends.

"We manage to spend a lot of time there," she says. "It's been a wonderful thing for us." She is the corresponding secretary of the Golden Age club, of which her husband, Irv, is the president. The two celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary three years ago; they have two daughters and three grandchildren.

A Greenbelt resident for 25 years, Pearl worked for 21 years at the engineering library of the University of Maryland. When she retired, she decided to use her free time to try new things

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What Goes On

Mon., May 5, 7 p.m. Recycling Advisory Committee, Community Center

8 p.m. City Council Budget Worksession, Recreation Contribution Groups, Municipal Building

Wed., May 7, 7 p.m. 60th Anniversary Community Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m. City Council Budget Worksession on Public Works Department, Community Center

Thurs., May 8, 7 p.m. Cherrywood Lane Bike Lanes Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

8 p.m. 4-Cities Meeting, Town of Berwyn Heights
7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Letters Exchanged Further Tell Road Plans for USDA Facility

by Virginia Beauchamp

"Very duplicitous." That's how Greenbelt city councilman Thomas X. White characterized the relationship between the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (PG-DPW&T) as it has been developing. He was referring to the decision to locate the new administrative campus for the USDA off Sunnyside Avenue on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) tract without also widening Sunnyside between the CSX railroad tracks and Edmonston Rd.

How these plans have evolved is partly revealed and partly concealed in a series of letters involving both bureaucracies and some other jurisdictions which were reviewed by the City Council at its April 14 regular meeting. The correspondence had, in fact, been generated by a November 4, 1996 letter to Congressman Steny Hoyer from Joseph E. Page, the mayor of College Park, then forwarded by Hoyer

to USDA and the Maryland Department of Transportation. Copies of the whole exchange were sent to the city by Hoyer on March 12. White had requested that the issue be brought before the public at the council meeting.

Mayor Page's letter expressed roughly the same position as the City of Greenbelt's concerning the siting of the USDA facility—specifically that "road improvements appear to

"Road improvements appear to be inadequate..."

—Joseph E Page,
Mayor, College Park

be inadequate to handle the volume of traffic anticipated." Page expressed concern over the at-grade railroad crossing and the wetland conditions near Edmonston Rd. His letter also called for pedestrian and bicycle access to the USDA site from the Greenbelt Metro Station, as well as possible road

access from the Beltway.

The one issue on which College Park's position differs from Greenbelt's is in their attempt to discourage the use of Rhode Island Avenue south of Sunnyside for access to the facility. (Rhode Island passes through a residential area of College Park.) Greenbelt's focus, on the other hand, is on Edmonston Rd. The city fears that a high volume of traffic there would damage the fragile Indian Creek crossing after traffic turns west on Sunnyside toward the USDA facility.

Winstead Letter

In December, Maryland Secretary of Transportation David L. Winstead, to whom Rep. Hoyer had forwarded Page's letter, ruled out any possibility for road access from the Beltway. He also indicated that the state had no jurisdiction over improvements to Sunnyside. Nevertheless, he expressed satisfaction with a USDA commitment to dualize Edmonston Ave. from Cherrywood Lane to Sunnyside.

"This improvement," his letter

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Members of Greenbelt Boy Scout Troop 746 collect trash in a wooded common area of GHI. From left: Shawn Rabideau, Joe Parisi, and Adam Bryson.



Michael Spong and John McCann, Boy Scouts from Troop 746 help clean up yards of GHI members who asked for help.

photos by Lisa Goldman

Letters

Thanks

This letter is to thank all those who participated in cleaning up my yard as part of the GHI Clean-Up Day on April 26. Seeing the notice in the Greenbelt News Review, I contacted Julie, who assigned volunteers to assist me. Alan did a great job trimming the hedges; Lenny and two Boy Scouts, later joined by other adults and Scouts, did a super job of raking leaves in the gardenside yard. I was particularly impressed with everyone's enthusiasm in doing the job at hand. So thank you, Julie, Alan, Lenny, Boy Scouts, and all who completed this work for me. Though it's been said many times before, it still bears repeating, "Greenbelt is Great."

Mary Gardner

Greenbriar Swim To Help Red Cross

Greenbriar Community Association and the American Red Cross, Prince George's County Unit, invites swimmers of all ages to join in Greenbriar's third Annual Swimathon. Non-swimmers can participate by walking laps in the training area of the pool. Participants can sign up at the Community Building. Swimmers/walkers obtain pledges from family, friends and the community, based upon the number of laps completed during a four-hour period. Last year Greenbriar raised \$2,500 for the Red Cross.

Donations of merchandise to be used as gifts for swimmers are being sought, as well as food. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event.

The Swimathon will be held on Saturday, June 14, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Greenbriar pool, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Entertainment, prizes, games and refreshments will be provided throughout the day. The entire community is invited to come out and show support for this worthy cause. For information, call Barbara Parham at 301-441-1096.



Ken and Pearl Keeney on their wedding day at the Baltimore Cathedral

Keeneys Celebrate 55th Anniversary

Ken and Pearl Keeney, 33 Lakeside Drive, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on March 30, Easter Sunday. They have two daughters, Kendra Hurt and Theresa Romanek, and four grandchildren. They celebrated at Kendra and Jerry Hurt's home with family and relatives, in Arnold, Md., and then went to Myrtle Beach, S.C., for another "honeymoon."

They have been residents of Greenbelt for 51 years.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
301-474-5285

Erv and Laura Beckert of Crescent Road are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Clara Isabelle was born April 15, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. Mother Laura is a member of the News Review staff.

Marine Pvt. Neil A. McCalla, son of Delroy and Hope McCalla of Landon Court, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. He is a 1994 graduate of Montgomery Blair High School of Silver Spring.

Bay Bridge Walk On Sunday, May 4

Walkers in Maryland's 23rd annual Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk on Sunday, May 4, should arrive early, before designated parking areas are filled, say officials from the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA). The walk across the 4.3 mile eastbound span of the bridge will begin promptly at 9 a.m. However, Mass Transit Administration (MTA) shuttle buses will start transporting walkers from the designated parking areas to the walk's Eastern Shore starting point as early as 8:30 a.m. There will be a small fee to help defray the cost of the buses. The shuttles, a number of which are equipped with wheelchair lifts, will continue to run until all areas are filled.

"Last year, close to 50,000 walkers enjoyed the walk across the Bay Bridge," says Maryland transportation secretary David L. Winstead. "It is a great day for families to come out to the bridge, enjoy the scenery and spend the day together."

Authorized parking areas include the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium on Rowe Boulevard in Annapolis and Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold. No parking will be available at the Bay Bridge or at Sandy Point State Park, although the park will be open for business that day.

In the interest of safety, running or jogging will be prohibited, along with pets, bicycles, skates, rollerblades and skateboards. Children in strollers and participants in wheelchairs are welcome.

Announcements will be made on local radio stations if the walk is canceled due to inclement weather or high winds. For further information, call 1-800-541-9595.

The winner of the "dog biscuit guess" at Greenbelt Pet Day is Sara Johnson of Craddock Street. The prize is a Pets on Wheels (POW) t-shirt.

Home Buying Fair

On Saturday, May 3, the Fannie Mae Foundation and Washington Bullets will host a free Home Buying Fair at the Washington Convention Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the fair, potential homeowners from the Washington area will learn how to qualify for a mortgage, about low down payment loans, and credit repair. Dozens of mortgage lenders and real estate professionals will be there all day to answer questions. For more information, call 1-800-732-6643, and ask for Operator 7.

Chorus Performs

The University of Maryland Chorus will perform at the Memorial Chapel on Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. For information call 301-405-5568.

Philharmonic Concert

The Prince George's Philharmonic will perform a concert on Saturday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be at the Hallam Theater at the Prince George's Community College. Call 301-454-1462.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri-Sat 6-11 pm
Music 8:30 pm
No cover

FRIDAY, 2nd: Primitive Mind
SATURDAY, 3rd: Federal Poets

Donations for Musicians Encouraged!
New Deal T-Shirt Special \$7.00 patrons
\$5.00 volunteers

Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Come to the Silent Auction at GNS&K's Spring Fair

These are some of the many items to be auctioned:

- Univ. Of Maryland "Terrapin" Jacket, valued at \$100.00
 - One Night Getaway at the Red Fox Inn in Historic Middleburg, Va.
 - One Estate Planning Portfolio from The Downs Law Firm
 - One Pass for Two Persons to Luray Caverns
 - Cornerstone Grill in College Park - Buy one meal, get one free
 - Five Tickets to P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre
 - Crab Cakes at the Bay & Surf Restaurant in Laurel
 - Dinner for Two at the Silver Diner in Laurel
 - Orioles, Capitals, Bullets & Baysox Tickets
 - Coupons for Toby's Dinner Theatre, Burn Brae Dinner Theatre, Fireside Restaurant, Jasper's, Generous Joe's.
- COME TO THE FAIR FROM 9-2 ON SATURDAY, MAY 3
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60th Anniversary Tickets on Sale

Greenbelt 60th Anniversary Committee is hard at work preparing events to mark the arrival of the first citizens in the new planned town of Greenbelt in 1937.

Many events are planned for the gala weekend of October 17-19. These include a dinner-dance at Martin's Crosswinds, a tribute to the pioneer families in the form of a homecoming luncheon at American Legion Post 136, and a new production of "Maryland Special Project #1 - The Greenbelt Story" at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

According to Dance Committee Chair Donny Wolfe, the afternoon event will feature the big band sounds of Trux Baldwin and the Starlight Orchestra, a cocktail hour at 2 p.m., and a sit-down banquet.

Tickets for the dinner-dance go on sale May 1 at the Youth Center, where they can be purchased from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Phone orders will be taken at 301-397-2200 by Visa or MasterCard only.

The gala weekend will open with a ceremony on Friday night October 17, featuring visiting dignitaries and music by the Greenbelt Concert Band. Additional anniversary events will be held throughout the year.

The next meeting of the 60th Anniversary Committee will take place on Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m., in the Community Center. All Committee members are urged to attend as well as interested citizens. For further information, call 301-474-5156.

Discover Where Animals Live

Discover the exciting community where animals live in Greenbelt Park. Meet at the rangers' station at 1 p.m. on Sundays May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Please call 301-344-3944 for reservations.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Golden Age Club meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. will be the business meeting for the month. Earlier, a Board meeting will be held in the Senior Classroom from 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Thanks to Bob Terrell for showing his video tape of Yosemite National Park on April 30. For many of the viewers, it brought out the urge to travel. Golden Agers really like to travel and there's so much to see in this great country.

A trip to New York and West Point is coming up the end of June. Also, another trip is planned to the Adirondacks in September. See a member of the travel committee for details. Unfortunately, the May Ocean City trip had to be cancelled.

Golden Agers will be happy to hear that the Mahers had a yard sale on April 19 and Jim was able to serve as the cashier most of the time (with Betty's assistance of course). Well wishes go to both of them.

Keep items coming in for the Golden Age Club's yard sale on June 7 (rain date, June 14). This will be held at the Roosevelt Center near the Greenbelt Credit Union. Chairperson Bill Souser needs all the help he can get.

Hope all our fingers thaw out by the time June rolls around. See you at the meetings.

Community Events

Music by Sylvester At Greenbriar Party

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are invited to attend Greenbriar's Wine & Cheese Party on Saturday, May 17, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., at the community building.

Music will be provided by Jacob Sylvester, a vocalist, pianist and composer, who will respond to audience requests. Contemporary pop and jazz are his specialty. Tickets are on sale now for residents 21 and over. For further details, call Barbara Parham at 301-441-1096.

Windsor Green Notes

The Windsor Green Recreation Committee will hold a spring yard sale on Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Windsor Green Community Center. The rain date is Sunday, May 4.

The Architectural Control Committee of Windsor Green will hold its May meeting on Saturday, May 10, at 10 a.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center.

The May Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center. All residents are welcome to attend.

The Windsor Green Mobile Watch Committee will hold its May meeting on Monday, May 19, at 7 p.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center.

The Windsor Green Election Committee will hold a "Meet the Candidates Night" on Thursday, May 29, at 7:30 p.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center. Candidates who have declared candidacy for a position on the Board of Directors will describe their platform and residents will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Many thanks to all Windsor Green volunteers who helped with Windsor Green's first annual Earth Day Clean Up — an abundance of trash was collected. Also, thanks to the Greenbelt Dog Park Association for cleaning up animal waste in the community — an abundance of this matter was also cleaned up.

Environmental Art Exhibit at Gallery

The Gallery in the Greenbelt branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System presents "The Endangered Garden," a series of pastels and acrylic metallics on paper by Jutta Latz.

The German-born artist's work is concerned with environmental issues like urban sprawl, deforestation, and the dwindling number of undeveloped spaces. Her pristine "endangered gardens" are dreamlike places where nature and human nature flourish.

The show will be on display May 5-30. The public is invited to the opening reception, to be held on Saturday, May 10, 3-5 p.m.

The Gallery selection panel will meet on May 13 to select exhibitors for the 1997-98 season. Any Prince George's County artist interested in exhibiting should phone Natalie Weikart at 301-699-3500.

At the Library

Babysitting Workshop for ages 11-19 at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Registration is required.

P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7.

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 8.

For more information, or to register, call the library at 301-345-5800.

Ceramic sculpture and pottery created by sixth grade students at Greenbelt Elementary School will be on display in the large showcase on the ground floor during the month of May. These art works in clay were made in classes taught by Barbara Simon. The classes are made possible by a grant from Prince George's Community Foundation.

Exploring Art

On Friday, May 9, Nancy De Platchett, a Greenbelt artist, will be presenting at Explorations Unlimited. De Platchett earned her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Master of Arts degree from the University of Edinboro, Pennsylvania. De Platchett has done graduate work at the University of Maryland. In 1989, she was named outstanding educator and in 1993, she was profiled in Women of Achievement in Prince George's County.

She will be discussing the county's arts school and the artists who have studios in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

GHI Notes

The regular Board of Directors meetings for May are May 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room.

Blood pressure testing will be Wednesday, May 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the board room.

The Nominations & Elections committee will meet May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI library.

The May 4 Home & Garden Tour from noon to 5 p.m. starts at Community Center.

Poetry Plus

"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" and selections from other British and Irish poets is the topic of Poetry Plus. The adult discussion session will be held on Saturday, May 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The discussion will be led by Shirley Bauer, University College, University of Maryland.

Copies of the selections will be available in advance at the Information Desk.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SPRING FAIR
GREENBELT NURSERY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
SATURDAY, MAY 3
9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Monitor a Stream In Greenbelt Park

People are invited to join a park ranger at Greenbelt park to help monitor the quality of the park's streams. A natural process of collecting macro-invertebrates and comparing them to a stream quality chart will be used. People should meet at the Sweetgum Picnic area at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10. They should wear rubber boots and insect repellent.

New Deal Cafe News by Geff King

Spring is sprung in earnest, and the New Deal Cafe has a show ready to fill the bill, along with the best coffee, desserts, and light fare in the whole Greenbelt corridor! This weekend features, on Friday, May 2, the acoustic modern sounds of Primitive Mind. Headed by talented songwriters Kirk Lopez and Savannah Lopez-Strong, this group got a great reception their first time at the Cafe, and we're hoping for another such evening!

Saturday, May 3, brings the debut performance of the Federal Poets. One of the oldest poetry groups in Washington, this showcase of original poetry will feature Miles David Moore, Hilary Tham, Nancy Allinson, Judith McCombs, Martha Sanchez-Lowery, and Edward Morin.

The New Deal Cafe is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 14 Crescent Road, and at <http://www.greenbelt.com/new-deal-cafe> on the Internet. Stop by and see us!

Join in Tree Planting

Greenbelt Park's ranger staff will be planting native trees on Park Central Road on Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. People are invited to come out and assist. Meet at the Dogwood Nature Trail.

Bike to Dedication Of Bicycle Lanes

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition is leading a ride from Roosevelt Center starting at 6:30 p.m. to the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Cherrywood Lane Bicycle Lanes. The ceremony starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Bikers will meet in front of the old Greenbelt Theater. The riders will tour the bicycle lane system that connects the historic city center to the Greenbelt Metro station two miles away.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is being organized by the Greenbelt City Council and City staff.

For additional information about the ride, contact Bill or Mary Clarke by calling 301-474-7280.

Nature Program For Children

On Thursdays May 8, 22 and 29, Greenbelt Park will offer a two hour session for children of all ages to learn about and explore nature. The session will include a short nature hike, plant identification, making leaf books and much more.

Please come to the ranger station at 9 a.m.

Little League Standings as of 4-29-97

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Athletics	1-0	Indians	1-0
Tigers	1-0	Lions	0-0
Giants	0-0	Cubs	0-1
Orioles	0-1	Cards	0-1

Schedule

Mon., May 5, 6 p.m.—Lions vs Indians
Tues., May 6, 6 p.m.—Cards vs Cubs
Wed., May 7, 6 p.m.—A's vs Tigers
Thurs., May 8, 6 p.m.—Giants vs O's
Fri., May 9, 6 p.m.—Cubs vs Lions
*Fri., May 9, 7 p.m.—Tigers vs Cards
Sat., May 10, 10 a.m.—A's vs Giants
Sat., May 10, 1 p.m.—O's vs Cubs
*Braden #2

News Alert ... News Alert ...

The Plants Are In!
The Plants Are In!

GHI Plant Sale
Community Center lawn
Sunday, May 4 9 AM.

Come early for best selection

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD



Wednesday, May 7, 1997
7:30 p.m.
Community Center Senior Classroom/Conference/Gallery

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Review Recommendations for Improving Pedestrian Safety on Hanover Parkway at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (refer to meeting minutes of April 2, 1997).
5. Review CVS Sign Request.
6. Review Greenbrook Estates Trails System Request (refer to memorandum).

Albert Herling's Bench Is Dedicated at "Al's Place"

by Eileen Peterson

A gentle rain fell on "Al's Place," the stone sculpture/bench on the lawn of the U.S. Federal Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane, as friends past and present gathered in the spacious lobby inside for its dedication, on Thursday, April 17, to Greenbelt's Albert (Al) Herling, arts-and-lots-more activist.

About 50 people came from the many and varied stages of Al's life -- as a labor union activist, Unitarian minister, lover of art, music and books. (See story and photo, Greenbelt News Review, April 3 issue).

Yolanda Pruitt, President of the Prince George's Arts Council's Board of Trustees, stood by as Albert Maitland, PGAC's Executive Director described the sculpture's site as "where justice and art come together." He cited Herling's love of music being incorporated in the bench and likened it to "an abstract grand piano" on which "the notes of the Arts Council's tunes will be playing forever."

Commissioned by the PGAC to honor Board Member Emeritus Herling, the art work is to "honor our (PGAC) Founder for his extraordinary vision, lifelong commitment and outstanding contributions" to the county's arts community.

Herling, in a softly-spoken acceptance speech, expressed an overwhelming emotion of gratitude for the event and presence of so many people from his past and present activities. "Nobody accomplishes anything by the individual," he admonished, saying that "everything we have today is built on what

people have done in the past." He paid tribute to past PGAC Board members.

Then he called people from the crowd: University of Maryland Professor of Piano Santiago Rodriguez, his teacher and fellow concert pianist who "gave me the courage to go on." (Herling had played piano since childhood and he gave benefit concerts on his 70th, 75th, and 80th birthdays.) Professor Cleland Page presented a bouquet of Spring flowers on behalf of the university.

He recognized Carolyn Jacobson, director of public relations for the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union (which co-sponsored the dedication reception). She succeeded Herling as Managing Editor of the Union newspaper (he served for 15 years).

Representatives from the PGAC's Super Circle, business community members who sponsor arts programs such as art-in-public-places, attended, as did Lango Berez, from the U.S. General Services Administration.

The bench's sculptor, M.C. Carolyn, Takoma Park, shared the joy of the occasion.

As well wishers crowded in, Herling moved to a table laden with sweet rolls and muffins, fruit juice and fresh strawberries. Son Konrad, local arts and communication activist, daughters Karene and Erica, and wife Frances beamed as Al Herling enjoyed these special moments.

Then they all went out into the gentle rain for pictures beside "Al's Place."

Hallam Players Offer 2nd Theatre Festival

The PGCC Hallam Players will present the second annual "Theatre Festival" at the Hallam Theatre in the Queen Anne Fine Arts Building on the Prince

Adult Care Center Plans Special Events for May

May is Older Americans Month and this year's official theme is "Caregiving: Compassion in Action." The month of May has been set aside annually since 1963 to honor the 34 million older Americans and their contributions. The theme this year acknowledges the impact caregivers have on older Americans and their families on a daily basis. The Greenbelt Adult Care Center is joining in the celebration of this special month by honoring the participants of our center as well as all older Americans with several programs and events highlighting the unique gifts seniors have to offer. We would like to extend an invitation to the residents of the City of Greenbelt to visit us not only during these special events, but anytime you would like to see our program in action. Following are these events:

Saturday, May 10, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: Mother's Day Tea. This event will give us the opportunity to extend a special "thank you" and recognition of mothers. Mothers are the classic definition of caregivers and it is their unique qualities and compassion that we want to honor during this celebration of caregiving.

Wednesday, May 21, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Common Ground: Coming Together as We Age... A Conference on Developmental Disabilities and Aging. Caregivers are not only family members, but paid staff as well. During this conference, our agency is one of several agencies which have joined together to give professionals in the fields of

George's Community College campus located at 301 Largo Road in Largo on Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m.

All performances are free; however, seating is limited. For more information, call 301-322-0444.

aging and developmental disabilities an opportunity to network and learn together. They will be learning of several ways to better meet the needs of older Americans both in the mainstream and with special needs. The public is invited to this conference as well. It will be held in the Community Center and includes lunch. There is a small fee.

Friday, May 23, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Senior Prom. The seniors from our center are going to "trip the light fantastic" with the seniors from a local high school to the sounds of a two man band playing 40's music. This annual event has been a hallmark in the center's activities for Older Americans Month over the last several years. Each group of "seniors" have a wonderful time as they celebrate the month together.

The Greenbelt Adult Care Center's mission is to provide a safe environment and to maintain or improve the physical health, mental functioning and daily living skills of our participants, while providing social support, fellowship and respite care for the family. Anyone who would like to find out more information about the program, or would like to visit the center during the

above special events or during regularly scheduled hours (Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) please call Michelle Cordova, Center Director or Beverly Long, Social Worker at 507-6590. They would be glad to schedule a visit at that time.

Spraying for Gypsy Moths Is Cancelled

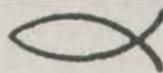
The state has cancelled its 1997 plans to spray for gypsy moths in Greenbelt. An examination yesterday in the areas surrounding Greenbelt Park showed insufficient evidence of caterpillars to justify spraying, according to Linda Scott, Forest Pest Management, Maryland Department of Agriculture.

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Surprise Ceremony Honors Fr. Crowley

by Dolores Capotosto

St. Hugh's School and PTA conducted the April 50th Anniversary Mass, complete with a children's choir. At the end of Mass, Father Thomas Crowley was honored in a surprise ceremony. It was also National Catholic Pastor's Day.

The principal, Hariann Walker, spoke of how much Father does for the school and its students -- from a prayer, to a pat on the head, to tying a shoelace -- she related little things that have endeared him to the children.

Before students from each grade brought handmade cards of congratulations up to Father at the altar, Walker read a few of them. By the time Father Crowley responded with words of thanks, the congregation was both laughing and crying amidst a huge round of applause.

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Spotlight on the Arts

by Konrad Herling

It's three days and counting before Opening Night, and Neil Simon's play, "Come Blow Your Horn" is taking shape. I took in about half of the second act and you begin to realize it could be your life or your neighbor's being played out before your very eyes. Simon always seems to strike a chord common to our everyday existence. Director Ed Starr informed me that this was Simon's first play, his first effort at writing anything over 12 pages. It took him four years, from 1957 to 1961, to write it as it required revision after revision. After all, before then, Simon was writing for Imogene Coca and Sid Caesar."

While I've just seen parts of two rehearsals, it's clear that Simon's first play gives you a great clue as to what his future works such as "Barefoot in the Park" and "The Odd Couple" would be like. From my observation, it's about relationships, be they with members of your family or friends and lovers, and what's great about it, is he makes you see the humorous side of the most trying of circumstances and behaviors, be that of an overbearing parent or a late developing young adult reluctant to take on any long term commitments. One can see the humor when reading Simon's script, but making it come to life, with inflection, body language and action pose quite a challenge for any cast of characters, but director Ed Starr provides a framework which offers each character a chance to grow. That's consistent with how Starr sees the play, a 'coming of age' play where the individuals and the family as a unit grow, adapting to change and maturing in the process.

The cast that Starr directs features a number of veteran community theater artists and a few relatively new thespians. Playing the older of two brothers is Keith Mervine, last seen in "Maryland Special Project No. 1 — The Greenbelt Story." His younger brother, Buddy Baker, is played by Justin Sondak. Peggy Evans, a love interest of Buddy's, is played by Christina Mortenson. Alan's romantic senses are pulled by his girlfriend, Connie Dayton, played by Jill Cheilik.

The loving and dutiful and often highly stressed mother, Mrs. Baker, is played by Jean Frane. Mr. Baker, the demanding father of the Baker boys, is played by Irving Friedman. I can't help thinking of Sid Caesar when observing him in rehearsal the last two nights, but I don't want to put too much pressure on any member of the cast.

The crew bringing the dimension of light and sound, props and other features, as well as getting these characters on stage are Andrew Wnuk, Carolyn Cornelius and Jessie Kszanznak. Putting the whole show together are producers Marie Bowles and Gene Duarte.

The play runs Friday and Saturday evenings, May 2 through May 24 (8 p.m. curtain time) and also includes two matinees, Sundays May 11 and 18 (2 p.m. curtain time). To make reservations call the Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

House/Garden Tour To Be Held Sunday

The 1997 tour of homes and gardens in Historic Greenbelt will be this Sunday, May 4. The festivities begin with the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. on the Community Center lawn with a proclamation by Mayor Antoinette Bram. An award will also be presented by the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club to Principal Carolyn Goff of the Greenbelt Elementary School. The award will be used by the school for the beautification of the inner courtyard.

The New Deal Cafe will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for some gourmet delights. New to the tour activities will be exhibitors on the lawn which will feature some of Greenbelt's own artisans. Featured will be Almquist Herb Gardens, Breads and Spreads, Heartwells and Leaning Toward Light photography. Also, Takoma Underground will have some Art Deco memorabilia and representatives of the 60th Anniversary committee will be available to provide information regarding the activities planned for October.

Twenty-nine homes and gardens will be featured this year. Two nature trails have also been included for tour-takers, native and ornamental trees of interest will be noted with green ribbons. The tour begins at the Community Center and tickets go on sale at 11:30 a.m. Members of GHI should go to the table with yellow balloons, bring the complimentary tickets provided in the GHI newsletter "Member Memo." If tickets have been misplaced, don't worry, replacements will be provided. For more information, call Julia Eichhorst at 301-345-5508.

Scholarship Available

A Robert McKean Memorial Scholarship has been established and is available for a resident of Prince George's County who attended Greenbelt Middle School for at least one semester and is a high school senior who will graduate at the end of this school year.

The applicant must have maintained a cumulative grade point average (grades 9 - 12) of at least a C.

Preference will be given to students entering education, music, art or history. However, eligibility will not be limited to these students.

McKean was an educator in Prince George's County and the principal of Greenbelt Middle School for seven years. He had a special interest in education, music, art and history, which is why preference will be given to students pursuing a career in one of those areas.

The deadline for applications is May 15, 1997. For more information, contact June Vaughan at Greenbelt Middle School 301-513-5040.

University Bands Perform Pops

The University of Maryland Bands present the annual "Pops" concert on Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. The concert will be in the Grand Ballroom in the Stamp Student Union on the College Park campus. For information call 301-405-1150.

CFG Holds Annual Meeting

by Dennis Jelalian

Citizens for Greenbelt, Inc. (CFG) held its annual membership meeting April 17 in the city council chambers. CFG elected officers, presented special honors, and discussed the new USDA building, the Intercounty Connector and traffic issues.

Elections

Past president Marvin Holmes conducted the election of new Citizens for Greenbelt officers. The slate, which consisted of James Inzeo for president, Konrad Herling for vice president, James Inzeo, Jr. for secretary, and Harriette Phelps for treasurer, was elected by acclamation.

Special Honors

President Inzeo presented a plaque honoring Thomas H. Stutzman for outstanding service as treasurer of Citizens for Greenbelt from 1991 to 1996. Treasurer Harriette Phelps accepted the award for Stutzman, who was absent.

Phelps presented a plaque to Eunice R. Coxon on the occasion of her 85th birthday, honoring her as an outstanding citizen activist and charter member of CFG from 1979 to 1997.

Mayor Antoinette Bram presented another plaque from the city honoring Coxon. CFG provided a cake to celebrate Coxon's birthday.

Bram Speaks

Mayor Antoinette Bram, encouraged by enthusiastic audience support, gave a brief talk on innovations in Greenbelt, a tradition which continues. Bram cited high citizen activism and contributions to Greenbelt from the business community.

USDA Building

Bram remarked that the city remains opposed to the new USDA building on the BARC campus. Councilmember Judith Davis said that by seeking piecemeal approval of the project, USDA prevented any responsible authority from getting a global picture that would have included environmental, quality of life, and traffic issues. Councilmember Thomas White said that a full environmental study needed to be done.

Councilmember Edward Putens charged that "The deals (to construct the USDA building) were made without appropriate city input. The city has been played with, lied to, and given repeated excuses."

Bram and Putens encouraged citizens to write to government officials, especially Representative Steny Hoyer.

Harriette Phelps suggested that if the construction cannot be stopped, perhaps a special



Barry Schlesinger makes a motion to oppose the construction of the new USDA building at the Citizens for Greenbelt annual meeting. -photo by Prospero Zevallos

Beltway entrance/exit might be built to relieve traffic congestion on Rt 1, Sunnyside, Edmonston and Kenilworth.

Action Taken

Barry Schlesinger made the following motion: "Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) opposes the construction of the Department of Agriculture building (on the BARC campus) on the grounds of the impact on the environment, transportation, and the quality of life in and around Greenbelt, and further opposes improvements to Sunnyside Avenue and Edmonston Road to facilitate the building. CFG authorizes the executive board to communicate these positions to appropriate officials." The motion carried unanimously.

Konrad Herling made the following motion: "CFG opposes the building of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) and recommends that all pertinent bodies be informed of this position." The motion carried unanimously.

Traffic Issues

Barry Schlesinger reported that there is a proposal to build a bypass around Waldorf, which raises the same issues that Greenbelt

faces on such issues as traffic around the proposed USDA building and the Intercounty Connector (ICC). Schlesinger suggested that these projects make the implicit assumptions that growth is independent of roads, and that, as a community develops, it will generate jobs which will reduce or eliminate the need to commute. Every time a road is built, the road encourages further development, and the cycle begins again. People will always want to live in low-density housing, which inevitably means further out, away from the center of town, which means commuting.

Schlesinger continued that what is needed are comprehensive plans that will consider the interaction between roads and development, and which will limit development in outlying areas to preserve a balance between high and low-density areas.

"Block the ICC"

Esther Webb reported that there is an upcoming public hearing on the Intercounty Connector (ICC). She encouraged Greenbelt citizens to come to the meeting to speak out against the ICC.



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Come see Mrs. Baker, her husband (the king of waxed fruit) and their two sons grow up, a little, while they clash over familiar issues in this funny/serious coming of age play.

Flea Market
The Greenbelt Arts Center is holding a flea market on May 17th 10:00 am to 3 pm, to benefit the arts in your community. If you have anything you would like to donate to us, drop it off at the Arts Center Monday-Thursday May 12th - May 15th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please put a tag on the items with the price, to speed up the process. Call Suzanne Zappasodi for information (301) 441-9020

Auditions
It's A Scream by: David DeBoy
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1 female 20 - 30 and 1 female 40+
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Calling All UMUC Grads

University of Maryland University College is setting up an alumni directory and is looking for graduates to include. Please call 1-800-3-ALUMNI with the information.

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- Saturday, May 3
- 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- Greenbelt Nursery
- School & Kindergarten
- Greenbelt Community Center
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USDA Letters

(Continued from page 1)

ter said, "will more than adequately address the traffic needs of MD 201 (Kenilworth Ave.-Edmonston Rd.) for many years to come."

(Greenbelt has long contended that the state has a major interest in developing MD 201 to connect with the long-proposed Intercounty Connector, or ICC, which would link Montgomery and Prince George's Counties with a multi-lane east-west route. Greenbelt—already cut in sections by the Capital Beltway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway—has opposed further development of Edmonston Rd. as a third major artery.)

USDA Response

Also responding to Page's letter is a long one on January 21 sent to Rep. Hoyer by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Wardell C. Townsend, Jr. Citing the results of both traffic and environmental studies of the Sunnyside area conducted in 1994, he wrote: "it was determined that the only impact requiring mitigation was that of traffic, based upon the new traffic volumes and the constrictions that exist at various local roadway intersections."

His letter revealed something new, however: that USDA had commissioned a study to determine whether a pathway might be constructed from the Metro station, through Hollywood Park and BARC properties, to Sunnyside. He also reported that USDA would help widen Sunnyside from the railroad tracks to U.S. 1, providing the base. PG-DPW&T will then provide the surface course. Previously USDA had agreed to add a lane only along the property frontage.

"Because there was no 'impact' on the existing bridge on Sunnyside Avenue over Indian Creek as a result of the Beltsville project," Townsend's letter continues, "mitigation was not required. Because there is no need to widen Sunnyside Avenue at this location to handle the 1996 traffic volumes between the CSX Railroad tracks and the Edmonston Road intersection, there was no need to investigate any impact in this area."

Later on in the letter, Townsend writes that the "USDA knows of no PG-DPW&T plan to widen Sunnyside Avenue between the CSX Railroad and Edmonston Road at this time."

Francis Letter

Ten days later, however, Betty Hager Francis mailed a letter to the USDA Project Manager Michael V. Sazonov which offered information indicating that something was indeed in the works. Although supporting Sazonov's view that Sunnyside "will operate at an adequate level of service during the daily peak traffic hour when the complex is completed," she refutes that claim in the next paragraph with the statement that "We understand that general conditions on Sunnyside Avenue east of the railroad tracks, will require future reconstruction." She also confirms PG-DPW&T's concession that USDA will not need to provide improvements on Sunnyside "Since the two-lane section...will operate at an adequate level of service."

However, the next paragraph

contradicts that statement: "The occasional flooding during the heavy storms is typical for this portion of Sunnyside Avenue over Indian Creek, since the subject bridge...was built in 1940 to handle only a 5-year storm."

She then goes on to describe a federal commitment to replace the bridge under the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program. "The future bridge over Indian Creek will carry the ultimate four-lane roadway, a 4-lane wide urban pavement section, from the railroad tracks to Edmonston Road." And she concedes that this future construction could at worst "impact up to three and one-half acres of wetlands and wetland buffer." Francis does not discuss any future need for an elevated railroad track crossing that also could impact upon the wetlands, if built.

Wetland Impact

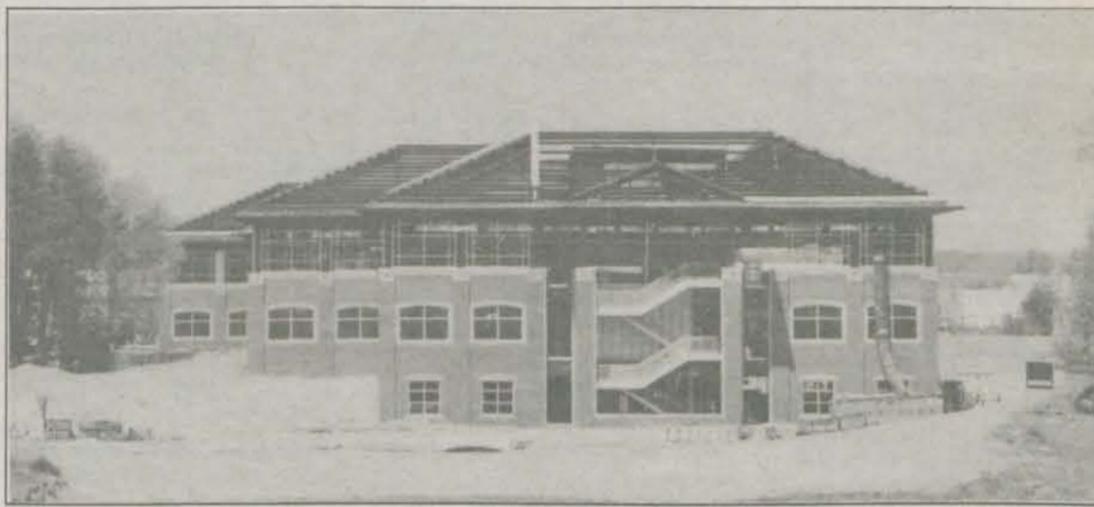
Exactly such an impact had been predicted by the city of Greenbelt in opposing the Sunnyside site for the USDA complex. The city has contended that plans for the buildings were being carried out "incrementally," in order to avoid the otherwise mandatory environmental study by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. That is, by refusing to include the necessary widening of Sunnyside into the plans at this point, the impact of the new construction would affect less than one acre of wetlands. Any impact above one acre would automatically have required a study by the Corps.

Although the city had alerted the Corps in January, including a video and photographs of Sunnyside in flood, their contact person, Steve Elinsky, had



West wings of Dept. of Agriculture Building viewed from Beltway.

-photos by Mary Moien



East Wings of Dept. of Agriculture bldg. with brickwork going up as seen from Beltway.

been helpless to act. He could not legally require USDA to include that area in their planning since improvements to Sunnyside were not at that time required as part of traffic improvements for the project.

In responding to the entire scenario as portrayed in the set of letters, Councilmember White exclaimed: "The Corps was misled big-time!"

For his part, Congressman

Hoyer, well aware of the city's distress over the Sunnyside issue, summed up his position: "While I would not be opposed to asking USDA to assist with improvements on Sunnyside Av-

enue east of the railroad tracks, I would not do so unless there is broad consensus in the surrounding communities and with the county government that changes should be made."

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND
25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770

April 28, 1997

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515



CITY COUNCIL
Antoinette M. Bram, Mayor
Judith F. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Thomas X. White
Edward V.J. Putera
Rodney M. Roberts

Dear Congressman Hoyer:

Thank you for your letter of March 12, 1997 regarding road improvements associated with the USDA office complex on Sunnyside Road.

In your letter to us of March 12, 1997 and your letter to Mayor Page of College Park dated March 11, 1997, you offer to ask USDA to assist with improvements to Sunnyside Avenue, if College Park, Greenbelt and Prince George's County agree. The city's response to this offer of assistance is thanks, but no thanks. The city does not now wish to be a party to a request for road improvements that should have been reflected in a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study.

Your offer, in conjunction with a letter from Prince George's County dated January 31, 1997, indicate a recognition that improvements to Sunnyside are necessary. This supports the city's position that this site was the wrong site for this building. As you recall, when you met with the Greenbelt Council prior to the selection of the sites, all were objectionable and all would incur significant environmental impacts. Further, these improvements would have a significant negative impact on the wetlands adjacent to Sunnyside.

The enclosed letter from Prince George's County estimates the improvements would impact 3 to 3.5 acres of wetlands. Had these improvements been included in the Environmental Impact Study, the disturbance of this amount of wetlands would have been enough to require the more rigorous permit review by the Corps of Engineers and possibly caused a more suitable site to be chosen. This is exactly the point Greenbelt has been making all along. The needed roadway improvements have been handled in a piecemeal manner to circumvent the review process.

A copy of this letter and the attached material is being sent to the Corps of Engineers. We are also sending a second copy of the video showing the flooding that occurs on Sunnyside Road whenever heavy rains occur.

Sincerely,

Antoinette M. Bram, Mayor
City of Greenbelt, Maryland

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Hornets Are Champions

by Coach Doug

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club intramurals basketball season for 1996 - 97 concluded on Saturday, March 22, at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This season saw many changes — new reversible jerseys, two additional teams, and new names for the six teams participating in the league. One thing that remained the same was coach McLaughlin leading his "Blue Devils" to a second consecutive championship game against this year's opponent, "The Hornets."

This was the fourth match-up between this year's two top finishers. The Blue Devils defeated the Hornets 18-14 in the opening game of the season and again 13-10 on Saturday, February 22.

Winning Streak Broken

The Devils' 13-game winning streak was broken February 19 by the Hornets, 18-11. The game was secured by the Hornets when their two top scorers, Mickey Ignacio and Sam Akintimehim, exploded for 4 and 5 points, respectively. Would the Blue Devils show resiliency or a late season fade-out?

True to their competitive spirit, the Blue Devils started quickly, taking a 12-2 lead at half by displaying a 5-1 shot ratio against the Knights. They would coast to a re-match with the Hornets with a 22-8 victory against the audacious Knights.

The Devils had a mission: to begin another streak and stage a re-match of their only defeat against the vastly improving Hornets. That's where they set their sights, and that is just where they landed — in the championship game with the Hornets.

The Devils took a 7-0 lead after the first period. How

quickly things change! The Hornets came buzzing back, scoring 12 unanswered points. Miquel Ignacio scored ten points on three jump shots and four out of four free throws. The "freebies" came on two separate possessions where Miquel had been fouled while attempting shots. He confidently splashed the ball into the hoop and through the net. Half-time score: Hornets 12-Devils 7.

The teams played evenly for the next eight minutes, and the Devils continued to get their offense from Andy Mac and Dimetrius Road, who scored 4 and 6 points, respectively. Justin Tomko also contributed a basket with an offensive rebound follow-up shot. As the Devils narrowed the gap 14-12, John Perkinson connected with a soft-arching shot from about 12 feet out.

Coach Al Lyons (Hornets) got a glimpse of a budding star as Tosin Fagbemi put a rebound shot back in his team's basket for an 18-16 lead. Sergio Miranda then started his team's streak of free throws by hitting on both of his foul shots. This was a fast and furious game, right down to the last minutes, and was finally decided by a free throw by the Hornets.

A Plug for Coaches

I can't remember a better played and coached game. All season, every player increased his knowledge of the game, physical skills, and mental preparation in being a member of a team. This was made possible by the nurturing, challenging, and directing of our coaches. I believe we all try to encourage the kids to get the most out of themselves, channeling them into an activity that emphasizes team, not self. I



Flying High: Shadow, a champion female Black Labrador, grabs Frisbee in free-flight in front of the Greenbelt Community Center on

Pet Day, Saturday, April 26. Area representatives of pet organizations were on hand to answer questions about responsible pet ownership.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos

am impressed by how well they perform these newly-learned principles and how they respond to challenges by outdoing themselves, scoring their highest total for the year in their last game (with very few turnovers), and shooting 70% (Hornets) and 50% (Devils)

from the charity stripe (Free Throw Line). For the second year in a row, the championship game has been decided by a free throw. Just one point, a shot with nobody guarding, a "freebie."

Thanks, again, to the parents, coaches, referees, club officers,

and mostly the scrappers — also known as the ballplayers.

If anyone has pictures of this year's season (practice or other games) to share for our 1996 - 97 year-in-review official program, please call me at 301-474-7874.

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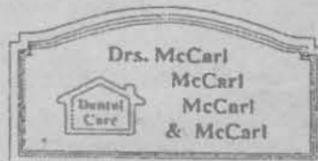
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RECYCLING BUDGET

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the quality of the service being provided by the contractor. The contractor also had some concerns about the contract. In December, the contract was terminated and, since the city was unable to find another contractor willing to take over the work at what the city considered an acceptable cost per household, city crews took over the recycling collection on an emergency basis. In compensation for the additional work, city refuse crews were paid an extra \$100 per week. Temporary workers also supplemented the city crews as needed.

In a memorandum to council, McLaughlin said that the cost of these steps was roughly equal to the cost of a contractor. (Total recycling costs were significantly less than projected when the current budget was adopted: \$87,900 rather than the \$105,400 budgeted. However, revenues were down even more: \$59,000 instead of \$79,000.)

When city crews took over the recycling collection, McLaughlin said, the number of citizen complaints dropped "way down" and the work was done more quickly, reducing the amount of time the items were sitting on the curb.

Survey

Meanwhile, the Recycling Advisory Committee continued to study refuse collection issues. The committee had previously recommended changing to once-per-week collection of refuse, collecting all refuse, not just recyclables, at the curb and using city crews to collect recyclables.

The committee conducted a survey in which it found that, of those who responded, nearly three-fourths would support once-a-week collection if city crews picked up the recyclables and slightly more would support once-a-week collection if a rate increase could be avoided.

McLaughlin now proposes going to once-per-week collection, but does not recommend collecting refuse at the curb. He said that, in combination with reduced frequency of collection and no rate cut, making customers haul their trash to the curb would be too many changes at once and would likely be seen as a cut in service.

McLaughlin said that the current system cannot be maintained for the next year because of the extra load on the refuse crews. Currently the crews are working eight to ten hours on Wednesdays in order to collect recyclables from all parts of the

city. By reducing the frequency of refuse collection, a better distribution of work can be established.

The once-per-week proposal would continue to provide quality recycling collection and eliminate the refuse and recycling budget deficit, McLaughlin said. He added that this is one of the few areas in the city budget where significant amounts of money can be saved without major cuts in staff or programs. However, he acknowledged that the proposal does not have "universal support." Until the city tries it, he said, the impact of once-a-week collection is unknown. Based upon the research done by the Recycling Advisory Committee and city staff, McLaughlin said, there is a "high probability" that it will work, but no guarantees.

Collection Logistics

There are currently two refuse crews and roughly 2400 customers. With two-a-week collection, each crew collects from roughly 600 customers each refuse collection day, and 1300 recycling customers on Wednesdays. The crews work on a "task basis," so that they can leave when they complete their route, regardless of time. Kenny Hall, Supervisor of Operations in the Public Works Department, estimates that on Mondays and Tuesdays, when trash loads are heavier, the crews work on average 4-5 hours and roughly 3 hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

Under once-per-week collection, two crews would visit each house on collection day. One would collect the refuse, the other the recyclables. So, the number of customers served by each crew would remain at roughly 600 per day. Refuse would be collected Mondays through Thursdays, while yard waste and appliances would be collected on Fridays.

Citizen Reaction

Only a few citizens attended the worksession. P.J. Siegel and Patrick McAndrew both opposed the proposed change. Siegel, a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) resident, said that her trash closet can barely hold the trash that collects under twice a week pickup. On hot days, without air-conditioning, the trash closet "reeks." Under McLaughlin's proposal, the trash will be sitting longer and getting more pungent by the day.

Councilmember Judith Davis recalled that in earlier discussions there had been consideration of providing some mechanism for "overflow trash," such as an extra collection for extra

charge or a place where residents could bring the excess between collections. McLaughlin said that he is not making any such proposal at this time. While complaints of this type will be handled on a case by case basis, McLaughlin worried that making provisions for overflow trash will create a demand for such services. He proposed waiting until the city had a basis for determining whether excess trash was a common problem.

McAndrew also opposed the change. Like Siegel, he worried about the volume and odor of the trash generated by an infant. He was also concerned that having trash in the cans longer would attract more raccoons and other pests. McAndrew also expressed concern about the extra workload on the refuse crews.

Frieda Schieber, a member of the Recycling Advisory Committee, noted that her household only puts out trash once every two weeks. On the other hand, they put out a full bucket of recyclables every week. Having no need for twice a week collection, she did not want to have to pay "for those with a lot of trash who are not recycling."

Council Comments

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that Greenbelters have been spoiled over the years. Since the refuse fees do not cover the collection costs, they have been paying less than what it costs to collect the trash. Failure to implement this proposal would hurt both citizens and the crews, he said. The citizens would suffer from higher fees, which would drive away customers. If too many customers were lost, the city would have to turn the work over to a contractor. The current proposal, he said, is an effort to avoid major problems and increase recycling. Council now has to make "some serious decisions" he said.

This decision may be personally hard on him, he noted. "My own wife" says once-a-week would be terrible, he re-

counted. If we do this, "I'm out in the cold," and noted that he sees a majority of people (in the survey) saying they do not need twice a week collection. He does not see "everyone out there saying raise my rates."

Change Habits

Councilmember Edward Putens agreed that "We have to change our habits." However, one of the major problems the city has with its refuse collection, he said, is that customers can opt into and out of city refuse collection with little notice. To provide a predictable customer base, he called on his colleagues to pass an ordinance requiring residents to use the city refuse service. He passed along the compliments he had heard from his neighbors since the city crews took over recycling collection.

Putens noted that some areas of Greenbelt East are putting their refuse at the curb. This is not equitable, he said. He argued that, except for Greenbelt Homes, Inc., where the layout is not conducive to curbside collection, the entire city should be converted to mandatory city service with curbside collection. Otherwise, he said, he did not think that he could support the proposal.

The feeling of "we have to try this" was shared by Councilmember Judith Davis. She argued that continuing to try to "make do" under the current procedure will not work. "I'm definitely in favor" of once-a-week collection, she said. It is important to ensure that recycling becomes an important part of the refuse collection service.

Mayor Antoinette Bram asked for more education to encourage recycling. She said that it "strikes me funny" to talk about cutting refuse collection to "save a few bucks" per quarter when paying for other services few use. She doubted that once-a-week collection was

workable. Part of her concern was with odor and the possibility of attracting rodents and other pests. She asked the city manager for a separate vote at budget adoption on the change in refuse collection. She would support higher fees to cover the costs without a reduction in service, she said. "I can't and I won't" support this proposal, she said.

Councilmember Thomas White called the switch to once-a-week collection, "a change...whose time has come." With education, he believed, the city can get support from the community and make it work.

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The Athletics, the Indians and the Yankees line-up in the Greenbelt Little League season. —photo by Justin P. Steele

SIEGEL

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and expand her interests.

She had rarely done any travelling, but now she loves taking the trips sponsored by the Golden Agers and the Greenbelt recreation department. She attends a literature class offered by Prince George's Community College at the Greenbelt Community Center, and participates in the Food and Friendship lunch program there. "It's not gourmet," she says, "but it's great."

Pearl thinks Greenbelt does a lot for its older citizens. "When I drive around town, I see people who look like senior citizens and I wonder why they don't take advantage of these programs. There's something for everyone. I love my wonderful sewing circle, 'Works in Progress,' which meets in the Community Center."

A Joiner

A classic Greenbelt "joiner," Pearl is also a member of the Democratic Club, the Gray Panthers, GIVES, the city's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, two GHI committees, and a couple of other things.

Not surprisingly, "I feel I'm

GOLDEN AGE

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productive," she says. "And friends. This" — he gestured around the room, which was filled with senior citizens chatting — "helps a lot."

Siegel is a photography buff and loves to read history—"I'm a real political junkie, and that can get you into hot water," he commented. All it's gotten him into lately, though, is the job of

leading a weekly class at the Community Center called Current Issues, which features lively discussions and is popular with many seniors. A Greenbelt resident for 25 years, Siegel celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary three years ago. His wife, Pearl, is active in the Golden Age Club too. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

For the week ending April 25, 1997 there were a few assaults, a few burglaries, a variety of thefts and some other miscellaneous crimes. On April 22 at about 6 p.m., a resident reported being assaulted by a slender man in black clothing as she was leaving her apartment door in the 6100 block of Breezewood Dr. When she turned to leave after locking her door, the victim said that the unknown man punched her in the face and then fled the scene on foot. She suffered a swollen cheek.

Several incidents involved juveniles. At the Greenbelt Youth Center shortly after 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, a victim told police that she was approached by another female who accused the victim of talking about the person. The victim was then punched and knocked to the ground. Then a second person allegedly struck the victim in the leg with a belt. Police officers located the second suspect nearby. A 12-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged on petition with assault. The youth was released to his father pending trial. Investigation is continuing as to the identity of the other suspect.

An eight-year-old student was arrested for battering a teacher at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon, April 23. The student allegedly grabbed a scarf around the teacher's neck and began to choke her. When she broke free and tried to control the student, he began to flail his arms about violently, the police were told. The student was restrained by school security and taken to the main office. He was released to the custody of his mother.

A fight between a Landover and College Park youth which created a disturbance caused a police officer to respond. The two were arrested for disorderly conduct in a public place. A third juvenile, from Washington, D.C., who was not directly involved with the fight, was found to be in possession of a locking blade knife, according to police. He was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and released on citation pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

A 16-year-old Greenbelt girl

was charged on petition with possession of a deadly weapon after she was stopped inside the Beltway Plaza for being a truant on Thursday, April 24 at about noon. She was found to have a steak knife in her purse. She was returned to her school and released pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 301-507-6522. Callers may remain anonymous.

On Friday morning, April 18, an officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation in the area of Greenbelt Rd. and Branchville Rd. The driver allegedly told police that he worked with the Montgomery County Police Department. After it was determined that the person was not a police officer, he was arrested. A computer check indicated that the person had a suspended driver's license. Police also found in the vehicle a loaded Glock semiautomatic handgun. The Greenbelt man, a resident of the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct., was charged with transporting a handgun, impersonating a police officer and driving with a suspended license. The man was released by a District Court Commissioner pending trial.

A suspicious person was reported to be knocking on apartment doors in the 7500 block of Mandan Rd. on April 21 at 6:48 p.m. A responding officer found the individual in the 7400 block of Frankfort Dr. a short time later. A pat down of the man, who appeared to be nervous according to

police, revealed that he was in possession of suspected marijuana. The 18-year-old Greenbelt man, a resident of the 7400 block of Hanover Parkway, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. A District Court Commissioner held the man on a \$1,000 bond.

Three watches were taken at a reported burglary at B.P. Silver Jewelry Store in the Beltway Plaza on Saturday, April 19. That evening, the Kid Clothing Store at the shopping center reported the burglary of a safe, with its contents being taken. A refrigerator was taken from a vacant apartment in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Rd. with method of gaining entry unknown, according to a report made on Tuesday, April 22. A burglar was reported on Tuesday morning, April 22 to have gained entry to an apartment in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Ln. by forcing open a sliding door. A handgun was taken.

The Street Vibe Clothing Store at the Beltway Plaza reported on Sunday afternoon, April 20, that a man passed a \$100 counterfeit bill. The person passing the bill is described as a black male, 19 to 26 years of age, 5'8" tall, and weighing 210 pounds. He had black hair, brown eyes and was wearing black sweat pants, a black tee shirt and black and white Nike shoes.

Auto thefts during the week were a 1991 Nissan pickup truck reported stolen from the Beltway Plaza on April 17 and recovered on April 19 by the Metropolitan Police Department, after being burned; a 1989 Mitsubishi Gallant 4-door reported stolen on Friday, April 18 from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road and recovered, without arrests being made, by county police in Laurel; a 1991 Honda Accord reported stolen on Saturday, April 19 from the 9300 block of Edmonston and recovered on April 23 with five arrests being made; a grey 1993 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 630ARZ, from the 7800 block of Mandan Road on April 19; and a dark blue 1985 Toyota Cressida 4-door, Maryland tags XWZ811, reported stolen in the 7600 block of Hanover Parkway on Tuesday af-

ternoon, April 22.

Two persons were reported to have been involved in a pick-pocket theft at the Safeway Store in Greenway Center. A man's wallet was taken. One of the suspects is described as a black man in his 40's, 5'11" with a heavy build and black hair, wearing a nylon yellow jacket and brown pants. The other is a black male, also in his 40's, with a thin build and black hair and wearing a dark colored sports coat and slacks. Money was taken from an unattended purse at Jeoper's Indoor Playground at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center on the evening of April 19 and a purse was reported stolen from a bench in the mall outside the Giant Food Store on April 21 in the afternoon.

A window was reported broken at a residence in the 7800 block of Chartwell Place on Tuesday, April 22. Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles reported dur-

ing the week were in the area of Southway and Greenbelt Rd. on April 18. in the 9100 block of Springhill Ct., at the Beltway Plaza, and in the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct. on April 19, in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Dr. and the 100 block of Westway on April 20, in the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct. and the 7500 block of Greenway Center Ct. on April 22, and in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Rd. on April 24.

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GHI Board Makes Ivy Exception, Adds Walkway

by Sue Krofchik

The issue of ivy growing on homes had the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors climbing the walls on April 24, and when that was settled they got down to earth and agreed to install an unpaved foot path. These topics brought a large audience of about 20 members to the meeting Thursday night, but when it ended at 1 a.m. Friday morning, one lone member was present. Other topics discussed included disposition of surplus funds from 1996, auditor's report on 1996, and walkway lighting.

Request for Ivy Exemption

After one hour, with more than 40 opinions offered, the board voted 5-4 to grant an exception to the policy banning the growth of ivy to a GHI family of landscape architects on whose home ivy has been growing for 30 years. GHI had banned the growth of ivy and other climbing vines on homes in October, 1995. Joining maker of motion Bill Phelan, with a second by Dorothy Lauber, were Nat Shinderman, Ray Stevens and John Taylor. Opposed were Keith Jahoda, Betty Deitch, Chuck Hess and Alan Turnbull.

Shinderman voiced his opposition to "ex post facto" enforcement of ivy regulations which require members who had grown ivy under a previously approved policy to remove it because of a new policy. The issue of damage to homes was debated. The only consensus seemed to be there is no convincing proof that ivy damages homes while it is growing on the wall, but damage may occur when ivy is removed.

Turnbull indicated he generally does not like to grant exceptions, but tried to look at the issue logically as a worst-case scenario: if ivy is taken down, it can grow back should ivy later be found not to harm masonry walls; but if allowed to grow, it could cause structural damage. He reminded the board that the presence or absence of board members at past board meetings led to some members being granted exceptions. He asked the board to try to look for consensus on this issue.

But after a lively discussion, Turnbull announced he had so far recognized 32 speakers. No consensus appeared likely, so the vote was taken and the exemption granted in a close 5-4 vote.

Ivy still had life in more than one way. General Manager Gretchen Overdurff asked the board what staff was to do now with instances of ivy on other homes; when the request for exception had come before the board in October, 1996, the board had voted to suspend all ivy removal from masonry homes until given clear direction from the board to do so. Hess suggested giving members with ivy 30-60 days either to file an appeal for exception or to remove the ivy. Turnbull summarized by saying the board had voted on an exception tonight, which meant the board all agreed on the current policy of banning the growth of ivy on homes; and ivy growing on homes should be cited for removal.

Access to Gardenside Yards

The second major topic concerned the lack of walkway access between the service side of 3 Gardenway and 29 Ridge, and between 29 Ridge and 31 Ridge.

The former problem has existed for over a year, while the latter is a potential problem.

GHI had apparently allowed a privacy fence to be attached between 29 Ridge and the garage attached to 3 Gardenway, blocking access. The member on the other side of 29 Ridge, 31 Ridge, foresees the possibility of a similar access problem between his unit and the duplex, if the owner of the "B" side of the duplex ever desires to put up fencing the way "A" side on the duplex has done. Owners of the "A" and "B" sides of the duplex claim they have not blocked access because they have given neighbors verbal permission to walk through their respective yards. Members in the adjoining rows are concerned that a word-of-mouth agreement is not a permanent or binding resolution.

The GHI Handbook requires access paths between units but is silent on the issue of access path locations on the end units of masonry homes, the homes in question. Maps for the area do not show any access lanes. Original hedge lines are supposed to take precedent over the Handbook. Photos from a 1930's edition of Look magazine have been reviewed by the Architecture and Environment Committee but apparently do not resolve the issue. Further complicating the matter is the fact that even though a permanent access way is being requested, the members do not want any type of formal pathway created, for reasons of security, privacy, and outside pedestrian traffic.

After a 45-minute discussion the board decided 9-0 to create an access pathway connecting the inner walkway (gardenside) between 29-B and 31-A Ridge, along the end of the garage attached to 31-A Ridge. The access way would be an unpaved foot path and will be added to GHI maps, making it permanent.

Auditor's Opinion

Joey Jones of auditors



Community volunteers sign up on GHI clean-up Day, don a Behnke's hat, and are treated to

an Einstein bagel and juice breakfast before heading out. -photo by Lisa Goldman

Chaconas & Wilson described the 1997 audit and stated: "From a prospective standpoint, budget and reserves analysis are well thought out and well done which is not always the case with other organizations."

The auditor recognizes GHI "will have big expenses looming in the future and if GHI can continue to fund reserves it will make everyone have a home that is more marketable and will retain value longer."

In response to questions from Shinderman, Jones stated "from an auditing standpoint there are no shortcomings and no improvements are needed." At one point he said he "wished all his clients had the record-keeping GHI does." He noted GHI might benefit from computer applications.

Surplus Funds

For the year ending December 31, 1996 the co-op had \$198,494 in revenues over expenses and unallocated equity. Jones suggested putting a large fraction into reserves and returning some to members or using it for the common good, such as for side-

walks. Hess pointed out it would be hard to return any surplus equitably, as much of it comes from fees not evenly distributed among members.

Hess made a motion to allocate the \$198,494 in various amounts to replacement reserves for frame, masonry and larger homes, with a debit of \$198,494 to the unallocated member equity. A second, related, motion was made to withdraw \$97,900 from the \$198,494 to fund and accelerate programs for attached garage roofs, frame and slate roofs, garage ventilation (at maintenance office), drainage additions, tree trimming and parking lots.

Much discussion followed and Shinderman said it would be a very poor practice to take money from replacement reserves for any other use but replacement reserves, and offered two other mo-

tions which failed for lack of a second. Jahoda reminded everyone the purity of replacement reserves was violated last year, when money was taken out for additional tree trimming. Turnbull asked the board to consider long-term needs of the co-op, and to plan as if they themselves will be here in the future or the value of their homes will be here.

Both motions to deal with the surplus funds passed 8 - 1, with Shinderman opposed.

Tidbits

The board also discussed the installation of low intensity bollard lights on walkways and approved contracts with Maryland Paving and Sealant to replace sidewalks in 32 locations and with Donald Excavating for removal and disposal of six underground oil tanks.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors

Thursday, May 8, 1997

7:30 P.M.

GHI Board Room



GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 1% Working Capital Update
- Block Home Siding Policy
- Replacement Reserves Study
- Reserve Advisors, Inc. - Final Report
- Block Roof Replacement Contract
- Insurance Renewal - Bids
- Member Request for Exception - Tree Removal/4c Plateau Place

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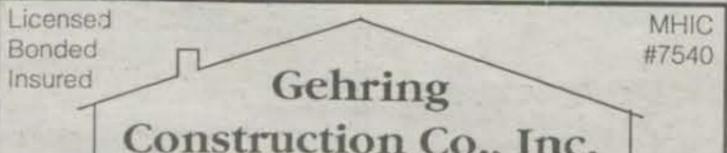


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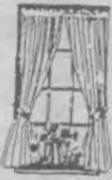
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The View From Ridge Road



by Christina O'Boyle
The Alfresco Papers (First in an on-and-off series of writing on the spot)

Dear Readers: Sometimes when I'm out, away from my desk, I get ideas that I jot down into tiny notebooks that fit into my shoulderbag. This Christmas while making our annual visit to Naples, Florida, to be with John's parents, I took a notebook to the beach to write on the spot. Invariably, I get thoughts or concepts while I'm walking that I forget once I get back home. So I wrote alfresco, as it occurred, and I may try this again soon.

Beside the Gulf of Mexico December 30, 1996

Yesterday I crunched too much. Today I drop my Reeboks in the dune grass and wear my skin to soften the blow of my footsteps against the shells, hundreds of thousands of tiny fingernail-size shells dumped by the waves into piles along the beach. Sea gull tracks—thousands of triangles—are joined by human footprints, bare or sneakered. It's all mixed together and bumpy: shell piles, footprints, and gull tracks.

This is now a walkers' beach. It was a sunbathers' and shell collectors' beach when I first saw it eighteen years ago. The sunbathers are still here, but the exercisers passing me today are audible before they're beside me. They're not barefooted and they crunch too much. I'll go out on the sand bar for silence and for uncrushed olive shells.

Knee-deep in the Gulf of Mexico, I'm Claude Monet. Writing alfresco for me; painting alfresco for him. Monsieur Monet at Argenteuil in France. Madame O'Boyle at Doctors Pass in Florida. I am drawing attention as I scribble, as he must have when he painted. I try to hide the pen and note pad, turning my back to the shore. But who writes knee-deep in water? I'll pretend I don't know that answer as I'm pretending those glances aren't at me.

The ink bleeds through this small thin page onto the next. Will I be able to decipher this when I get home to the computer?

One side of what looks like a whole fighting whelk is visible under the clear water. I poke and roll it over with my toe. It's perfect. I pick it up and sigh at the beauty of the

caramel color along its entrance and see, oh!—its owner is still home. With my best overarm pitch, I toss it out deeper, mumbling, "Now stay there," and I turn around to find a tulip shell—whole, no chips at all—in front of my next step. Now I find a baby conch, a left-handed whelk, an alphabet cone and an olive. I see I've wandered into a tidal pool beside the Doctors Pass wall of rocks, hands too wet from finding shells to keep writing.

I hear increased crunching behind me. I straighten from my shell-seeking hunch and see the beach is much busier. I've been lost looking through this small pool, turning over whelk after whelk with a full house. Unusual, since there's been no storm to wash them here. Could this be a breeding ground?

Now I realize too much time is passing; I've got to stop scribbling. John waits for me to get back and relieve him of

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the children so that he can take his walk. No more Henry David Thoreau moments for you, Sandy Pockets O'Boyle. Home to the clamoring clan. What pulls at me, never allowing me enough time, is also my anchor in life. I'd be lost at sea without my family's needs to give me piers to tie up against.

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