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What Goes On

Tues., May 27, 7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building
8 p.m. City Council Meeting & FY 1998 Budget Adoption, Municipal Building
Thurs., May 29, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession with Parkside Homeowners Association, Municipal Building
Fri., May 30, 10 a.m. American Legion Memorial Day Service, Greenbelt War Memorial, Roosevelt Center

One Cent Tax Increase Likely For School Police Officer

by Diane Oberg

When the Greenbelt City Council adopts the fiscal year 1998 (FY98) budget next Tuesday, it is likely to approve a one cent tax increase, an additional city police officer to work in local schools (primarily Greenbelt Middle School), a slight increase in refuse collection fees, and a delayed conversion to once-a-week refuse collection for city refuse customers. These were the highlights of the decisions roughed out at the final budget worksession on May 19. (Technically, no decisions are made or votes taken at worksessions, but the mayor polls the councilmembers to determine what actions have the support of at least three councilmembers.)

The meeting was occasionally heated, particularly when discussing the refuse and police budgets. The tension between the councilmembers was apparent early in the meeting, when Councilmember Judith Davis said she could accept a compromise proposal "so long as we're in the mood for compromise." From the reaction of her colleagues, it was clear that this was a very pointed comment.

Other Changes

Although specific funds were not budgeted, the councilmembers made clear their intention to renovate the firehouse. The funds likely will come from the capital reserves, although council hopes that some reimbursement from state grants will be possible.

Other changes from City Manager Michael McLaughlin's original budget proposal include converting two nonclassified employees in the Public Works Department to classified status (with benefits); establishing a \$1,200 budget for the Advisory Committee on Education; several new hires including a police cadet, a building maintenance worker, three temporary employees for the refuse and recycling crews, and additional community center staff; creation of a supervisory police dispatcher position; purchase of a video surveillance

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camera (likely for Roosevelt Center); and a \$5,000 contribution to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) to increase the hours of the museum curator. This last item is somewhat tentative, as FOGM President Sandra Lange presented council with a letter asking that the Recreation Department take over running the museum and hire a full-time curator. (The part-time curator recently resigned to accept a full-time position elsewhere.)

Refuse Changes

Davis presented a new proposal developed by the Recycling

Advisory Committee. The proposal called for 1) curbside collection in all areas except Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI); 2) requiring communities that sign up for city refuse/recycling service to do so for three years to minimize revenue fluctuations; 3) delaying the conversion to once-a-week collection until October 1 with a review during next spring's budget process; and 4) purchase of a specialized truck for collection of recyclables.

During the summer, three temporary employees would supplement the city trash crews, allowing the continuation of twice-a-week collection during that period. To fund this change, McLaughlin said that a slight increase in collection fees would be needed. Spreading the estimated \$12,000 cost of the workers over a full year of payments would require roughly a 40 cent per month increase in refuse fees. The councilmembers appeared unanimous in directing that the extra cost should be met with a fee increase, rather than continuing to use general city revenues to cover the deficit in the refuse/recycling budget.

As noted in an earlier story on this topic, the budget document shows that refuse and recycling revenues will exceed costs by roughly \$17,000. McLaughlin told the News Review that this apparent surplus is not available to cover the added cost of the temporary workers. In fact, it is

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Greenbelt Day Celebration Offers Eventful Weekend

by Dorothy Sucher

Greenbelt Day will be celebrated this year with a splash that spills over a whole weekend—from Friday, May 30, to Sunday, June 1. Commemorating Greenbelt's incorporation as a municipality on June 1, 1937, Greenbelt Day was first suggested in 1976 by a Greenbelt author (yours truly), then a member of the city's Bicentennial Committee. Over the last 20 years, the holiday has evolved into a gala celebration of family fun and community spirit.

This year there will be events for all tastes. A moonlight concert will take place at the outdoor swimming pool on Saturday, May 31, from 8 to 10 p.m. This free event will set bare toes tapping to the music of Fiddlestyx, which specializes in contra line dance music.

Families can also get into the swim on Friday night from 7 to 9 p.m. during a Family Moonlight Swim at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

The Mayor and City Council will be taking advantage of this special weekend to unveil the historic showcase recently completed at the site of the Hamilton Cemetery, which dates back to the 1700s. A ceremony will take place behind the GHI offices on

Hamilton Place on Sunday, June 1, at 1 p.m.

Family Day on Sunday

The American Legion is going all out on Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m. Their Family Day celebration, co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, will offer an afternoon of fun-filled activities at the Legion Post #136 on Greenbelt Road, so bring a lawn chair or blanket and settle in. A variety show beginning at 1 p.m. will feature young entertainers from Talent Unlimited, and a bevy of pretty girls including the winners of several local beauty pageants. At 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform, followed by more variety acts and a DJ music program from 4 to 6 p.m. Games include horseshoes, darts, bingo, and lots of stuff for kids. If this sounds like more fun than you can handle, don't worry. There will also be speeches by local politicians, recycling tips, and other uplifting events.

Adopt-a-Park

The Greenbelt Lions Club is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Park event on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Participants will meet in front of the Greenbelt Community Center entrance to help

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Greenbelt's Senior Citizens

City's Varied Amenities Make Seniors Feel Like Millionaires

by Dorothy Sucher

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

We were working our way through beef stew over rice (quite



Karen Haseley, Greenbelt Recreation

-photo by Lola Skolnick

good), zucchini, peaches, milk, and grapefruit juice that had frozen to mush in the containers, prompting various creative experiments in how to consume it.

It was noon on a Thursday, and 20 of Greenbelt's older citizens, myself included, were enjoying the Food and Friendship program offered to seniors by the county, five days a week at the Greenbelt Community Center. There were six at our table, three men and three women ranging in age from 63 to 87, and we were discussing the facilities available to senior citizens in Greenbelt. Irene Hensel, 64, summed them up: "You'd have to be a millionaire to enjoy all the amenities we have right here in Greenbelt."

I was looking into the subject, not only because of a News Review assignment but also because my husband and I had recently been contemplating retirement. I was finding myself surprised and impressed by the breadth of programming available to older people in Greenbelt. In fact, I felt tempted to participate in a

few more activities, in addition to the luncheons and the Senior Water Aerobics class I was already taking.

Caring Approach

Greenbelt makes it easy for its older citizens to lead full and interesting lives, up to the limits of their physical capacities. On every level — governmental, organizational, and private — a thoughtful and caring approach to the needs of older people is apparent. The community seems well positioned to cope with the graying of the population, a trend that is expected to continue well into the 21st century.

City Advisory Committee

The Greenbelt City Council, which has often shown its concern for the aging, established in 1989 a Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, which holds an annual open forum to hear directly from seniors about issues that concern them. The committee's efforts have yielded such diverse results as a safe bridge built across a creek ford on a walking

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Greenbelt Seniors

Center Volunteer Is Official "Greeter"

by Dorothy Sucher

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

If there is one Greenbelter who deserves the title "Mr. Senior Citizen," it has to be Bill Souser, 64, the genial, helpful, self-appointed "greeter" at the Greenbelt Community Center.

If you're wandering around the corridors looking lost or just confused, Souser has a way of popping up, always with a smile, and offering his assistance.

Two years ago he retired from Bell Atlantic. "I didn't want to sit around and do nothing," he says. "I had friends who did

that, and now they're dead. I thought, 'I'm going to find a place where they can use me.'" He laughs. "Now I'm Karen's resident handyman."

Full-Time Volunteer

He is referring to Karen Haseley, Greenbelt's Therapeutic Recreation director, who is responsible for senior citizen programming. Haseley had been looking for someone to serve as a "monitor" for the Senior Lounge and the Senior Game Room, making sure both rooms stayed in good condition during the day, while various groups and individuals used them.

In Souser she found the perfect one. "OFFICIAL GREETER," page 2



Bill Souser, the one-man welcoming committee at the Community Center

-photo by Prospero Zevallos

Letters to the Editor

Books to Landfill?

On Wednesday, May 14, I noticed a Greenbelt City garbage truck pull up in back of the library and city workers began throwing several large bags and boxes of books into the truck. These discards were not only old telephone books and hardback novels, but there were some old and out of print books, some cookbooks, dozens of not so old National Geographics, which can always be useful in classrooms and for art projects.

An employee noticed me watching and said, "Help yourself, we don't have the storage room." Before being swallowed up in the garbage truck I was able to retrieve a leather bound "Works of Josephus," a "Complete Works of Shakespeare," and a partial set of illustrated "Encyclopedia of World War II," though I missed getting a good Webster's Dictionary.

Why were the books (the best of them) not donated to the Book Endings resale shop? Why weren't they saved for the Greenbelt Elementary fundraiser book sale for this year's Labor Day Festival? Why weren't they given to a charity or thrift store that raises money to help the unfortunate?

I only saw this happen this one time, but how many other times is this method used by our library to clear out shelf space? Surely there are better places for books in good condition than the landfill?

Jean Snyder

Thanks

This is to say "thank you" to Ray and Rose Haber. Last week I lost my wallet while shopping in a local supermarket. As I retraced my steps hoping to find it, Ray and Rose Haber looked at me with a smile and gave me my wallet. Tears welled up in my eyes for joy. Everything was intact. I asked to see the manager to let them know that Ray and Rose are wonderful and honest people who work to help senior citizens with their shopping. It is people like them why I love Greenbelt and have lived here since 1942. Thank you.

Michael Burchick

Hospital Help Needed

Washington Adventist Hospital is seeking volunteers. Duties needed range from nursing, working in the gift shop, to data entry. Volunteers must have flexible schedules and be creative. Training is provided by the hospital, if needed. For more information, call 301-891-5444.

Try The Greenbelt Landmark Quiz

This is one of a series of Greenbelt history questions to commemorate the city's 60th Anniversary and the designation of its historic district as a National Landmark. You'll find the answer on page 12 of this issue.

In 1933, below what annual income level was a family considered low-income and what percent of the population was classified as being low-income?

Thanks

This letter is to thank the Greenbelt community for keeping the green in Greenbelt by supporting National Bike To Work Day on May 20.

The Greenbelt City Council issued a proclamation that says "commuting by bike is invigorating, ecological, economical and saves time by combining the work commute with a workout." Mayor Antoinette M. Bram proclaimed May 20 as Greenbelt Bike to Work Day and urged residents to attend the free breakfast for bicycle commuters at Roosevelt Center.

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition sponsors a bike to work bagel breakfast on the third Tuesday in May each year. It also provides information on the benefits of bicycle commuting and how to get started.

The Greenbelt Mobil Service Center donated a carafe of excellent Green Mountain Coffee.

Bill Clarke

MVA Office Will Close on May 27

All offices of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration will be closed on Tuesday, May 27, for a major computer conversion. The upgrade installation, which will take place over the Memorial Day weekend, is the culmination of a five-year transition for drivers' license and vehicle registration information.

MVA offices offering Saturday services will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon, as usual.

State employees will work on Monday and Tuesday to verify that all files have been transferred and will be accessible when MVA offices reopen for business on Wednesday, May 28, at 8:30 a.m.

Memorial Service

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will hold a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 30 at the War Memorial, Roosevelt Center. A color guard will present flowers and speeches will be given. The public is invited to attend.

In case of rain the service will be held in the main hall of the Post home.

Greenbelt Day

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spruce up the grounds of the Community Center, with the assistance of the University of Maryland's varsity soccer team. Team members will provide autographs on request. On second thought, this sounds like fun, too.

What about night life, you say? Never fear — the New Deal Cafe will be offering live entertainment in a more intimate setting at the Community Center. There will be folk music by Steve Gellman on Friday and by Rob Gutenberg on Saturday, as well as yummy snacks and great coffee.

Need Some "Junque?"

Naturally the Greenbelt Museum has gotten into the spirit of the weekend, and will be holding a flea market at the Roosevelt Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The museum folks wouldn't dream of offering anything less than classy stuff — so the tables will be overflowing with "Junque," instead of mere you-know-what. The museum will also be open for tours on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is located at 10-B Crescent Road, and admission is free.

Sports enthusiasts will revel in Little League and Coach Pitch baseball, a GTA Memorial Day tennis tournament on Saturday and Sunday, and other events.

For further information and the exact time and place of events, see the Recreation Department ad on the back page of this issue.

Blood Needed

Former Greenbelters Robert and Isabel Field were seriously injured in an automobile accident on Friday, May 16.

Both are now patients in the Shock Trauma Center at the University of Maryland - Baltimore Hospital. Bob is a former pastor of Greenbelt Community Church; Isabel taught first grade at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Friends may help by giving blood in their name.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the City offices will be closed and there will be no refuse collection ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 1997. Monday refuse collection customers will have regular trash collected on Thursday. Tuesday's route and recyclable collection will be on regular schedule.



Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Tuesday, May 27th at 8:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting & Approval of the FY 1998 Budget.

Thursday, May 29th, 1997

6:00 p.m. "The 1997 Easter Egg Hunt"

6:30 p.m. "Al's Place"

7:00 p.m. Replay of City Council Meeting of 5/27

"OFFICIAL GREETER"

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fect person. He soon became a full-time volunteer at the Community Center, making himself so indispensable that he was eventually entrusted with his own set of keys. He was also hired as a part-time city employee, working two nights a week at the center.

His favorite part of the job is meeting people. "As you can see, I like to talk a lot," he says, with the big smile that shows his dimples. He is vice-president of the Golden Age club, sometimes drives the bus on recreation department trips, and is one of the regulars at the Food and Friend-

ship lunch program, at which his wife, Arlene, often joins him. He is also the ranking (and only) male member of the weekly "Works in Progress" group, where he crochets the colorful hats he sells at local flea markets.

Bill Souser's Message

Souser just loves the Community Center, and he wants the world to know it. "Anybody who doesn't come by doesn't know what they're missing," he states firmly. "We've got something for everybody. And if we don't have it, mention it and we might have it in a year."



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING MAY 27, 1997 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations *(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
7. Petitions and Requests *(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)*
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. Adoption of Fiscal Year 1997/98 Budget
12. An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Temporary Disability Fund Reserve Fund, Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 1998, Beginning July 1, 1997 and Including June 30, 1998
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules-
 - 2nd Reading, Final Passage
13. An Ordinance to Transfer funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund II
 - 2nd Reading
14. A Resolution to Establish a Public Safety Advisory Committee and Repeal Resolution 498
 - 2nd Reading
15. A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 823 and to establish new service charges for garbage, trash and recycling collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 1997
 - 1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

16. Cultural Diversity Project - Langston Terrace
17. CVS Sign Request
18. Approval of Bus Shelter Design and Locations
19. City Position on ICC
20. Purchase of Recycling Vehicle
21. Agreement with Metricom
- * 22. Acceptance of Job Descriptions
- * 23. Dance License Renewal - Jasper's

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

David E. Moran
City Clerk

Spotlight on the Arts

by Konrad Herling

Neil Simon's "Come Blow Your Horn" runs its final performances this weekend on Friday and Saturday evenings. Composed 35 years ago in 1962, the comedian's play is timeless. As the News Review's Colette Zanin described the characters and their predicaments in her review three weeks ago, "Through our laughter frequently weaves threads of self-recognition. The audience knows these people, for they have oftentimes been us."

The Arts Center moves from comedy to country line dancing Saturday, May 31, at 8 p.m. in the annual Greenbelt Day Concert at the outdoor pool. The event, which is free, and co-sponsored with the City's Recreation Department, features Lou Shapiro and his band, "Fiddlestyx." Greenbelters learned how to dance to this lively music on New Year's Eve at the Community Center. Shapiro likes "Greenbelt's sense of community" and is pleased to return.

Finally, it looked like Greenbelt's youth would not have its annual "Kids' Theater" afternoon productions on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8. But, despite being unable to secure the rights to put on "Peter Pan," the youngsters themselves have written their own version of the play, now "Pete Pan." So the show does go on; curtain time 2 p.m.

New Recycling Bins At Roosevelt Center

by Jennifer Foley

The Recycling Advisory Committee will unveil two new recycling clusters at the Roosevelt Center on Saturday, May 24 at noon. The mayor and council have been invited to participate with sponsoring businesses who contributed 100 percent of the \$2,394 for the project. The Recycling Committee gratefully acknowledges the Greenbelt Co-Op, Credit Union, Professional Building Management, NationsBank, Physicians Family Practice, and friends for their generous contributions. The Recycling Clusters look like wood but are made of 100 percent recycled plastics like soda bottles, milk jugs and plastic bags. The recycling bins had been requested by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and various residents of Greenbelt. All are invited to participate in the inaugural ceremony. For more information, contact Jennifer Foley, City of Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

New Deal Cafe

Open
Fri-Sat
6-11 pm



Music
8:30 pm
No cover

FRI. May 23 - OPEN MIKE
(It's your turn)

SAT. May 24 - The Marsh Brothers
(Music, if you are over 30)

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN IN JUNE
SATURDAY EVENINGS ONLY

Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Community Events

At the Library

On Saturday, May 31, at 2 p.m. author Shireen Dodson will talk about her book, "Mother Daughter Book Club" at the Greenbelt Library.

P.J. Storytime, ages 4-6 will meet on Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 26.

Recreation Review

The Youth Center's Exercise at Lunchtime program will conclude on Friday, May 30. This open gym program, which meets Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., will resume in September. Check the open gym hours posted at the Youth Center for current available gym time.

Please remember, all facility patrons over the age of 14 are required to have in their possession a Recreation Facility ID card. They are available for purchase with proof of Greenbelt residency.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be on Wednesday, May 28. The speaker will be Suzanne Plogman, a member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, and a Greenbelt resident of some years.

At the May 21 Golden Age meeting, Lions Club member Bud Leonard gave a first-hand report on the Seeing Eye Dog Program. He attended the Seeing Eye Training School, in Rochester, Michigan, where dogs and their blind owners are introduced and trained together. We thank the Lions Club and Leonard, and suggest that other groups use the program at meetings, and support the Lions' work.

Bill Souser says that items are still needed for the Flea Market and Yard Sale to be held on June 7 in the Roosevelt Center. Also, help of all sorts is needed, so see Bill and volunteer. The rain date is June 14.

The next Golden Age trip is on May 29, to Winchester and Bellegrove Plantation. See the Travel Committee at meetings for information and reservations for all trips.

See you at the meetings, and be sure you wear name-tags — I have to tie a string around my own finger!

Lions to Hear Hypnotherapist

"Red" Forrest, a certified hypnotherapist, will address the Lions Club at their next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, May 26, at E.J.'s Landing restaurant in the Best Western motel in Berwyn.

Forrest helps people eliminate pain, stress, phobias, excess weight, snoring, and disturbing habits.

The public is invited to attend at 7:15 p.m. For further information and reservations, call 301-474-5156.

"Steps of Grace" Helps Recovery

A confidential, open, and non-denominational Christ-centered recovery speakers meeting held Saturday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church is presenting the topic "Step One for Recovery", this Saturday, May 24. Step One of the recovery process is admitting powerlessness over other people, and the compulsive/dysfunctional behaviors that make lives unmanageable.

For more information about recovery programs, call the "Steps of Grace" information and comment line at 301-523-2581.

Council Members to be At Local Book Store

Members of the Greenbelt City Council will join members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) at two local bookstores to show their support of the ACE Buy-a-Book Program. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, they'll meet at the Crown Book Superstore in Greenway shopping center and at 11 a.m. they will be at the Bookland store in Beltway plaza. Greenbelt residents are encouraged to participate in the "Buy-a-Book Program" before the end of the school year in mid-June. For more information on the program, please contact Clement Chu-Sing Lau at 301-345-6110.

The City of Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) is a community-based organization that works to ensure that the schools attended by Greenbelt children are of the highest quality.

Bring Teddy To Story Time

The third annual Teddy Bears' Picnic will be Thursday, May 29, at 10:15 a.m. on the lawn in front of the library.

Pre-schoolers age 2 to 5 should bring their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal. Children will participate in a small parade and listen to film-strip stories.

Cookies and cold drinks will be provided.

Volksmarchers Plan Events for Summer

by Dee Downs

The Greenbelt Volks-marchers, who celebrate their tenth anniversary this year, are planning some exciting walking events. On May 31 at noon they will host the regional meeting of the American Volksmarch Association at the Community Center. Registration for the five and ten kilometer walk will take place there from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Association is an international walking club that sponsors five and ten kilometer walks, as well as biking, swimming, and skiing events both in this country and around the world.

Coming events include five events each day on June 7 and 8 — three walks, a bike and a swim to celebrate the Volksmarchers' tenth and Greenbelt's sixtieth anniversaries. On July 19 the Greenbelt Club will host a walk along the C & O Canal. Every section of the Canal will be offered as a site for a march in the coming months by various area clubs. Watch for future announcements.

Every day in Greenbelt two events occur year round, a walk in Greenbelt Park and a swim at our pool. Everyone is encouraged to join. It's healthy and it's fun! Brochures with further details are available at the Community Center and the Youth Center.

Animal Life Tour

Discover the exciting community where animals live in Greenbelt Park on Monday, May 26. Meet at 1 p.m. at the ranger station. Please call 301-344-3944 for reservations.

Astronomy Club

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will have its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 29. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the H.B. Owens Science Center. Club member Lynne Gilliland will give a presentation on the Astronomical League's Observers Club Awards, and members will show pictures and discuss their observations of Comet Hale-Bopp.

Fun at Goddard

On Sunday, May 25, there will be a van tour to the Spacecraft System Development and Integration Facility; and the Spacecraft Test and Integration Facility. Tours start at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., last about an hour, and are filled on a first come basis. Only 15 will be taken at maximum. They are not recommended for young children.

The monthly lecture series, Discover Goddard, will be on Sunday, May 25, at 1 p.m. Call for information on these events at 301-286-8981.

Outdoor Pool Will Open

Memorial Day weekend is coming up, and as usual the Greenbelt outdoor pool will be opening for swimmers who like to inhale a little fresh air as they splash about. Beginning Saturday, May 24, the outdoor pool hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Enter through the Aquatic and Fitness Center, which contains locker rooms and showers for patrons of both pools. For information call 301-397-2204.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
GREENBELT CONNECTION SCHEDULE
Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, there will be no Greenbelt Connection Service on MONDAY, MAY 26, 1997. Service will resume on Tuesday.



Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

Outdoor pool opens Saturday May 24, 1997

Memorial Day Hours
Indoor Pool 8am-8pm
Outdoor Pool 10am-8pm

Summer Outdoor Pool Hours
Monday-Friday 11am-8pm
Saturday-Sunday 10am-8pm
301-397-2204



Greenbelt Arts Center presents

Come Blow Your Horn
by: Neil Simon
directed by: Ed Starr

Fri and Sat
May 23rd -24th
at 8:00 pm

Tickets: \$8
Seniors & Students \$6

LAST WEEKEND!!

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.

Greenbelt Day Concert
Saturday May 31st 8:00 pm at the Pool
Country Line Dancing & Concert featuring
Fiddlestyx
It's FREE!!! Bring the family, fun for all.

The Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)
For more information call (301) 441-8770

Lester D. Shiplett

Lester D. Shiplett, a resident of Canning Terrace for 20 years, died on May 17. He was 81.

Mr. Shiplett was born in Mt. Jackson, VA, in the Shenandoah Valley and graduated from Staunton High School in 1934. He attended an Electronic Technical school in Illinois in 1935. He joined the army/air corps, serving from 1936 - 39 as a radio operator. After the service, he worked for Bendix Aviation in Towson for 13 years. Mr. Shiplett then worked as an independent electronic salesman until he began his own industrial paint company, Misco, in College Park. He retired in 1988 after 18 years at Misco.

The Shiplett's moved to this area in 1954 and, later, to Greenbelt, buying a home in the first section of Windsor Green to be completed. He was a member of the church of the Brethren in Hyattsville.

Mr. Shiplett had not been in good health for some years and has resided in a nursing home for more than six years.

He is survived by his wife Camilla, son Dennis D., and grandchildren Monica Otero and Daniel Shiplett. A service was held on May 21 at the Evans Funeral Home in Bowie. Interment was at the Lakemont Memorial Gardens in Davidsonville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.



Keith and Betty Petroff

Keith Petroff

Keith Petroff, 80, died May 14 at home in Greenbelt of a heart attack. Although born in Harrisburg, PA, he had been a Greenbelter since 1941, when he selected the first of many defense homes built during that period.

He served 28 years in the Civil Service component of the United States Air Force and at the time of his retirement was the Quality Control Officer at Andrews Air Force Base. During World War II he served in the United States Marine Corps as an aircraft overhaul inspector.

Mr. Petroff was active in Greenbelt as a coach for junior league baseball in the early 50s. He was a twenty-year member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, receiving his life membership on August 10, 1996. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 136 and a Mason for 37 years. For five years after his retirement from the Air Force, he drove a school bus for Prince George's County.

After finally retiring, he and his wife, Betty, purchased a motor home and traveled throughout the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The Petroffs celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on May 11.

Mr. Petroff is survived by his wife, his daughter, Judy Ann Joy, his son, Barry Keith Petroff, and a grandson, Daniel K. Petroff. He was buried with full military honors by a United States Marine Corps burial detail at Cheltenham National Cemetery.

Peterson Edits New Magazine

Greenbelter Heather Elizabeth Peterson, a staff member of the Greenbelt News Review, is the editor of a brand new, interfaith magazine, to be published in Greenbelt on June 1, the sixtieth anniversary of the city's charter. Greenbelt Religious News will cover local, national, and international news in the world of religion.

The June-July issue features a description of Holy Week and Easter celebrations at eight local churches. Additional articles report news about Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, and Unitarian Universalists.

Reference copies of the free newsmagazine will be available at several central locations in Greenbelt. Anyone who has questions about Greenbelt Religious News may contact the editor.

Baha'i Faith

"Mothers are the first educators of children, who establish virtues in the child's inner nature."
-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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John Mather, author of "The Very First Light: The True Inside Story of the Scientific Journey Back to the Dawn of the Universe," will discuss his book on Wednesday, May 28, at 7 p.m., at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. A reception for the author will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In 1990 and 1992, a NASA-led team of scientists from the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) project changed the way people viewed the universe. COBE's measurements of the microwave radiation that fills the universe confirmed the Big Bang theory. In "The Very First Light," John Mather, COBE's project director, and science writer John Boslough tell the story of COBE from start to finish. Their eye-opening, riveting account of this difficult and challenging project is told with rare narrative verve. An astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Mather was the founder of the COBE project and is the Study Scientist for the Next Generation Space Telescope.

Sign language interpretation and other accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be made upon request.

60th Anniversary Planning Progress

When it met on Wednesday, May 7, Greenbelt's 60th Anniversary Committee continued with more detailed plans for the major celebration scheduled for the weekend of October 17 - 19.

Tickets for the dinner dance to be held at Martin's Crosswinds from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday the 19th are already on sale. A form is available for organizations wishing to reserve tables for ten in advance. Call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 for information about purchasing tickets for this event, which will feature 1930's and 40's music by Trux Baldwin.

A letter of invitation to the pioneer families luncheon (Saturday, October 18) at American Legion Post 136 has been mailed to current residents of Greenbelt who are members of pioneer families. Responses and inquiries should go to Donny Wolfe at 301-474-5150.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, in the Community Center at 7 p.m. Call Emory Harman, 301-474-5156, to help with the planning.

Additional information is also available at this address: <http://www.greenbelt.com> on the Internet.

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As	4-2	Cubs	3-4
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Orioles	2-4	Cards	1-5

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Wed., May 28—6 p.m. Giants & Tigers
Thurs., May 29—6 p.m. Lions & As
Fri., May 30—6 p.m. Cubs & Indians
*Fri., May 30—8 p.m. Coaches All-Star Game
Sat., May 31—10 a.m. AL Practice
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Investment Bylaw Changed At GHI Annual Meeting

by Sue Krofchik

Members at the Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) annual meeting on May 15 learned more about parliamentary procedures and different types of motions — tabled, substitute and main motions — than they did about specific investment strategies but, in the end, they voted overwhelmingly, 73 to 14, to trust their board and modernize the bylaw on investments.

They also voted 124 to 9 to approve a referendum granting a line of credit not to exceed \$100,000 to the Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), and in three uncontested races filled five of nine slots on the Board of Directors and elected all three members for the Audit Committee and five for the Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee.

At 7:52 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Alan Turnbull. In a surprisingly sedate and uncontentious manner, all business was completed in just over two and a half hours, and at 10:32 p.m. the meeting recessed to begin voting. Total attendance was about 175 people, with 118 households represented.

Officers Elected

Eight spirited members braved the unseasonably cool 60 degree temperature Friday night to gather at the polls for the results of the uncontested election. A total of 160 votes were cast, a rate of 10%. Five seats on the board will be filled for the next two years by Julia Eichhorst (152 votes), Keith Jahoda (146), Susan Ready (139), Steven Harper (134), and Betty Deitch (131). They will join incumbents Dorothy Lauber, Alan Turnbull, Chuck Hess, and John Taylor.

Audit Committee members elected for one-year terms are incumbents Deborah Cooley (143) and Kathleen Weber (141), joined by Andrew Levin (131).

The N&E Committee will consist of Sheila Alpers, Walter Braun, Judy Goldstein, Robert Snyder, and Judy Nelson.

Investment Changes

The existing bylaw on investing was written in the early 1950s by people who had experienced first-hand the market crash of '29 and the Great Depression. It allowed investing only in federal securities or other investments guaranteed by the federal government. As of December 31, 1996, the co-op had \$1,685,343 set aside for reserves, which were being invested according to a bylaw

over forty years old. A bylaw change proposed a year ago, and tabled until the current meeting, had added only the option of investing in federally-backed mutual funds.

After some debate, a new motion was substituted for the one that had been tabled. Instead of espousing any specific type of investment, it granted the board broad authority to invest co-op funds using sound judgment in consultation with independent professionals. It also called for the board to establish and periodically review investment policy and guidelines, and required a two-thirds vote of the board (six votes) to implement subsequent changes.

This motion drastically changed the current bylaw, by going from a very particular list of where money can and cannot be invested, to only a broad set of guidelines with no particular investment specified. It required the board to write a separate, specific policy that is in itself not a bylaw, and allowed the board to set a policy without coming to the membership for approval. These factors would give the board flexibility to act and change investments, depending on market conditions. In January and February, 1997, the board had held open meetings with financial experts and had discussed options at regular board meetings, but fewer than ten members attended the sessions.

Early in the debate a few seemed to want to leave things as they are, and about nine people were cautiously supportive of the substitute motion. Sylvia Lewis "wanted to see what was written," insofar as specific investments were concerned.

Debate centered on whether the membership was willing to grant blanket authority to the board and subsequent boards to invest the co-op's money without having to get member consent for a specific plan.

Opponents who favored leaving things as they were gathered at the microphone first. Andy Levin claimed the co-op did not know its short-term needs and should not tie up money in long-term instruments. Matt Amberg expressed concern about "aggressive" investments and said we could either "make a bundle or lose the co-op." Phil Brandeis agreed with Amberg, and urged members to oppose the motion.

Debate continued, this time with proponents lined up at the microphone. Charles Braun cited

the relative safety of a diversified portfolio including mutual funds, and the need to do something to get more money. Don Comis described the current policy as 100% conservative, and the proposed policy as 99% conservative. Nat Shinderman reminded members that the proposed motion would "obviate the need for the board to have to wait and come before the membership whenever market conditions point to the need to change." Chuck Hess said he had reviewed bylaws of other corporations and co-ops and "not one single bylaw has the investment policy written into the bylaw as our current bylaw does." Finally, by an overwhelming vote of 73 - 14, GHI members approved the motion to modernize the investment bylaw.

New Business

With no real opposition, members took only ten minutes to discuss the first item, extending a line of credit to GDC, up to \$100,000 at 8% interest, to make repairs and renovate six apartments. GDC is a subsidiary of GHI that consists of two apartment buildings on Parkway.

Shinderman related that in 1953-54, GHI spent about \$150 to purchase these two buildings, which are now worth approximately \$1 million. Last year, \$33,000 profit from GDC went to GHI, which lowers GHI members charges. Hess supported the loan and noted that if GDC went elsewhere to borrow, they would pay additional costs in fees, points, and appraisals. "Every dollar GDC spends is a dollar less GDC can return to GHI." The membership apparently listened closely, as the vote was 124 - 9 for extending the loan.

The second piece of new business passed was a motion by Walter Morse, seconded by

Eunice Coxon, to ensure that future "Candidates' Nights" be broadcast on cable, and notice given to members. N&E Committee member Judy Goldstein countered that Candidates' Night had been "fully televised on cable and announced in the News Review."

Member Awards

Julia Eichhorst was honored as Outstanding Committee Person for the year. Also recognized with plaques were outgoing directors Bill Phelan (Board of Directors 1993-97) and Ray Stevens (Board 1995-97, Audit Committee 1994-95).

Nat Shinderman was recognized with a standing ovation when the title "Director Emeritus" was conferred on him "for 45 years of outstanding service, leadership and dedication ... as president, vice president, treasurer, director, chair of Labor Day Festival Committee, member of finance, historic district, newsletter, and marketing committees, and original co-op member, for his untiring efforts and cooperative spirit."

Door Prizes

Winners of \$10 gift certificates to the Co-op Supermarket were Andy Levin, Barbara Gremour, Bob Snyder, Betty Deitch and David Brown. New Deal Cafe \$10 certificates went to Wendy Turnbull, Elaine Bobbit, Mary Kemp, and two unidentified members. Credit toward the GHI monthly fee went to Don Volk for \$50, Pearl Siegel for \$100, and Christopher Cherry for \$200.

Meet Clown Nellybelle

On Thursday, June 5, at 10:15 a.m., Nellybelle will be at the library to entertain pre-schoolers, aged 2 to 5. Nellybelle is a clown who does magic tricks.

Rabies Clinic Held May 31

The county Health Department's annual spring rabies vaccination clinics are now in progress. Nearest to Greenbelt will be the clinic at Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, which will be held Saturday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

Cats, dogs, and ferrets over three months old should be vaccinated, and the first shot must be repeated in one year. After the second shot, dogs and cats must be re-vaccinated at three year intervals; ferrets every year. All animals must be brought to the clinic by a responsible adult. Dogs are to be on a leash; cats and ferrets must be in a carrier box.

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Senior citizens participating in art class sponsored by Prince George's Community College at the Community Center. -photo by Lisa Goldman

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path around Greenbelt Lake, a rest chair in the Greenbelt post office, and a series of workshops on topics of interest to seniors.

Recreational Activities

Greenbelt's Recreation Department, in conjunction with other sponsoring groups, offers a superb range of activities of interest to older people. Some involve physical activities — exercise classes (land and water), dance, and tai chi — while others appeal to the mind and spirit through classes in literature, the arts, and current events, as well as a psychological support group. There are group trips, a free movie series, and games of every kind.

Many of these activities take place at the city's new Community Center, where quite a few of Greenbelt's older residents spend a good part of the day, several days a week — and no wonder. Part of the funding for the renovation of the building came from a state grant that required setting aside several rooms for the exclusive use of senior citizens. These include the comfortable Senior Lounge as well as the Senior Game Room, with its card and pool tables. Both rooms are available for use by anyone over the age of 60.

Food and Friendship

The grant also required that nutrition services be offered in the building, which led to the Food and Friendship program. The latter is funded by the county, and provides a well-balanced, low-cost meal and an opportunity for socializing. At present an average of 15 people attend each day, but more could be served if the demand builds up. Reservations must be made a day in advance.

Discussions are under way for delivery of meals to homebound seniors; this program, however, is still in the planning stage.

Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor

Also in the Community Center is the office of Karen Haseley, who as Greenbelt's Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor is responsible for planning and organizing many of the city's programs for senior citizens. I asked her recently to define "therapeutic recreation" for me. She replied that it is

based on the idea that people with disabilities — for example, those in institutions and psychiatric hospitals — have equal rights to recreation programs, which should focus on increasing skills and self-esteem.

Is age a disability, then, I asked? After all, in some cultures the old are considered to have achieved wisdom and are revered.

"No," she replied, but senior citizens are considered a "special population" in recreation theory, often in the context of possible health problems. There are many healthy seniors in Greenbelt, but over time a physical decline does take place. Senior programming in the city, which covers a broad age spectrum, from 60 to the late 80s and beyond, must take into account the amount of walking needed on trips, for example.

Haseley often receives calls from older citizens seeking information and assistance. For instance, a recent caller who had had polio as a child wanted to know if there were programs in which she could participate. "But sometimes it's a gradual process, getting people out of

the house where they may be quite isolated," said Haseley. "We try to help retirees reevaluate their goals and find meaningful, leisure-time activities."

Making Friends

The social interactions that are part of the city's programs lead in a natural way to the formation of new friendships, which is especially important for older people whose friends may have died or moved away.

"I don't know that a day goes by," commented Haseley, "that someone doesn't thank me for putting on these programs. They really enjoy them. It's so much nicer to be able to talk and gossip and do things than to sit in front of the TV. Some of these people are women whose husbands are gone, and the programs provide the social interaction they need."

Much of the socializing takes place among people who have common interests, like the Friday morning Works in Progress group (something like an old-fashioned sewing circle), where participants — not all of them women, by the way — work on their individual projects while enjoying the camaraderie of the group.

Games are available, too. At least three bridge groups meet in the Community Center every week, and on Monday afternoons the Game Room is set aside for poker. There is a pinocle group, and a mah jong group will be formed if enough people show up for it.

About twice a month, van trips are scheduled to such places as botanical gardens, theaters, the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore (followed by dinner at Hausner's), and other places of interest.

This spring there will be five theater parties to the Kennedy Center and Arena Stage for matinees, a trip to Camden Yards with a visit to the dug-out, and a picnic at Centennial Park in Columbia.

Seniors and Tots

A unique program is the

Intergenerational Dance Group, where senior citizens get together with children from the nursery school. Under the leadership of movement therapist Nancy Havlik, tots and seniors dance together for an hour on Wednesday afternoons in the dance studio at the Community Center. The class is especially valuable for participants who may not have grandchildren or grandparents living nearby.

PGCC Courses in Greenbelt

Some seniors join the 'Coping with Life Changes' class, a lecture and discussion group led by a counselor, where retirement, health, family and other issues may be explored. This course is offered by the Senior Program of Prince George's Community College (PGCC), which holds classes at 36 sites throughout the county. Six are

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Louise Champagne, Food and Friendship Food Service Manager (City employee) -photo by Karen Haseley

Greenbelt Pottery

Registration is now open for classes in adult and children's pottery, tile making, and sculpture. For more information call Jessica Gitlis at 441-3859 or pick up registration materials at: the Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt (Next to the Greenbelt Public Library)

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given in Greenbelt this spring, either at the Community Center or in Springhill Lake. The courses are funded by the college, and Greenbelt provides the rooms, rent-free. "Through this arrangement," said Haseley, "we get high quality classes the seniors really, really enjoy." By paying one modest registration fee at the college, citizens may attend as many different courses as they wish, anywhere in the county.

Thirty to 50 seniors show up for the popular PGCC morning exercise class at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are two instructors,

making it possible for some of the seniors to do warmup exercises in the gym while others go to the Aquatic and Fitness Center next door and use the machines, under supervision. A similar class is given in Springhill Lake on Mondays and Wednesdays.

PGCC also offers line dancing and watercolor painting classes in Greenbelt, as well as "Exploring Values through Literature," taught by popular instructor Dr. Bill Fry.

Explorations Series

Dr. Fry first came to Greenbelt to give a talk at Explorations, a weekly speaker se-

ries on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Topics in the series, for which no advance sign-up is necessary, range broadly over cultural, health, financial, and other issues. Fry "was such an outstanding lecturer," said Haseley, "that after a return engagement some of the seniors said, 'Why don't we just ask him to teach a course here?' So we did. A lot of our programming ideas come from citizens. Now 40 people are taking his literature course, and they all leave with smiles on their faces!"

Haseley Loves Job

Haseley, a tall, attractive woman in her thirties, says she "absolutely loves" dealing with older people. Perhaps that's

because in her former job she worked in a private psychiatric hospital for adolescents, many of whom seemed to go out of their way to be as rude as possible.

"Here people are constantly thanking me and being polite and nice," she said. "There's a world of difference. Greenbelt has such a great senior citizen population. They're outgoing, with a lot of ideas. I brainstorm with them. The Explorations program came from one of their suggestions."

Greenbelt Joiners

Greenbelters have long had a reputation as joiners, and this doesn't seem to change when they get older — they just have time to join more groups. Some belong to half a dozen or more. Concerned-citizen oldsters may serve on the city's Senior Citizen Advisory Board, helper types are apt to enlist in GIVES, political liberals segue naturally into the Gray Panthers, and those who just like to keep busy in a variety of activities often get involved with the Golden Age Club, the oldest senior club in the County that has been in continuous operation since its foundation.

More information on activities for senior citizens in Greenbelt can be obtained from the Recreation Department (301-397-2200), the Community Center (301-397-2208), and Prince George's Community College (301-322-0998).



Senior bridge club meets at the Greenbelt Community Center

-photo by Lisa Goldman



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If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on May 27, 1997.

Copies of the Proposed Budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, or at the County Library, 11 Crescent Road. For information please call 301-474-8000.

David E. Moran
City Clerk

NOTE: THE MEETING WILL BE CABLECAST LIVE ON CHANNEL B-10

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Greenbelt Summer Arts Camp for Children (Kreative Kids Kamp), seeks donations of the following items: old but working cameras, simple advance and shoot, 110 film type; fabric, light to medium weight, white or very light pastel (no patterns), in pieces 12 x 16 inches or larger (No 100% polyester or acrylic, please); and yarn is still appreciated. Please leave donations at the Community Center Main Office.

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BUDGET

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not a surplus at all. For FY98, the recycling coordinator's salary and benefits are now shown in the Public Works Administration budget, not the recycling budget. However, McLaughlin feels that the refuse and recycling fees should cover roughly half the \$40,000 cost of this position, as his budget proposal provided with the \$17,000 "surplus."

Council Struggled

Council really struggled to develop a position that three members of council could support. Mayor Bram opposed reducing the number of refuse collections. Councilmember Edward Putens opposed any proposal that did not have curbside collection; Councilmember Rodney Roberts opposed any proposal with curbside collection. Councilmember Thomas White supported the change to once-a-week collection and did appear to not have a strong position on curbside vs. backyard collection. Davis favored once-a-week collection and added curbside collection to meet Putens' concerns about equity (he has argued that some Greenbelt East communities have not received backyard collection, although city policy is that all customers should have that service), and because it is more efficient. Putens argued that shifting to once-a-week collection is "no way" to get new customers.

Mayor Bram was beginning to argue consensus for "Mr. Roberts' proposal" for a two-tier system in which customers could pay more to receive a second collection. The concept was supported by Bram, Putens, and Roberts. However, White

heatedly pointed out that there was no "proposal." McLaughlin, working to create an on-the-spot estimate, noted that the cost of additional service could be quite high (as much as \$33/month). There are also practical issues such as routing and keeping track of who gets the additional service that would have to be worked out.

After a lot of discussion and some shouting, a modified version of Davis's proposal was supported by Davis, White, and Roberts. This version calls for continued backyard refuse collection, and evaluation by October 1 of the feasibility of offering customers an option for a second pickup. One complication is that for most customers the city's contract is with a homeowner's association or board of directors. The assumption in the discussions was that for these customers the entire set of customers would get the same level of service — an individual GHI resident, for example, could not opt for twice-a-week collection if GHI chose once-a-week.

Putens and Bram were not happy with this ending. Putens warned that this change will cause the city to lose its customer base.

Police

The other hard decision council faced was whether and by how much to increase the size of the city's police force. A majority of council (excluding Roberts) supported adding a police cadet to reduce the administrative burden on the command staff. Putens proposed adding a School Resource Officer (SRO) for Greenbelt Middle School. Roberts fa-

vored adding four patrol officers, which he felt would have a greater impact on crime than the school officer. Putens was also willing to consider additional patrol officers. Bram, who very much wanted to avoid a fourth consecutive tax increase, supported the SRO but not the additional patrol officers. White favored no change in force size. Davis was willing to consider the SRO, but not the patrol officers. She noted that she would like to add more officers but did not think the city could afford to at this time.

The final result was that only the SRO made it "on the board" for council consideration, and it was included in the final set of changes supported by at least three members of council. It will likely be another year before this officer starts patrolling the school, as any new officer will have to be trained. Police Chief James Craze noted that when the Eleanor Roosevelt SRO was established he took the "extraordinary step" of pulling an officer off the street for this duty. He does not believe, and council did not argue, that the current situation requires such drastic actions.

At the urging of Putens, the police department has been investigating options for adding at least some bulletproof protection for city police cars. Sgt. Jim Parker said that a vendor has agreed to provide protective material for one vehicle as a demonstration. He noted that there are still a number of issues to be resolved, including safety and regulatory issues (for example, is the protected glass really clear and can the city get the necessary waivers to modify its vehicles in this manner). Putens pushed council to set aside at least some

funds to begin outfitting certain vehicles with the protective materials. However, Roberts, White, and Davis felt that the city should see the results of the demonstration and get additional facts and cost estimates before making such a commitment. Chief Craze agreed, saying that he had some concerns about the "optics" or glass clarity.

Revenues and Taxes

The city's own "rescoring" of revenues provided \$60,000 to help fund council's changes. Initially, council considered a one cent tax hike to fund additional capital projects (a compromise from an earlier suggestion to increase the city's contribution to the volunteer fire department and rescue squad by one cent with the understanding the firehouse renovations would be high on the list of priorities). When council got down to the bottom line, this one cent increase was dropped; but the councilmembers made clear their commitment to renovations, even if state funds are not forthcoming as hoped.

Bram argued that all of council's changes could be funded without a tax increase by reallocating funds from the undesignated fund balance (the accumulated unspent funds from previous years). However, White argued heatedly that ongoing expenses, such as additional staff, should not be funded with such "one time" revenue sources. There was no support among the other councilmembers for the mayor's proposal.

Given this fact, it soon became clear that the only way to fund the SRO was with a tax increase. This then gained the support of the requisite three councilmembers. Bram said that, despite her repeated desire to avoid a tax increase, she

SHL School 30th Year Celebrated

by Kerana Todorov

Springhill Lake Elementary School is celebrating its 30th anniversary with the dedication of a new playground. "It's beautiful," says Principal Linda Sherwood. Students, parents, alumni and the community are invited to come help dedicate the new playground on Friday, June 6, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Visitors are invited to bring a picnic dinner and meet Stan Klein who was the school's principal between 1971 and 1990. Sherwood, who came to Springhill Lake Elementary in 1990 from Carrollton Elementary, says she expects other long-time teachers to come to celebrate the school's anniversary.

Springhill Lake Elementary now has 770 students. It has nine temporary classrooms. Sherwood said a new addition to be built in 1998, should alleviate overcrowding.

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would support one cent for an SRO. Roberts also supported it, although he made clear his preference for additional patrol officers to address problem areas such as Roosevelt Center. Putens had already indicated his willingness to support a tax increase for additional officers. (At this point, roughly 12:30 Tuesday morning, the meeting was chaotic and council and staff were gathered around the posted numbers trying to be sure the budget would balance. The positions of Davis and White on the tax increase were not clear, but neither argued when McLaughlin declared "You've got it covered.")

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The View From Ridge Road



First Move

by Christina O'Boyle

This is one of those areas in life that you don't know how it's done until you're finding your own way through it. Moving was something everyone else did. Every page in our address book chases friends around the beltway or across the country to new addresses. My friend Denise takes up a page. She moved from this area to San Jose, then to San Francisco where she married Hubert, had two children and moved a couple times before boxing-up her household and shipping it to France. In France they've moved three times. All those houses she set up! All those good-byes she said! Throughout those years of her moving around, I stayed here, in this one house.

Although I carried a stool out to the oak tree and nailed up the "For Sale" sign, I have a real disconnect about it being the O'Boyles who are moving since we've never done it before. We started house-hunting seriously last June, but we're very particular and therefore slow. All year long, when friends called to say they were moving or sent cards with a new address, I felt left behind. But now there's a part of me reaching out for the adventure, while there's a part of me standing out by the oak tree wondering why our phone number is on this "For Sale" sign.

This dichotomy pursues me hardest at the Co-op and at my desk, the two places I find myself most at home in the world. In the aisles of my grocery store, I hug my friends and nod yes, it's true we're moving, to their disbelief. Describing to them our saga of finding a house north of Annapolis, in Severna Park, is like rehearsing lines before the play opens: If I say the words often enough, maybe I'll take on the persona by opening night (moving day). I feel an urgency as I grasp their shoulders, which conflicts with my need to take the whole business lightly. "We'll be here until August. There's no rush, no

big deal," I say nonchalantly as if it were Denise we're talking about. After all, I'm not moving to France; I can come back anytime.

Then I drive home and park in front of that "For Sale" sign and have to come to grips with what Denise knows but says little about. That's because it's the hardest part and you don't know how it's going to be until you're the one doing it. You may find yourself acting glib with your affection for the Co-op cashiers, the staff at the Aquatics and Fitness Center, your letter-carrier, Melody, your librarians and school teachers, fellow baseball team parents and church friends for as long as you can until one day, when looking up from your writing desk in the second story turret window, the beauty of the blowing trees undoes your resistance, and you wonder how it is that you can go.

I have been out with my clippers pruning the forsythia that 18 years ago were 66 twigs John planted along the fence to hide it. Under the leggy branches that arch over my head and blow out of my hands, I say my first real good-bye, recognizing that my work is for the next owners' enjoyment; we won't be here next spring to see our yellow hedge. And so it's all good-byes, isn't it? Good-bye to the luminous white dogwood that grows at the edge of the woods. Good-bye to the bulbs and bushes we planted, the bricks we laid for paths. And our house. These walls that know us so well, that let us push them out for windows and decks, fireplace, cellar and turret. Walls that held us while we slept, threw parties, rushed to grad school and careers, rocked crying babies, struggled with decisions, made dreams come true. Good-bye to the sunlight that knows how to find our shoulders at the dinner table, our fingers in the dishwasher, the blue glass bottles in the windows.

And the woods. You can't tell me my words don't come from the woods. When I sit at my desk in the turret and watch the tree trunks — great gray elephant legs beside the house, thin pencils swaying farther in the woods — and tree tops waving in the sky, I am sent words.

Would I ever have known what to say if I hadn't sat here, surrounded by trees, in this one house of all houses in the world? In the early years, I didn't really see them, and certainly didn't hear them — I mean whispering or singing or talking plainly to me. I had to learn. After walking around their roots and trunks so many times I began listening. I was fed sentences, words to be shared; a translation of oaks, pines and poplars into "The View From Ridge Road." Here, in this singular spot, I learned to write. So how can I say good-bye?

We'll take our bottles, dishes, dinner table and friendships to the next house. We'll take some boxwood bushes from the garden, and our ability to knock down walls, make friends and write newspaper columns. But it will be here sunlight, gardening, remodeling, children and writing found us first. In our first house.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
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Condolences to Camilla Shiplett of Canning Terrace on the death of her husband Lester.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Keith Petroff, of Lakeside Drive, one of Greenbelt's early residents. Our sympathy to his wife Betty.

Condolences to Judy Hering of Greenbelt Cares on the death of her father-in-law, Louis Briotti, who died May 3 following a lengthy illness.

News Review staff member Lucille Howell was featured as an original Greenbelt pioneer in a Baltimore Sun article on May 3 concerning President Franklin D. Roosevelt's impact on America. Her late husband, Carson, who was an administrative officer at the White House, began his work there as a postal clerk for Eleanor Roosevelt. Lucille escorted the Sun photographer, Chiaki Kawajiri, around the city, stopping in the News Review office for her to meet her fellow journalists.

Library Fetes Volunteers

by Eileen Farnham

On Friday, April 18, county library volunteers and staff met at the New Carrollton branch for the annual brunch to recognize the important contributions of library volunteers. In addition to food, there were book and memento gifts for the volunteers and a variety of door prizes. The festivities included music by another group of volunteers — the library's own employee band, the 782.42163's (a name play on the Dewey decimal system) — who entertained with enthusiasm and had the crowd singing along with a program of well-known tunes.

This year's event was A Silver Celebration, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the library system's volunteer program.

Each year special milestone awards are presented to recognize volunteers who have reached 100, 500, 1,000, and 2,500 hours service.

Although not all volunteers can attend due to other daytime commitments, a large contingent of Greenbelt volunteers and library staff, including Branch Manager Honore' Francois, were at the event. Greenbelt was exceptionally well represented among those receiving service awards this year. Of the 28 persons receiving 100 hour service awards, more than a third, 10, were Greenbelters, two of them who are also Greenbelt News Review staffers. Nine do a wide variety of tasks at the Greenbelt branch and one is a homebound visitor, reading to nursing home patients who cannot hold books. Of 39 volunteers on the Greenbelt library rolls, those receiving 100 hour certificates were: Neme Ayachitula, Ralph Chambers, Joey Connor, Eileen Farnham, Chareclia Gjoni, Julie Kender, Eleanor Pizzarelle, Joseph Remenick, and Darlene Willoughby.

One Greenbelter, Kathryn Connolly, received recognition for 500 hours service to the library system. Connolly, who retired



Kathryn Connolly

from Holy Cross Hospital, brings with her a colorful past that included helping to edit the United Nations Charter and a brief stint as a period-costumed, hoop-skirted usher for the Georgia premiere of "Gone with the Wind" when she was a college student in the area. Asked how long it took to accumulate 500 hours service, Connolly, who works one day a week, said she'd taken time out for an operation and a broken arm, but thought she'd been working for the library for about six years.

Potential library volunteers can drop by the library whenever it is open to fill out a simple application to help identify their interests, time available, and the kinds of things they would like to do.

Oratorio Group Spring Concert

The Laurel Oratorio Society (LOS) will have its spring concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7610 Old Sandy Spring Road. Randall Thompson's "Peaceable Kingdom" and George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" are on the program. There is a fee. Tickets may be purchased from LOS members or at the door. For information call 301-490-8554.



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A pizza delivery person was robbed at gunpoint on Thursday, May 15, in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court. Three suspects approached the victim, who had just finished a delivery. One suspect held a long-barreled handgun. The suspects demanded money and fled, running toward Cherrywood Terrace. The suspects are described as: 1) a black male, 5'7", 150 pounds, about 17 years old, wearing a black baseball cap, white T-shirt, black shorts, and sneakers; he was armed and carried a blue book bag; 2) a black male, 5'7", 130 pounds, about 17 years old, with a thin build, wearing a white T-shirt with stripes and blue jeans; 3) a black male, 5'10", 150 pounds, about 17 years old, with a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for marijuana possession by the ERHS School Resource Officer on Wednesday, May 14, in the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway. He was released to his father, pending action by the Juvenile Justice System. Three other youths in his car, all truants, were sent back to Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested on citation on Thursday, May 15, and charged with possession of a cigarette. He was released to his mother pending action by the juvenile justice system.

The school security officer at the Greenbelt Middle School saw a 13-year-old Seat Pleasant youth remove a baggie of suspected marijuana from his sack while he was in the gym locker room. When he saw the officer, he tried to hide it. The police were called and arrested him for marijuana possession. He was released to his father pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Officers responded to the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge on Springhill Drive after receiving several calls reporting a fight at that location. When officers arrived, they were told that two individuals had just left the scene in a vehicle with a gun in the car. The suspect vehicle was located by officers in the area of Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road and a felony stop was initiated. The driver exited when ordered to do so but the passenger refused to exit. When he finally got out of the vehicle, he began shouting profanities, causing people to gather at the scene. He was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. No gun was found in the vehicle.

Greenbelt Landmark Quiz Answer

An annual income of \$1,500 or less was classified as low-income and 63% of the population was classified as being low income.

Historical information contained in this answer is taken from the Greenbelt Application for recognition as a National Landmark prepared by Elizabeth Jo Lampl.

A 30-year-old nonresident female was arrested on Friday, May 9, at Beltway Plaza for leaving a four-month-old infant alone in a vehicle. She was charged and released on citation pending trial. On the following day a 23-year-old nonresident female was arrested and charged with leaving a three-year-old child alone at the Beltway Plaza mall. The child had been seen wandering by himself for over an hour through the mall.

A 32-year-old resident of Mandan Road was arrested on Sunday, May 11, and charged

Substation-East

The Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 301-474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, 301-474-5454.

with drinking in public after he had been found in his vehicle near his house, passed out, in possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

The ERHS School Resource Officer charged a 16-year-old nonresident with assault of another student and disrupting school activities when he became disorderly on Thursday, May 15. He was transported to Waxter Children's Center in Laurel, pending action by the Board of Education and the Juvenile Justice System.

A 14-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested Saturday, May 10, and charged with trespassing after going back to

Jeepeers! Indoor Playground after he had been banned from the property earlier in the day for violating store policy.

A child's bicycle was stolen on Tuesday, May 13, from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court and a seven-year-old Greenbelt youth was later charged with theft. He was released to his mother on the scene pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

A burglary occurred on Tuesday, May 13, from a residence in the 100 block of Northway. The suspect, who entered through a dog door, left in a red 1989 or 1990 Toyota truck. Money and a duffle bag were taken.

A duffle bag containing baseball equipment was taken from the front of a residence in the 10 block of Crescent Road on Tuesday, May 13, and home electronic equipment and miscellaneous items were stolen on Friday, May 9, when a residence in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace was burglarized. Pia Fashions in Beltway Plaza reported a burglary on May 12. Currency was taken.

Building materials were taken from a construction site on Thursday, May 8, in the 6800 block of Hanover Parkway and a steel fire door and lumber on Monday, May 12, from a construction site in the 6500 block of Springcrest Drive. Other thefts included currency on Monday, May 12, taken at a party from Martin's Crosswinds and a VCR, compact discs and clothing on Wednesday, May 14, in the burglary of a residence in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white 1987 Chevrolet Camaro, Maryland tags DYA035, from Beltway Plaza; a silver 1987 Acura Legend 4-door, Virginia tags ZZS3385, on May 15, from the 7900 block of Mandan Road; a blue 1990 Acura Legend 2-door, on May 15, from the 7800 block of Mandan Road; a gold 1988 Acura Legend 2-

door, Maryland tags DGY511, on May 15, from the 7200 block of Morrison Drive; and a 1992 Coleman camper/trailer, Maryland tag 346032G, on May 15, from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 100 block of Westway (three incidents), 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block of Springhill Lane, and 6000 block of Springhill Drive.

Wildlife Programs For Kids & Families

The Patuxent Research Refuge—North Tract will hold the following programs for children and families:

"Night Hike" - ages 8 and older with parent. May 30, 8-9:30 p.m. Search for creatures of the night such as owls, bats, peepers and whippoorwills. Bring a flashlight.

"Stream Search" - ages 8 and older with parent. May 31, 2-3:30. Learn how to monitor the health of a stream by searching for aquatic insects. Wear boots.

Learn more about the Patuxent Research Refuge, the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the National Wildlife Visitor Center on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.pwrc.nbs.gov>

Advance registration required for all programs. Space is limited. Programs are free. Call 1-410-674-3304, TDD 1-410-674-4625 for reservations and information. Programs are held at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station, Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel, MD (off Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32). Please

Greenbriar Troubled With ERHS Loiterers


by Kerana Todorov

Greenbriar Condominium is trying to stop Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students from loitering and frightening residents. During this past school year, more students than in previous years have been crossing Hanover Parkway from the school to sit on steps of buildings within the apartment development, smoking and hanging out in hallways, said Stephen R. Bupp, president of Condominium, Inc., which manages Greenbriar.

But Bupp said that ERHS officials, Greenbelt City Council, and the Police Department have coordinated efforts to work on the problem. In addition, four weeks ago the condominium hired a private security force for a 10-week trial period. Since then, Bupp said, the situation has greatly improved.

Councilmember J Davis, who lives at Greenbriar, said during the April 4 City Council meeting that parents need to be aware of where their children are. Members of council are also still considering allowing the police to work as "agents," allowing them to make arrests without the presence of the owner. Bupp said he hoped council would approve the measure. He said that residents who call the police asking them to remove trespassers are usually afraid to come outside their condominiums to make the identification.

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GEAC Tackles Lighting, A Greenbelt Gardener

Water Main Repair
by Dennis Jelalian
At the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting on May 1 at Hunting Ridge, traffic at Hunting Ridge, lighting on Hanover Parkway, and water main repair were discussed.

Hunting Ridge
To improve pedestrian and traffic safety at the entrance to Hunting Ridge, the city is planning to install flexible bollards (to prevent passing on the shoulders) and to install a temporary street light. The city is also asking Metro to move a bus stop away from the entrance. Councilmember Edward Putens reported that some residents expressed concern that these measures might cause traffic backup and rear-end collisions. GEAC Chairman Sheldon Goldberg pointed out that these measures were not the final answer. The consensus was that the plan should be tried and further measures adopted later if necessary. Celia Wilson, Director of Planning and Community Development, reported the above measures should be completed within a month.

Hanover Lighting
Street lights have been installed on Hanover Parkway between Megan Lane and the entrance to Greenbrook Manor. Wilson met with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to try to find a compromise relating to the location of street lights over the 96 inch water main which runs down the west side of Hanover Parkway.

Water Main Repair
The WSSC is planning to re-line the above mentioned 96" water main so it is unlikely they will change their position forbidding street lights above this water main. The section to be repaired runs from Greenbelt Road down Hanover Parkway and Princess Garden Parkway to Route 450. The work will begin soon and take about two years to complete.

Crosswalk at ERHS
In response to safety concerns about traffic at the entrance to Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) on Hanover Parkway, Terri Hruby, community planner, reported in a document that the city made a traffic study of the area, and made the following recommendations: apply lane markings, provide a crosswalk east of the entrance drive across Hanover Parkway, request the Board of Education to construct a sidewalk along the east side of the school entrance drive, place flexible bollards along the shoulders of the eastbound lane west of the entrance drive and along the shoulders across from Metro bus stops.

The consensus of the GEAC meeting was that painting stripes to mark lanes, parking places, and crosswalks is a good idea, but the proposed bollards would mar the look of the neighborhood and should not be used.

ERHS Guardrail
After a meeting with the State Highway Administration, Putens reported that progress was made in getting a guardrail at the entrance to ERHS on Greenbelt Road.

Greenbrook Lake
While permits to resume construction should be approved soon, the state is prohibiting construction to resume until the end of the waterfowl breeding season, June 15.

Commerce Center II
Hampton Inn has filed a detailed site plan for proposed construction with the county. Covenants forbidding the proposed construction remain in effect.

Zoning Authority
The city has been given limited zoning authority to authorize departures from standards on signs, parking, decks, waivers and variances. It will take six to eight months to enact the necessary enabling legislation.

The 60th anniversary celebration, trespassing at Greenbriar, and the police budget were also discussed. Absent from the meeting were Judith Thompson (who was out of town), Richard Sellah and Candace Culhane.

The next GEAC meeting will be at Windsor Green June 5.

by Rosie Rhubarb
The month of May is the time to start the summer vegetable and flower gardens. It is getting late in the month, so plant the garden soon.

Some planning now will save time and energy in the long run. Think about what you would like to grow. Think of what amount of vegetables and herbs you would like from the garden. Think of what colors, types, and heights of flowers you would like. Perhaps tall flowers or vines are needed to hide unsightly spots or low uniform plants are needed to produce a tidy bed in a very visible place. But remember the reality of the situation. Only some flowers do well in shade and almost no vegetable does well in shade. Even a few minutes of thought will mean you will be much more likely to buy plants that suit your needs and not just buy on impulse.

Flowers that do well in the shade are impatiens, begonia, torenia, browallia. Coleus plants produce pretty colored leaves in the shade. Impatiens and coleus come in quite a range of colors

and can be grown from seed easily if started indoors in the last part of March.

Tomato and pepper plants can also be started from seed indoors early, but now should be bought as plants. There is nothing like the taste of a vine ripened tomato. A few plants will be enough for most families. There are so many varieties it can be difficult to choose, so if you go to a full service garden center, ask for advice. Cherry tomatoes such as "Sweet One Hundred," are a good bet, since their small fruit ripen quicker than the big, meaty varieties.


This holds true for peppers, too. Waiting for the big green bells to ripen takes longer than the small bell shaped "Gypsy" or hot pepper shaped "Banana" (which is not hot). Hot peppers can be drought resistant. For mild hotness try "Anaheim."

Squash can be started from seed or bought as plants. Winter squash takes all summer to ripen up. Summer squashes can produce all summer if harvested frequently. They are most tasty eaten when small, for example

zucchini is best picked when six to eight inches long. Since they sometimes seem to grow an inch a day, the secret to a long season is to check and pick frequently. Bushy varieties are best for the small garden.

Beans can be sown every week or two to prolong and space out the harvest. They can be sown into August to give a full summer of beans. For the small garden bush beans fit best. If space is no problem, there is quite a range of pole beans, lima beans, and black-eyed-peas available.

When buying plants look for healthy plants that will continue to develop strong leaves and stems and thus will produce many flowers for weeks this summer. When choosing a plant look for healthy green leaves. Avoid plants with yellowing and browning leaves, grayish spots, bugs, fuzzy patches, or webs. Also avoid plants that have a lot of roots sticking out of the bottom of the pot. This is a sign that the plant is pot bound and has been stressed. At this stage healthy plants are more important than flowers on the young plants.



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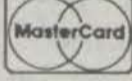
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The speaker will be David Hollies of Home Connections, Inc. This is a free referral service which connects approved contractors with homeowners who may be wary of hiring an unknown company or individual who might not be reliable. Hollies will give a full explanation of the service

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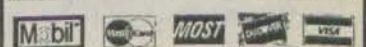
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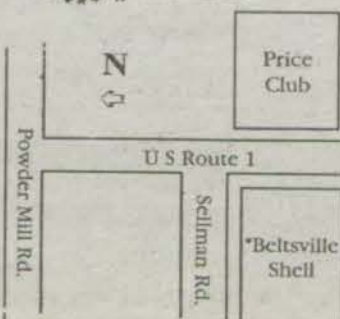
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Greenbelt CARES

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Carol Leventhal were in attendance.

On Thursday, Carol participated in the final writing session of the Systems Reform Initiative/Juvenile Justice/ Domestic Violence Task Force Integration Work Group. The Work Group will submit its draft report to the SRI Task Force on May 21.

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60th Anniversary 1937 - 1997

Greenbelt Day Weekend

Friday, May 30 - Sunday, June 1

Greenbelt Day Weekend marks the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Greenbelt as a municipality. Time has demonstrated that Greenbelt has developed into a highly successful city. Its citizenry has displayed an active interest in the promotion of civic programs and community spirit as we enter into our 60th year.

Greenbelt Day Weekend is a time to commemorate the City's past, celebrate the present and look forward to an exciting future as a great community to live, work and play. A variety of special events have been planned for the weekend. The Mayor, Council members and City Staff cordially invite you to join us. There is something for everyone!

Weekend highlights include a Family Moonlight Swim at the Aquatic and Fitness Center; Moonlight Concert at the outdoor swimming pool, featuring a performance by "Fiddlestyx," Contra Line Dancing; and Family Day at The Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. You can also enjoy softball, baseball, T-ball, tennis and much more!

As in the past, all city residents, organizations and businesses are encouraged to join the commemoration set for Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1. Have a great weekend!

FRIDAY, MAY 30th

- 6:00 pm *Greenbelt Little League.* Cubs vs. Indians, McDonald Field.
- 8:00 pm *Greenbelt Little League.* Coaches All-Star Game, McDonald Field.
- 6:15 pm *Coach Pitch Baseball.* Rockies vs. Braves, Northway #1.
- 6:15 pm *Coach Pitch Baseball.* Marlins vs. Astros, Braden Field #3.
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm *Family Moonlight Swim.* Aquatic and Fitness Center. Free for passholders, normal admission price for other guests.
- 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm *New Deal Cafe.* Featuring a variety of food, desserts, coffee, tea, espresso. Live entertainment by Steve Gellman, modern original folk music.



SATURDAY, MAY 31st

- 8:00 am - 10:00 pm *Aquatic and Fitness Center Open.* Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance to the indoor and outdoor pools.
- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm *Greenbelt Museum Flea Market.* Browse through treasures at the Roosevelt Center Mall for some unique "Junque." For information call 301-474-6369.
- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm *GTA Memorial Day Tennis Tournament.* Final matches will be held on Braden Field Tennis Courts #1-6. Spectators welcome.
- 10:00 am *Coach Pitch Baseball.* Yankees vs. Marlins, Northway #1.
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am *Greenbelt Lions Club Adopt-A-Park.* Public is invited to participate in Greenbelt Community Center grounds cleanup. Meet at front Community Center entrance opposite the City Office Building. Join the clean-up program with the University of Maryland men's varsity soccer team. Meet the players and get autographs from your favorite players. Refreshments provided. For info call Rowland Hoke at 301-794-8452.
- 10:00 am - 8:00 pm *Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open.* Recreational swimming for all ages. Purchase a summer season pass and save on the price for daily admissions.
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm *Moonlight Concert at the Greenbelt Municipal Pool.* This free pool side concert will feature a performance by "Fiddlestyx," specializing in Contra Line Dancing. This is the same group that performed at the first Greenbelt New Year 97 celebration. All are invited to attend this event. Refreshments available for a nominal fee.
- 8:30 - 10:30 pm. *New Deal Cafe* Enjoy a variety of food, desserts, coffee, tea, espresso. Live entertainment with Rob Gutenberg playing family oriented folk music.



**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
Summer Season Pass Rates:**

	Resident	Non-Resident
Youth	\$42.00	\$81.00
Adult	\$82.00	\$124.00
Family	\$165.00	\$238.00
Senior (60+)	\$45.00	\$87.00

GREENBELT DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

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Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center Summer Daily Admission

	Resident	Non-Resident		Resident	Non-Resident
Adult (14-59 yrs)	\$4.00	\$5.00	Under 1 yr.	FREE	FREE
Child (1-3 yrs)	\$2.00	\$2.50	Senior (60+)	\$2.50	\$3.00



- 1:00 pm *Hamilton Cemetery Dedication.* Mayor and City Council will unveil the historic showcase recently completed at the site of the Hamilton Cemetery. The ceremony will take place behind the GHI offices located on Hamilton Place. All are invited to visit this historic site, which dates back to the 1700's.
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm *Greenbelt Museum Open.* 10-B Crescent Road is the site for tours and historic exhibits. FREE admission.
- 2:00 pm *Greenbelt Little League.* All Star Game, McDonald Field.

FAMILY DAY at the Greenbelt American Legion, Post #136. **Greenbelt's 60th Anniversary Celebration!** Sunday, June 1st 12:00 Noon - 6:00 pm

Join in the fun, with all day activities including children's game booths; moon bounce, face painting, clown, balloons, a 50/50 raffle, tarot readers, Vegas cards and a used book sale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and make a day of it! **Please, no outside food or drink.** There will be food & drink for sale at moderate prices.

- 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm *Variety Show.* Featuring a variety of young entertainers from Talent Unlimited. Also appearing, Miss P. G. County, Miss Teen P. G. County, Miss Lanham, Miss Teen Lanham, Miss Teen Greenbelt, Miss Greenbelt America, Miss Greenbelt and Junior Miss Greenbelt.
- 1:00 pm *Horse Shoe Tournament.* Open, single elimination. Bring a partner.
- 1:00 pm *Dart Tournament.* Open format, to be determined.
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm *Recycling Advisory Committee.* Will offer important recycling tips.
- 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm *Greenbelt Adult Care Center.* Valuable information on adult care in Greenbelt.
- 1:45 pm *Greenbelt Day Program.* The Mayor and City Council will offer anniversary remarks to commemorate the City's 60th year.
- 2:00 pm *Bingo.* In the main hall of The American Legion.
- 2:00 pm *Greenbelt Police Department.* The Greenbelt Police Department Ceremonial Unit will present colors.
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm *Greenbelt Concert Band.* The band will present an exciting array of musical selections.
- 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm *Variety Show.* Featuring a variety of young entertainers from Talent Unlimited. Also appearing, Miss P. G. County, Miss Teen P. G. County, Miss Lanham, Miss Teen Lanham, Miss Teen Greenbelt, Miss Greenbelt America.
- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm *D J Music.* The music continues with an opportunity to request your favorites.

Family Day is a free event co-sponsored by:
The Greenbelt American Legion Family & The Greenbelt Recreation Department

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Renovation of the Flag Pole at the Greenbelt Community Center