

# News Review

## Anniversary Issue

With this issue, the News Review is celebrating its 60th birthday.

To mark this occasion, this week's issue contains a special pull-out supplement featuring selected articles, columns, editorials and letters from the issues of the past five years that had more than passing interest.

Volume 60, Number 52

15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887

Thursday, November 20, 1997

## Remembering the Early Years — News Review Editors Reminisce

by Sandra Lange

Some volunteer organizations in the city may be as old as the Greenbelt News Review — 60 years this month. But there are few that operate on a weekly basis, 52 weeks each year. And none can boast as many members of its key staff who have been volunteers for 30 and even 40 years straight. That, surely, is a record.

These people are survivors. They survived the attacks of developers, one of whom called them "pipsqueak journalists" and another who sued them for libel in a \$2 million suit. This occurred at a time when the paper even had trouble paying its weekly printing bill.

The libel suit went all the way to the Supreme Court and the

"pipsqueak journalists" had the last laugh. It was a classic case of underdogs who would not be intimidated and the community that stood behind them. It took its toll, though. It was especially stressful on the lives of Elaine Skolnik and her husband, Al, who was then president of the board of directors and personally named in the suit.

In a recent interview with Elaine Skolnik and other long-term News Review staff members, they revealed some of their experiences with the newspaper during the past 40 years.

**Elaine Skolnik**

Elaine joined the staff in 1954, 43 years ago. She started out writing the "Our Neighbors" column at home. She didn't come down to the News Review

office at first because she had small children. No shrinking violet now, back then Elaine was unsure of herself and of her skills as a writer. "I couldn't finish a story without Al," she says, crediting her late husband with every journalistic technique she has learned.

After Al died in 1977, Elaine succeeded him as president of the board. She also assumed the job of news editor, a position that she created. She still retains the latter title as well as that of "President Emeritus."

Elaine remembers the 1950s as a time when the News Review was barely surviving financially. Delivered free to every home in Greenbelt, it depended then, as now, on advertising to pay its

See EARLY YEARS page 12

## Planning Director Urges Vigilance on Smith Tract

by Virginia Beauchamp

Greenbelt Director of Planning and Community Development, Celia Craze, in a memorandum to City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin, urged the City to adopt a proactive stance concerning the A. H. Smith property.

The property lies along Branchville Road just beyond the city's western boundary at the edge of Beltway Plaza. The northern edge of the Smith property abuts land encompassing the Greenbelt Metro station. Currently the A. H. Smith Sand and Gravel Company operates within a portion of this property.

**Change in Market Conditions**

In the October 23 memo to McLaughlin, Craze summarized points made by Richard ("Chip") Reed, who represents the Smith development team, when he described recent improvements in market conditions. According to Reed, these positive changes have caused its owners, the Smith brothers, to contemplate future development. They have in mind a combination residential, retail, office, hotel complex, which they hope to create jointly with the Washington

Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

The six points listed by Reed were as follows: 1) the pending entry of another major developer as part of the development team; 2) support for economic development on the site from the County Executive's office; 3) improved market conditions; 4) the Smith family's recent sale of the Citizen's Bank of Maryland, which netted some \$150 million; 5) the desire to save the site from development with a "big box" retail center, such as Home Depot or Target; and 6) consideration by WMATA of a joint proposal submitted by a development team including John Lally, Jim Herl and Mark Vogel (all known in the past for their strong political connections).

Reed laid out this background in a meeting held on October 22 which, besides Craze, included the Planning Director for College Park, Terry Schum; the Town Administrator for Berwyn Heights, Patricia Storke; Reed's assistant, Pat Ricker; and Greenbelt Director of Community Planning, Terri Hruby.

See SMITH TRACT, page 5



News Review Staff members, past and present, gather to reminisce about the paper's history. Left to right, standing: Harry Zubkoff, Dorothy Sucher, Barbara Likowski, Mary Lou Williamson, Sandra Lange. Seated: Elaine Skolnik and Virginia Beauchamp.

-photo by Judy Nelson.

## News Review Dinner Festivities Mark Paper's 60th Anniversary

by James Giese

Over 100 staff members, former staff members, family members and friends celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Greenbelt News Review at a banquet held on Sunday, November 16, at Martin's Crosswinds. Former editor, author and staff member Dorothy Sucher served

as Mistress of Ceremonies for the program that followed the dinner. Seven former editors and the current one, Mary Lou Williamson, reminisced about their times, often troubled, of leading the paper and maintaining its record of never having missed an issue, despite the fact that it has always been produced by a group of amateur, but dedicated, volunteers.

Mayor Judith Davis issued a proclamation, one of the first in her newly-acquired role. She was joined by three of the councilmembers — Thomas White, Rodney Roberts and Alan Turnbull. The mayor expressed the gratitude of the community for the many years of hard work contributed by the News Review staff to keep Greenbelt's citizens informed.

**Doyenne Speaks**

Ellie Ritchie, who called herself "the doyen of existing editors," served from July 1945 to

April 1946. She recalled how the paper had been financially dependent upon the advertising of the Greenbelt Consumers Co-op and how the general manager had withheld payment for ads because of his unhappiness with what the paper was saying about the co-op, causing the paper to go nearly broke. She concluded her remarks by expressing her thanks to Greenbelt "for all the things it did for me."

Isadore Parker, Russ Greenbaum and Harry Zubkoff were all editors in the 1950's, the job often rotating among them. Zubkoff, the first of these editors (July 1950 to May 1952), recalled that the departing editor, Sally Meredith, gave him a rundown of what he had to do and then disappeared from the scene, leaving him on his own.

Zubkoff took credit, or accepted blame, for the paper's

See DINNER, page 10

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 24, 1937, the first issue of an independent, nonprofit, cooperative newspaper was published and delivered free of charge to all residents of the Town of Greenbelt; and  
WHEREAS, not a single issue has been missed in the 60 years since that date—a record believed to be unmatched anywhere in the United States by a free weekly newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt News Review unites the city and provides a forum for citizens to share their ideas and opinions with their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Greenbelt News Review is staffed by dedicated volunteers who give many hours of their time to keep the residents of Greenbelt well informed about local news and happenings that impact the community; and

WHEREAS, a key ingredient to good government is an informed citizenry, Greenbelters are encouraged to express their appreciation to the News Review staff for their outstanding service to the city; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of

### THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

and congratulate them for providing a quality publication for sixty outstanding years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to be affixed this 20th day of November, 1997

JUDITH F. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

David E. Moran  
City Clerk



### What Goes On

Mon., Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, Community Center

8 p.m. Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Mishkan Torah Synagogue

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 27 & 28 Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed



"IT'S FILLED WITH NEWS REVIEW EDITORS AND STAFF."

## Letters

### Thank You

Thank you to all my friends and supporters who made my reelection to City Council possible. Also, a special thanks to everyone who answered their door with a smile and a kind word. Your support makes all the difference.

Rodney M. Roberts

### Information Please

I am in the fifth grade at Hart-Ransom School in Modesto, California. I have adopted your state as a class project. I will be doing a report and making displays about it. In May, my class will be having a "States Fair." I will display and show everything I have learned about your state.

It would be helpful to me if you could send postcards, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, industry, neat places to visit, statistics, sport teams and any other information and items your readers feel would be helpful.

I hope your readers can help me. I'm looking forward to hearing from people in your state.

Thank you from California.

Daniela

Hart-Ransom School  
3930 Shoemaker Ave.  
Modesto, CA 95358



### Greenbelt Connection

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Thursday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information, call the Greenbelt Connection at  
(301) 474-4100.

## County High Schools Host Basketball Day

On Saturday, November 22, the 20 public high schools in Prince George's County will host a Basketball Shoot Out Jamboree at Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine. Each of the schools has entered both the girls' and boys' basketball teams, some of which have won both local and state titles.

The day long event, which begins at 9 a.m. and runs through 4:30 p.m., will feature simultaneous scrimmage games between the school system's outstanding basketball teams. This activity will provide entertainment for the sports enthusiast or the young at heart.

Both the Eleanor Roosevelt boys team and the girls team will play a series of four short games beginning at 10:20 a.m.

The Jamboree provides an opportunity for students, families, staff and the general public to join together in an atmosphere of camaraderie and fun. Children can experience the thrill of high school basketball at its best. Adults can sit back and enjoy youth participating in a positive program.

For more information call 301-372-0736.

## Helicopter Complaints

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has notified city officials he has received complaints about helicopter flights over the city at low altitudes causing disturbing and intensive noise. He advises that these complaints cannot be checked out by Andrews Air Force Base unless they receive very specific information on the day of the problem.

Persons who wish to complain are asked to immediately notify Cathy Trebelhorn in Hoyer's Greenbelt office at 301-474-0119.

## Philharmonic Offers Singles Night

Prince George's Philharmonic will present a singles night at the Queen Anne Theatre at Prince George's Community College in Largo on Saturday, November 22, at 6:30 p.m. The festivities begin with a get-acquainted party in the lobby from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the concert at 8 p.m. The post-concert party will be held at 9400 Peppercorn Place in Largo from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. For ticket information call 301-454-1462.



## Desegregation Case Briefing Nov. 24

Is court-ordered busing in the public schools coming to an end? The lawsuit under reconsideration (known as the Vaughns et al. vs. Prince George's County Board of Education et al. Desegregation Case), will eventually hold the answer, probably bringing to a close a contentious social and educational experiment that has lasted since 1972.

The Prince George's County Board of Education will conduct a briefing for elected officials and representatives of the Prince George's County municipalities on the pending Desegregation Case on Monday, November 24, at 6 p.m. The briefing, to be conducted by Dr. Alvin Thornton, Chairman of the Board's Desegregation Committee, will be held in the Board Hearing Room at the Sasser Administration Building, which is located at 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

All parties involved in the Desegregation Case (i.e., the Board of Education, the NAACP, and the County Executive) are continuing to work toward ending court-ordered busing in the county. A major focus of the briefing will be a review by Dr. Thornton of the final report of the court-appointed expert panel, the Community Schools Plan, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding.

Specific questions concerning the Desegregation Case will be addressed during the briefing. For further information about the briefing, contact Mark Woodard at 301-952-6776. To register to attend the briefing, contact Cheryl Landis at 301-952-6117.

## Maryland University Hosts Ballet Soloists

The World Culture and Sports Festival III presents the stars of the Kirov Academy of Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Tawes Hall at the University of Maryland.

Tickets may be purchased through Protix at 1-800-955-5566 or by calling 703-218-6500.

## News Review Office Open Monday Only

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the News Review office will be open on Monday only, from 2-4 p.m., and 8-10 p.m. for advertising and copy. The office will not be open Tuesday.

# COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

## December 6, 1997 7 a.m. 'til 12 noon at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Crescent Road

adults	\$5.00
children 6-12	\$3.00
children under 6	FREE

Featuring buttermilk pancakes, sausages, milk, juice, and coffee.

Santa will be there to share a special photo moment with the kids.  
Giant Coloring Books and  
The Game of Greenbelt will be for sale.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club  
in cooperation with the  
Greenbelt Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary  
and the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136

### Thanksgiving Holiday Refuse/Recycling Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Thursday, November 27 trash collection will be a day earlier on Wednesday. Only Thursday Collections are affected. There will be no Thursday recycling collection or Friday yard debris and appliance pickups. City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

## Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1887  
(301) 474-4131

Alfred M. Skolnik, President, 1959-1977  
Elaine Skolnik, President, 1977-1985  
President Emeritus, 1985-

Editor, Mary Lou Williamson, (301) 441-2662  
Asst. Editor: Barbara Likowski, (301) 474-8483  
News Editor: Elaine Skolnik, (301) 982-9758

STAFF

Hopi Auerbach, Lekh Batra, Suzanne Batra, Virginia Beauchamp, Laura Beckert, Judi Bordeaux, Jan Brenner, Sharon Clauser, Randy Crenwelge, Joe Crossed, Pat Davis, Thelma deMola, Lorraine Doan, Bill Donahue, Dee Downs, Sarah Ellis, Eileen Farnham, Tim Farris, Thomas Fishbeck, Steve Fletcher, Cindy Friend, Kathleen Gallagher, Al Gelger, James Giese, Lisa Goldman, Judy Goldstein, Sandy Harpe, Patty Heil, J. Henson, Solange Hess, Lucille Howell, Karen Hunter, Marielena Jack, Elizabeth Jay, Dennis Jelalian, Martha Kaufman, Julie Kender, Suzanne Krofchik, Sandra Lange, Betsy Likowski, Doug Love, Leta Mach, Ned MacFadden, Jackie Maragne, Pat McCoy, Bernina McGee, Anne Meglis, Emma Mendoza, Priscilla Mizani, Mary Moien, David Morse, Nick Mydra, Sharon Natoli, Christine Nelson, Judy Nelson, Angie Noyes, Diane Oberg, Millie O'Dea, Janice Parke, Linda Paul, Eileen Peterson, Heather Peterson-Van Orsow, Carolyn Price, Carol Ready, Jane Rissler, Linda Savaryn, Carol Shaw, Steve Shevitz, Sandra Surber Smith, Patty Snell, Karen Sparkes, Justin Steele, Dorothy Sucher, Alberta Tompkins, Joanne Tucker, Wendy Turnbull, Marlene Viktor, Bill Whelan, Dorothy White, Julie Winters, Rita Wooddell, Karen Yoho, Colette Zanin, Virginia Zanner, Keith Zevallos, and Prospero Zevallos.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Mary Halford; Core of Greenbelt Circulation: David Stein, (301) 441-1000; Springhill Lake Circulation: Karim Fadli, (301) 441-9120.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Diane Oberg, president; James Giese, vice president; Virginia Beauchamp, treasurer; Bernina McGee, secretary; and Barbara Likowski.

DEADLINES: Display Ads—10 p.m. Monday; Letters, articles and other ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

## Gospel and Jazz Come To Greenbelt

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center will present a gospel and jazz concert Saturday, December 6 at 8 p.m. Gospel is offered by Angela Gray, jazz by Formula One, a wonderfully talented trio featuring vocalist, Debra Ellis, Ted Greaves on keyboard and Jamal Brown on flute.

Gray, who will be performing as a soloist, also composes and arranges gospel music. The Washington native has recorded with Whitley Phipps and Clint Holmes and performed with Tramaine, Edwin Hawkins, Lynette Hawkins Stevens, as well as the O'Jays, and George Michael.

The concert's second set will feature Formula One's Debra Ellis who has sung in local clubs including the Cellar Door, Top of the Foolery, Mr. Henry's and in clubs in the Adams Morgan area. Recently, she was cited as one of

the three most promising students in the University of the District of Columbia's Department of Music.

Ted Greaves attends Julliard Conservatory of Music in New York City. He has performed at the Apollo Theater and with the Top Forty's and Latin Band in New York City. Presently, he is the featured keyboard artist at the Marriott at Metro Center where his repertoire ranges from Bach to Pop.

Jamal Brown is a featured soloist with the UDC Jazz Band under the direction of Calvin Jones. Currently, Brown performs at the Plaza Hotel at Thomas Circle with Sunny Sumter, local jazz artist.

As usual, tickets can be reserved by calling the Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

## Science Competition At Eleanor Roosevelt

The Maryland Space Business Roundtable, Inc., a non-profit organization that promotes the state's space industry, is sponsoring its annual Final Frontiers Science Competition on Saturday, November 22, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

This unusual science contest requires students to use their creativity to design devices that meet specific engineering challenges and then compete with one another to see whose device works the best. The competition is open to Prince George's County children, at all academic levels, in both private and public schools. Its purpose is to demonstrate to the youngsters that the sciences can be fun and relevant in their lives.

## Dog Park Meeting

The Greenbelt Dog Park Association is holding its first annual meeting on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the dining hall of the Greenbelt Community Center. Items to be discussed include a review of the dog park's first year, possible improvements to the dog park, a review of the group's newsletter and a description of their new web site. Additional topics such as fundraising, GDPA's Pet Day and the progress of attempts to establish dog parks in other areas will be addressed during the meeting.

The election of officers will take place after the meeting. Nominations may be made prior to the annual meeting by calling 301-474-0926 or from the floor the evening of the meeting. Members must be present to vote.

The meeting is open to the public. Unfortunately dogs are not allowed. Bring dog park pictures for the web site. Lanyards will be available for sale and, if there is enough interest, members may order GDPA T-shirts and sweatshirts.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

Dave Meadows, from the Citgo Service station, will be the guest speaker at the Greenbelt Golden Age Club on Wednesday, November 26, 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Many thanks to Micki Weidenfeld and Mary Geiger for their interesting, informative and even humorous presentation about WIGG (Women's Investment Group of Greenbelt). A lively question and answer period followed.

Chaplain Florence Holly has returned to the meetings. Last week she read a poem about the value of a smile. Thanks go to Shep Odom for pinch-hitting while Florence was absent.

Shep Odom, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that there is a full slate of nominees for the 1998 elections which will be held on Wednesday, December 3.

Reservations for the December trip to the Harrisburg, PA Christmas and Gift Show must be made this week. See Irene Owens, chairperson of the Travel Committee.

It was a pleasure to read the News Review tribute to member Martha Kaufman for all her community activities.

Keep warm, stay active and come out to the meetings.

## GHI Notes

The Architectural and Environment Committee meets Wednesday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

GHI Offices will be closed Thursday, November 27, for Thanksgiving Day. For emergency maintenance that day please call 301-474-6011.

**OPEN BOARD MEETING**  
**New Deal Cafe**  
**Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**Dinning Room**  
**Community Center**  
**(Greenbelt)**  
 Agenda to include:  
**Nominating of New Board Member**

# Community Events

## New Deal Cafe News

by Geff King

This week's entertainment at the New Deal Cafe starts on Friday, November 21. Doug Wilcox and Friends will be serving up rich, warm, full-bodied, tasty original ... oh, excuse me, I was just thinking about the coffee, too. In any case, stop by and see Doug — you won't be disappointed.

Cliff Art — two fascinating guys who play music on bass guitar and Chapman "Stick" — will be joining us on Saturday, November 22. What we said about coffee still applies. Same thing about desserts, several of which will be homemade.

We're open Thanksgiving weekend, too: Friday is Open Mike night and Saturday, November 29 will feature Mike Ball. Can't face those leftovers? Come see us!

## Our Neighbors

The newest Family Clinic Volunteer at Greenbelt CARES, Chad Matthews, is a proud second-time father. Caitlin Roxanne Matthews was born in the wee morning hours of November 4, weighing in at 6 lbs., 14 oz.

On October 31, a first-born son joined the Stephen Catterton and Leigh Green-Catterton family of Charlestowne Village. Sean Michael Catterton weighed in at 6 lbs., 11 oz. Dad Steve, a Kiwanis member and financial analyst at Coleman Research Corp. in Fairfax, is a life-long resident of Greenbelt. New mom Leigh, a North East, MD native, is a drama teacher at High Point High School.

## Monitor Park Stream

Join Greenbelt Park staff in monitoring the quality of water in the park's stream. A natural process of collecting macro-invertebrates and comparing them to the stream quality chart will be used. Wear rubber boots and old clothes. Meet at the Dogwood Nature Trail at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 22. Please call for reservations in the a.m. at 301-344-3944 or 301-344-3948.

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
**WEEK OF NOV. 21**  
**SHALL WE DANCE PG**  
 Fri., Sat: (5:00 at \$3.00) 7:20, 9:40  
 Sun: (5:00 at \$3.00) 7:20  
 Mon: (All Seats \$3.00) 7:30  
 Tues, Wed, Thur: 7:30  
<http://www.pgtheatres.com/>

**New Deal Cafe**  
 Open  Music  
 Fri & Sat 8:30 pm  
 7-11 pm No cover  
 Friday 11/21 • DOUG ALAN WILCOX  
 (well crafted original songs with feeling)  
 Saturday 11/22 • CLIFF ART  
 (Bass and Stick duo - progressive and fun!)  
 Friday 11/28 • OPEN MIC NIGHT  
 (Where anyone can happen!)  
 Saturday 11/29 • MIKE BALL  
 (Just plain good guitar and songs)  
 Donations for Musicians Encouraged  
 Greenbelt Community Center  
**(301) 474-5642**

## See Fall Colors

Come and enjoy the changing fall colors of the forest in Greenbelt Park on Sunday, November 23. Meet at the ranger station at 1 p.m. Please call 301-344-3944 or 301-344-3948 for reservations.

## Recreation Review

Recreation Facility Hours - Thanksgiving	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Greenbelt recreation facilities will be open the following hours on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27:	Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
	Greenbelt Youth Center 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.
	Springhill Lake Recreation Center 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.
	Greenbelt Community Center



## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING NOVEMBER 24, 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
    - Check Presentation from The Gazette Newspapers to ACE Scholarship Fund
    - Senior Citizen Safety Conference - Booker Hughes
    - Jim Sterling - BOCA Master Code Official
    - Officer Bob Musterman & Max - Iron Dog Competition - 5th Place
  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
    - Board of Elections Memorandum
- III. LEGISLATION
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
  11. Beaver Management Plan
  12. On-Call Pay - Public Works Department
  13. MD 201 Road Improvements - I-495 to Cherrywood Lane
  14. Approval of Purchases - Police Evidence Van & Voice Logging Recorder
  15. Approval of Special Holiday
  16. Appointment of Council Members to Board & Committees
  17. County Legislation
  18. 1998 Legislative Program
  19. Approval of 4-Cities Letter opposing the ICC
  20. Approval of Revised Job Description - Police Cadet
  21. Retirement Letter to Mayor Page
  22. Resignations from Advisory Boards and Committees
- 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

**Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center**  
  
**Thanksgiving Day Hours**  
**8am-8pm**  
**COME WORK OFF SOME STUFFING!!!!**  
**301-397-2204**

**OBITUARIES**

**Dolores Colon**

Dolores Colon, 77, of Greenbelt died on Monday, November 10. She is survived by her daughters, Maria Rios and Eve Murphy, and her son Marcos and his wife, Christine. Mrs. Colon was the grandmother of Michelle, Ralph, Kelly, Steven, Sean and Melissa, and the great-grandmother of Sarah, Amanda, Rachel and Meaghan. She is also survived by a brother and five sisters.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 12, with Father Crowley officiating. Interment was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring.



Four-year-old "Vinnie Daffan"

**In Memoriam  
Vinnie Daffan**

November 25 marks the three year anniversary of the death of Vinnie Daffan.

Vinnie was four years old when he was diagnosed with cancer in November 1993. He died on November 25, 1994, a little over a year later.

Vinnie is dearly missed by his parents, Lisa and George Daffan, and his brother George and sister Kelly.

Actively Seeking and Including All People

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
Sundays

Childcare provided for all services.

9 am Folk Service  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Sung Service

SIGN INTERPRETER  
Lanham-Severn & Glenn Dale Rds.  
Just South of MD 193, Glenn Dale  
301-262-3285  
<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT**

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 A.M.  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, November 30 (Meet at St. Hugh's School parking lot, 6:00 A.M.)



**Israeli Anniversary Festival in Largo**

Israel will be 50 years old next May, and the greater Washington area Jewish Community is launching a year of celebratory activities.

One event, the Prince George's County Jewish Festival, will be held on November 23, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Prince George's Community College in Largo. The festival program will be a diverse one. It will feature children's activities commemorating Israel's 50th anniversary, Yiddish workshops and films, and crafts displays. Entertainment will be provided by Alan Oresky and the Klezmer Jazz Band, Frieda Enoch and the Capital

A "Sukkah" (booth used at harvest time) built and decorated by children of the Mishkan Torah Synagogue to celebrate the holiday "Sukkot"

-photo by Sharon Natoli Photography

Klezmers, and comedy by Rabbi Jack Moline. Admission to the festival is free.

The festival once again is the recipient of wide community support. A grant in the amount of \$5,000 has been received from the United Jewish Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Appeal Federation. For the first time, Target Store is a grant-making sponsor, donating \$1,000.

For further information or to volunteer, call Marilyn Glaser at 301-953-9554, or Sheila Bodner at 301-262-0631.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services  
November 23, 1997

Annual Thanksgiving Intergenerational Services

Religious Education Classes

**Baha'i Faith**

"Blessed is ... the just one who secureth from the wrong doer the rights of the downtrodden ..."  
—Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.  
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor  
In Residence: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

**Setting the Gospel FREE!**  
Reverend Drew Shofner -- Pastor

Early Morning Worship (Sunday)	8:35 AM
Bible Study for all ages (Sunday)	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sunday)	11:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Prayer Service (Wednesday)	7:00 PM

For transportation or more information call 301-474-4212  
Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**

**Thanksgiving Service At Mishkan Torah**

The Greenbelt Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Wednesday, November 26, at 7:30 p.m. Special music will be provided by the Greenbelt Combined Choir.

**Steps of Grace For Holiday Blues**

Sometimes people have problems getting through the holidays, because of expectations that may not always be realistic. On Saturday, November 22, Steps of Grace at the Greenbelt Baptist Church will focus on symptoms, root causes, and solutions for getting through the Holiday Blues.

Come and share or listen in a confidential environment, with other Christians who feel and understand the harder feelings that come with Thanksgiving and continue through Christmas.

Steps of Grace meets every Saturday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Greenhill Road. For more information, call 301-474-4212.

**Knights of Columbus Hold Open House**

The St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus invite everyone to their open house on Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m. at St. Hugh's Church.

**A TREE OF LIFE TO THEM THAT HOLD FAST TO IT**

**MISHKAN TORAH SYNAGOGUE**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt • 301-474-4223  
Reconstructionist / Conservative  
Tues.-Fri. (9-1)  
Nursery and religious schools (K-7) • Confirmation  
A Full Range of Social and Religious Activities  
Friday Evening and Saturday Services  
Rabbi Saul Grife Cantor Phil Greenfield

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410

SUNDAY  
Bible Study 9:30 am  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am

Counseling 301/681-3201  
Rev. Guillermo Chavez, Pastor

Where there is welcome for the stranger and community with others who seek love and justice.

**Berwyn Presbyterian Church**  
6301 Greenbelt Road

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

All are Welcome

Interim Pastor  
Rev. Jack Wineman 301-474-7573

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Friendly people worshipping God and serving their community

8:30 AND 11:15 A.M. SERVICES  
9:50—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Dress is casual and comfortable  
Fun - Food - Fellowship between the services

6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
email hcross@aol.com Visit us on the Web  
<http://member.aol.com/hcrosslcm/hclchome.htm>  
Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

**SMITH TRACK**

(Continued from page 1)

The group had been called together to be briefed on a bill Reed planned to present the next day to the Prince George's County Council.

**County Legislation**

In her memo, Craze said that she had characterized the bill as procedurally dishonest at the meeting. She based her interpretation on its providing "an open zoning door without the benefit of a planning process." The bill would permit "a METRO related mixed use complex by right in the I-2 zone" — the zoning designation for the Smith property.

To deflect charges that the bill could be regarded as special interest legislation, Craze believes that it had been modified to include the I-1 zone as well, which would make it applicable to the Branch Avenue Metro station. What particularly alarmed her was that the bill "did not even require site plan approval." The consequences of this action, her memo states, is that "a development which they envision to exceed 3 million square feet could be approved based on a building permit."

Because of her expressed opposition, Reed withdrew the bill. However, Craze believes that a similar bill will be introduced next year. She also believes that the present county council and the county executive view favorably the changing of zoning use categories to expedite development.

She cites in particular the county council's approval last year of legislation to expand the use categories in the zoning ordinance to permit construction of the Redskins stadium and their amended zoning ordinance to permit mixed use waterfront development in Oxon Hill along the Potomac River. She quotes Reed as saying that adherence to the planning process "would kill the opportunity for 'quality' development."

This is her assessment as well of the views of those

**Leggett-Bodner**

Robert Bodner and Tricia Leggett were married on October 18 at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville. Bob is the son of Mary Jane Bodner and the late Raymond Bodner of Empire Place. Tricia is the daughter of Norman and Mary Ann Leggett of Dallas, TX.

Dan Bodner, brother of the groom, was Best Man and Traci

with political power: "We are seeing an indication from the County Executive and County Council that planning as a precursor to zoning will be abandoned when this process impedes economic development," her memo states.

**Recommendations**

Craze recommends to the city council the following actions:

1) To "take a firm and public stand which opposes any effort to circumvent the planning process for Greenbelt West/METRO and, if possible, to coordinate with Berwyn Heights and College Park.

2) To file requests under the Freedom of Information (FOI) act and, through pressure on elected officials, to gain access to the so-far-secret joint development proposals WMATA has been pursuing for the Greenbelt Metro station. (WMATA, in part supported by public funds, may be subject to FOI requirements.)

3) To require full disclosure from the State Highway Administration, which is a public agency, of discussions they have held with representatives of the Smith property for off-ramps from the Beltway and other road improvements to facilitate its development.

4) To consider proceeding with the city's own planning process by working with "well respected experts" on "transit villages," described as "low intensity, neighborhood scaled developments" that might be appropriate for the Metro area properties.

Meyer, sister of the bride, was Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were Kalista Allison and Michelle Mears, friends of the bride from Dallas, TX. The groomsmen were Clinton Boushell, formerly of Greenbelt and now residing in Bowie, and Mark Kissel of Virginia Beach. The Rev. Robert Pipta, cousin of the groom, was concelebrant along with The Rev. Michael Kerestes, pastor of St. Gregory's. Denise Bodner, sister of the groom, was the Reader. Eight nieces and nephews were flower children.

The reception was held at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City.

Bob graduated from ERHS in 1979 and recently received his Master's degree in General Administration at UMUC. He is employed at Northrop Grumman, a defense contractor in Baltimore. Tricia received her BS from Texas Women's University and is a flight attendant with USAirways, based at BWI airport.

After a honeymoon to New York City and then Jamaica, they returned to their home in Ellicott City.



Marilee and Johnnie Hart

**Carroll - Hart**

Marilee Carroll and Johnnie Hart were united in marriage on October 13 at Greenbelt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she is a ventilator-dependent patient with ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig Disease. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Jesse B. Williams

of Mt. Hope Baptist Church.

Carroll is the daughter of Hazel R. Carroll and Corbert Dent. Attendants were Fern Price, the maid of honor, Charmayne Carroll, flower girl, and Calvin Jackson, best man.

The couple plan to reside in Rison, MD after her discharge from the Center.

**W**hen Joey sprained his ankle playing soccer, he got back in time to see his team win the game.

Thanks to the **Fast Lane** emergency room treatment program at **Doctors Community Hospital**, you and your family never have to wait long for medical care. As one of the county's top-rated emergency rooms, Doctors Community Hospital's **Fast Lane** program offers high-quality, state-of-the-art care including:

- Professional, caring doctors and nurses dedicated to your well being.
- Rapid assessment of all medical emergencies like chest pain, sprains, and fevers.
- Separate treatment areas.
- X-ray room priority.
- The latest in medical technology.

Here in the **Fast Lane** of Doctors Community Hospital, we know you and your family don't want to spend the whole day, or night, waiting in the emergency room—just ask Joey.



Life. Health. Community.

**The Greenbelt Arts Center**  
presents

**An Evening of Gospel & Jazz**  
Saturday, December 6th, 8PM  
featuring  
**ANGELA GRAY & COMPANY (GOSPEL)**  
&  
**FORMULA ONE (JAZZ)**  
voice, flute & keyboard  
Debra Ellis, Ted Greaves & Jamal Brown

And on Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 13th  
**RETURNING TO THE ARTS CENTER**  
**Come Celebrate a "Holiday Celtic Weekend"**  
featuring  
**Homespun Ceilidh & Skye Gathering both evenings**  
**and Mac Talla w/Jan Brenner, storyteller on Sat. the 13th**

(See story in next week's News Review for more details!)

Tickets for each event: \$8/\$6 for seniors and students. For reservations, call 301-441-8770

# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

## Assaults

Nov. 6, 9200 block of Springhill Lane, an ex-boyfriend climbed onto the resident's balcony and demanded entry. When entry was denied, the suspect punched through the glass with his fist, striking the victim in the face, causing minor injuries to the victim from the blow and from flying glass. Charges are pending against the suspect.

Nov. 7, 11:45 p.m., 6100 block of Springhill Terr., investigation of a domestic disturbance revealed that the suspect assaulted the victim during an argument. The suspect, 42, of the 6100 block of Springhill Terr. was held on \$2,500 bond pending trial for assault.

Nov. 9, 2:53 a.m., 7200 Hanover Dr., an off-duty officer was assaulted while breaking up a fight at the Holiday Inn. The officer, who was working at the hotel, was struck on the side of the head and neck while trying to break up a fight near the bar. The suspect had not been involved in the fight, and struck him from behind, fleeing before the officer could identify who did it. The officer didn't require medical treatment.

Nov. 9, Centerway. Two people became involved in a verbal altercation. One then made a threat and pulled back his coat to reveal a folding knife in a sheath on his belt. The incident is under investigation.

Nov. 12, 71 Court of Ridge Road, officers responded to a report of a dispute between neighbors. Officers were present in the residence of one of the parties involved when the male resident became agitated and insinuated that he was going to get a gun. He went upstairs and later returned. An officer tried to pat him down for a gun, and he struck the officer. He was then advised that he was under arrest, but he resisted attempts to place him in restraints. The resident was arrested, and charged with assault and resisting arrest, and held on \$3,000 bond pending trial.

## Rape

Nov. 12, 10:23 p.m., 9000 block of Breezewood Terr., a resident was sleeping in her bed and awoke when she felt someone on top of her. The suspect forced her to perform sexual acts and then raped her. When he heard her roommate trying to enter the apartment, he fled via the patio door, which may have been left unlocked that evening. The suspect is described as a black male with a Caribbean accent, 5'9" with dark complexion and short hair.

## Vehicle Thefts

Nov. 6, 9200 block of Edmonston Rd., a green 1995 Ford Thunderbird convertible, Maryland tag 71323HD, was reported stolen. The suspect had obtained the keys from the victim's brother. The victim got a warrant for the arrest of a 45-year-old woman, possibly residing in the Springhill Lake Apartments, charging her with theft, unlawful taking of a vehicle and unauthorized use of a vehicle. The warrant was turned over to the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for service.

Nov. 8, 6400 block of Ivy Lane, a 1995 Chrysler LeBaron reported stolen in Arlington County, Virginia, was recovered. The vehicle was undamaged, and an ignition key was found in it. No arrests were made.

Nov. 11, 7800 block of Mandan Road, a black 1995 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle, Virginia tag 42450, was stolen.

Nov. 13, 9100 block of Edmonston Rd., a white 1984 Pontiac Bonneville, Maryland tag SNB 016, was stolen.

Nov. 13, 9000 block of Breezewood Terr., a green 1995 Dodge Neon, New York tag G6D684, was stolen.

## Burglary, Theft and Fraud

Nov. 7, Maryland Federal Savings and Loan, 9200 Edmonston Rd., in a reported burglary several desk drawers in an office had been pried open, and an attempt had been made to pry open a door joining two offices. No property was reported taken.

Nov. 7, Beltway Plaza Mall, an employee's coat was taken from a coat rack.

Nov. 8, Burlington Coat Factory at Beltway Plaza Mall, a suspected counterfeit one hundred dollar bill was used to make a purchase. Upon questioning, the customer claimed that he had obtained the bill from a check cashing service in the District. He was arrested but released without charges, pending further investigation by the Secret Service.

Nov. 9, Martin's Crosswinds, Greenway Center Drive, an employee's "fanny pack" containing credit cards was taken from a banquet hall.

Nov. 12, Greenbelt Nursing and Convalescent Center on

Greenbelt Road, a check was taken from a purse in an unlocked closet in a resident's room.

Nov. 12, Rack Room Shoes on Greenbelt Road, a purse was taken when a mother put it down after being distracted by her toddler son.

Nov. 12, Jeepers! at Beltway Plaza Mall, a wallet left on a table was stolen as the victim was playing a video game.

Nov. 12, 170 block of Westway, a blue BMX bike was stolen from in front of a building.

Nov. 13, Beltway Plaza Mall, two juveniles attempted to place a five foot tall gumball machine in a shopping cart, in an attempt to steal it. When the attempt was reported, two officers responded, chased the suspects on foot and caught and arrested them. Two resident males, both 14, were charged with theft and released to their parents. Action by the Juvenile Justice System is pending.

Nov. 13, 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd., tools and construction supplies were taken from a store under construction.

## Disorderly Conduct

Nov. 9, 6200 block of Springhill Drive, a domestic disturbance was reported. Officers found the man outside the apartment building when they arrived. An officer asked for his version of events, but he refused to cooperate and began arguing and yelling. He was asked several times to quiet down, but he refused, and his actions caused residents from neighboring buildings to come outside. The man, a non-resident, was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct in a public place and released pending trial.

## Drugs and Contraband

Nov. 7, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the School Resource Officer arrested and charged a 14-year-old resident male for possession of a tobacco product, after he was found with a pack of cigarettes in the school

auditorium.

Nov. 11, 7-Eleven in the 7900 block of Good Luck Rd., a Maryland Park Police officer observed an individual who was standing at a magazine rack, looking around the store, acting suspiciously. As soon as the Greenbelt officer entered the store, the individual paid for a magazine and left. The officer followed him to his vehicle to investigate further, discovering that the vehicle contained a quantity of suspected crack cocaine packaged in a manner indicating an intent to sell or distribute. He was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and held on \$30,000 bond pending trial.

Nov. 12, 3:35 p.m., the School Resource Officer was informed that a student had a weapon. The juvenile male student was found to be in possession of a large dagger style knife. He was arrested, charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property and released pending further action by the Juvenile Justice System, and his parents were notified.

Nov. 13, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the School Resource Officer arrested a 17-year-old non-resident male for possessing a pager on school property. The juvenile was then found to have three "rocks" of crack cocaine in his possession and was

charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of cocaine and possession of a pager on school property. He was then released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Vandalism

Nov. 6, 8100 block of Mandan Terr., a 15-year-old New Carrollton youth was in a residence and was asked to leave. Once outside, the youth threw a brick through the living room window. A petition has been filed, asking that the juvenile be charged with malicious destruction of property.

Nov. 8, Beltway Plaza Mall parking lot, a 10-year-old resident male was arrested after he intentionally pushed a shopping cart into a vehicle, damaging the vehicle. The victim was attempting to park her vehicle when the incident occurred, and she detained the youth until an officer arrived. The youth was then charged with malicious destruction of private property and released to the custody of a parent, pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block of Springhill Drive, 9100 block of Springhill Lane, 6100 block of Springhill Terr., 9000 block of Breezewood Terr., 6000 and 7300 blocks of Greenbelt Road.

## GASCH'S FUNERAL HOME

Family Owned & Operated Since 1859

For Honesty, Caring, and Quality, Affordable Service

Traditional or Non-traditional Funeral Arrangements  
Memorial Services • Cremation • Pre-Need  
Out-of-Town Transportation & Service Arrangements

FRANCIS  
**GASCH'S**  
SONS  
Funeral Home, P.A.

301-927-6100

4739 Baltimore Avenue  
Hyattsville, MD 20781

1997 PRINCE GEORGE'S BOARD OF TRADE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



### Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm  
City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday and Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show"  
6:30 p.m. "60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance"  
8:00 p.m. Replay of City Council Meeting 11/24/97



Greenbelt Arts Center

Bullshot Crummond

by: John Neville-Andrews, Ron House, Diz White,  
Alan Shearman, & Derek Cunningham  
Directed by Keith Brown—Produced by Laura Adams  
A parody of low budget 1930 serial detective movies.  
Bullshot Crummond is called upon to rescue the good  
Professor Fenton from the clutches of the evil Otto von  
Bruno and his doomsday plans.

Friday and Saturday November 21st - 22nd at 8:00 pm  
Tickets are \$8/ \$6 for senior citizens and students.

The Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)  
<http://www.greenbelt.com/artscenter>

[artscenter@greenbelt.com](mailto:artscenter@greenbelt.com)

For more information call (301) 441-8770



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

### The fall gutter cleaning program

The fall gutter cleaning program has been contracted out to "ALL-SEASONS GUTTER CLEANING." Work will begin on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and will continue Monday through Friday (weather permitting) from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until all gutters have been cleaned. Locations that are scheduled from November 24<sup>th</sup> through November 26<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

- 73 through 55 courts of Ridge Road
- 1 through 9 courts Research Road
- 1 through 15 courts Laurel Hill Road
- 22 through 9 courts Hillside Road

No work will be done on  
Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> or  
Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Any unscheduled work on units not mentioned in the News Review will be individually door hung prior to gutter cleaning. Future updates concerning locations for the week of December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> will be posted in the November 27<sup>th</sup> issue of the News Review. If you have any questions, problems or concerns please contact Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-0292.

# GHI Board Meeting Goes Nowhere on Pathway

by Sue Krofchik

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) held Monday, November 17, lasted until 2:33 a.m., without going anywhere. The meeting was held specifically to address the issue of an access path between 29-B and 31-A Ridge Road. Director Steve Harper, who resides at 31-A Ridge, recused himself and sat in the audience. Another director, Alan Turnbull, had to leave shortly after the meeting began.

The original motion of April 24, which was recommended by affected members and passed 9-0 by the board, remains intact by default, not choice. It created an access lane on paper only, but there are no physical structures delineating the actual route, and no connection between the inner walkway and Ridge Road between 29-B and 31-A Ridge along the end garage adjacent to 31-A. It was to be added to GHI maps to ensure that access could never be blocked by a fence, as had been done between 29-A Ridge and 3 Gardenway.

The only motion to be voted upon on November 18 was first proposed at 12:30 a.m. by Betty Deitch and seconded by Susan Ready. It had a series of amendments added to it over the next two hours that included the following specifics: The lane was to be approximately five feet wide, grassy and connect the inner walkway to Ridge Road between 29 and 31 Ridge, run along the end garage adjacent to 31-A Ridge, with exact placement to be determined by the board of directors, maintained by GHI and provide unlimited access to all.

The motion failed by a close

four to three vote. Against the motion were Keith Jahoda, Chuck Hess, John Taylor and Julia Eichhorst. Dorothy Lauber supported Deitch and Ready.

### Issues

The April motion placed the unpaved access way at the far edge of the yard to 29-B. This member, however, wants to allow access only if someone needs to move a wheelbarrow, lawnmower or similar heavy object. He feels other members do not respect that his yard belongs to him, and he wants privacy.

The members in 3 Gardenway and 31-A Ridge, who claim access problems, want safe, unobstructed and guaranteed access to the other side of their homes, without having to ask permission. They feel awkward and unwelcome using an unmarked path that is apparently still part of a member's yard.

### Park Access

On the side away from the road, 29, 31, and 33 courts of Ridge Road and 3 Gardenway surround a small park. Neighbors of this park do not want an obvious or delineated access lane that would invite those not living in the area to come into the inner walkway, citing their need for privacy and security. This concern has been voiced at various times over the past two years and reconfirmed November 17 via a petition signed by 13 households (later changed to 12) in the affected area. The petition approves of access when using lawn equipment and similar awkward items, but not for "routine, unencumbered coming and going." The member at 31-C withdrew his signature during the meeting

when he realized this clause was in the petition.

The map, drawn after April 24, shows a zig-zag path instead of a diagonal route, which adds more space to the yard of 29-B and decreases the yard size of 31-A Ridge.

Deitch felt the issue was access to city parks for which all citizens pay taxes. She also cited two other areas in GHI that had access problems (2 and 4 Southway, and 3-A Crescent) and brought pictures showing how GHI had solved the problems.

### Other Possible Solutions

Solutions were varied and many. Attorney James O'Reilly, who represented the member at 29-B Ridge, said on more than one occasion that "neighborly accommodation has worked for 60 years," and his client "wants it to work another 60." A few hours later, though, when the member at 31-C Ridge suggested "no conspicuous lanes and no restrictions," the member at 29-B said unlimited access was unacceptable.

Member Bonnie Brant suggested the discreet use of greenery (shrubs) to preserve privacy and semi-formally define an access lane. Other solutions included cutting doors through the back of some of the adjoining garages, found to be unworkable

# New Deal Performers Delight Audience

by Andrew Nitz

Playing music for others is a chancy job. It can make a musician a little lonely. On any given night, you might play to a huge crowd or a handful of people. Last Saturday at the New Deal Cafe, a few lucky people heard Fannie Z. and Brian McGuire sing tunes first heard at barn dances or the Grand Ole Opry.

They started their show with the music of that giant of country music, Fats Waller. For the next 90 minutes or so, they played the music of Bob Wills, Patsy Montana, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, and the Louvin Brothers, to name a few. Fannie Z. was on lead guitar, and Brian on fiddle and guitar. Like all great entertainers,

they knew what they were doing, and they enjoyed doing it. They put on a wonderful show for a small audience. Still, like most groups booked at the New Deal Cafe, they didn't play long enough.

The only sour note was a sound setup that kept Brian from singing and playing fiddle at the same time. Fannie Z. and Brian can be found every Thursday at Luciano Bistro in Adams Morgan. Call 202-667-5515 for more information.

# Ikebana Exhibit

Members of the Washington Chapter of Ikebana International will have an exhibit on Nov. 22-23, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

On Nov. 23, 1-2 p.m., a member of Ikebana International will explain and demonstrate the art of Ikebana using seasonal flowers and traditional pots. The exhibit will be held at the International pavilion and the demonstration will be held at the Yoshimura Center of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum.

by members at 3 Gardenway and 31-A Ridge. It was also suggested that 3 Gardenway walk through the neighbor's yard at the other end of her row (where there also is no access lane) and that 31-A go to the other end of his row, where there is an access lane.

Other issues debated by the board included grass vs. tamped earth, the width of the path, location of path in light of existing trees and shrubbery, and whether the board or GHI would select the path and when it would be selected.

**Steps of Grace**  
 Potpourri Open Share (Thursdays 7PM)  
**Saturday, November 22**  
**Getting through the**  
**Holidays when you don't feel thankful**  
 Meeting at Greenbelt Baptist Church  
 101 Greenhill Road 301.523.2581

**FIRST LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK**

**SMALL BUSINESS LENDING WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH**

Do you miss having a relationship with your banker?  
 Let us show you how good a community bank can be.

Call Jeanine Kushla, Branch Manager, at  
**301/220-1226**

6329 Greenbelt Road, College Park, Maryland 20740  
 (in front of Sir Walter Raleigh)

Member FDIC

Looking back, you'll see it was a good decision.

It's not that Saturns have rose-colored rearview mirrors. They just have among the lowest cost of ownership and highest resale value of any line of cars in their classes.\* Which means that down the road, you'll love driving your Saturn down the road.

**SATURN**

**Saturn of Bowie**  
 (A Pohanka Company)  
 Rt. 301 at Rt. 50  
 301-352-3000  
 NOW OPEN FOR SATURDAY SERVICE  
 8am - 2pm!!

**SATURN**

A DIFFERENT KIND of COMPANY.  
 A DIFFERENT KIND of CAR.

**Leonard & Holley Wallace**

CRS  
 GRI

Single family in Seabrook Acres has 4BR's and 3 baths. Large treed lot. **\$137,900**

**GREENBELT TOWNHOMES**

IMPRESSIVE 2BR END unit. Unbelievable hardwood flrs! Remodeled kitchen & classic tile bath. Large fenced yard. **\$52,990**

Just listed - 2 br brick duplex. Hardwood garage. New carpet and fresh paint - near library and Rockville center. **\$59,900**

**SOLD**

New Kitchen! Blond hardwood floors, enlarged dining area and updated bath. Great yard. **\$2,000 Closing help \$46,900**

**\$30,000 in Upgrades** - 2 br with large addition and full bath on first floor. Remodeled kitchen with additional window. Hardwood porch, front and back out. Call this agent for details. Great quiet woods. Don't miss it! **\$72,900**

**SOLD**

3 Bedroom frame open kitchen backs to woods. Walk to center. Seller will pay \$2,000 of your closing fees. **\$48,900**

**SOLD**

3BR BRICK END UNIT with 2 1/2 DR/DM. Endless fenced yard. DR, bath, 6 fans & central AC! **\$99,900**

Best price on this sharp 2 br with \$10,000 in new upgrades. New kitchen, carpet, paint and more. Move right in! **\$41,900**

UPPER LEVEL 1BR home with freshly painted interior. Exposed hardwood floors, washer & dryer. Near Bus stop - **\$24,900**

RARE 3 LEVEL NEAR LIBRARY! Awesome yard, open kitchen, dining room and more. Seller will pay \$4,000 of your closing costs. This is a **\$72,900**

**SOLD**

3 Bedroom Brick END UNIT with LARGE corner lot - with deck and large shed. New appliances, countertops and more! **\$69,900**

New Listing - Unique floorplan addition. 2/3 bedroom home with lots of space & upgrades that back to woods **\$54,900**

3 BR with bed & 1/2 bath on first floor! This end unit with addition has a great location near woods. **\$49,900**

3BR END. Gorgeous modern living room, separate dining room and sep laundry room. 2 story addition and large yard **\$59,900**

BRICK, BRICK, BRICK - Library end of town. One of the best buys on a brick GHI. Great court and great price! **\$47,900**

**REALTY 1**  
**982-0044**

All Sale Prices Effective  
Monday, Nov. 24th  
thru  
Sunday, Nov. 30th  
1997  
Not Responsible for Printer Errors  
Quantity Rights Reserved



# CO-OP

## SUPERMARKET PHARMACY

121 CENTERWAY-ROOSEVELT CENTER  
GREENBELT, MARYLAND

• OPEN TO ANYONE  
You Do Not Have To Be A Member To  
• CARE DRUG CENTER  
Shop and Save At CO-OP  
• We Accept MOST Cards  
• We Sell METRO Fares  
• We Sell U.S. Postage Stamps  
• Photo Finishing

**SUPERMARKET!**  
Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. til 9 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m. til 6 p.m.  
301-474-0522  
**PHARMACY**  
Mon. thru Fri. 9 a.m. til 7 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. til 6 p.m.  
Closed Sunday  
301-474-4400

**Save More  
With Double  
Value On  
Manufacturers  
Coupons**  
See Store For Details

FRESH QUALITY MEATS	
Super Tru Frozen Turkeys With Pop Up Timer <b>58¢</b> lb.	
Perdue Oven Stuffer Roasting Chicken <b>89¢</b> lb.	Rump Portion Smoked Ham <b>\$1.29</b> lb.
Frozen Turkey Breast <b>\$1.19</b> lb.	Fresh Super Lean Ground Sirloin-or-Round <b>\$2.19</b> lb.
Mash's Center Cut Ham Steaks <b>\$2.59</b> lb.	Kunzler Old Fashion Wood Smoked Boneless Ham <b>\$2.89</b> lb.
Fresh Grade A Boneless Chicken Breast <b>\$2.89</b> lb.	CO-OP Lean Beef Rib Roast <b>\$3.69</b> lb.
Gwaltney Sausage <b>\$1.29</b> 16 oz.	Co-op Lean Beef Rib Eye Steak <b>\$4.89</b> lb.
Smithfield Sliced Bacon <b>\$1.89</b> 16 oz.	Oscar Mayer Smokie Links <b>\$2.29</b> 12 oz.

GROCERY BARGAINS		
Libby Solid Pack Pumpkin <b>99¢</b> 29 oz.		Star Kist Chunk Light Tuna <b>59¢</b> 6 oz.
Sparkle Paper Towels <b>69¢</b> 72 sheet roll		Dynamo Liq. Laundry Detergent <b>\$1.89</b> 50 oz.
Gold Medal Flour Original-Unbleached <b>79¢</b> 5 lb.		Best Yet Long Grain Rice <b>39¢</b> 1 lb.
Lucky Leaf Original Apple Juice <b>\$1.39</b> 1/2 gal.		Kellogg's Crispix Cereal <b>\$2.19</b> 12 oz.
Schmidt's Toasted Bread Cube Stuffing <b>69¢</b> 8 oz.	Heinz Gravies Home Style-Fat Free <b>99¢</b> 12 oz.	Del Monte Family Size Peaches-Pears-Fruit Cocktail <b>\$1.19</b> 29 oz.
Dunbar Sweet Potatoes In Syrup <b>99¢</b> 40 oz.	Polaner Grape Jelly <b>89¢</b> 2 lb.	Heinz Sweet Gerkins <b>\$1.29</b> 16 oz.
Domino Baking Sugar 10x-Light-or Dark Brown <b>49¢</b> 1 lb.	Lucky leaf Apple Sauce Orig.-Cinn.-Nat.-Gran. Smith <b>89¢</b> 24 oz.	College Inn Soup Broth Chicken-Beef-Vegetable <b>59¢</b> 13 3/4 oz.
Folger's Regular Ground Coffee All Purpose-Per.-French Columbian-Breakfast <b>\$2.79</b> 11 1/2 oz.-13 oz. can.	Maier's Split Top Dinner Rolls <b>\$1.49</b> 16 oz.	Best Yet Hawaiian Pineapple <b>79¢</b> 20 oz.
	Prego Family Size Spaghetti Sauce Meat-Mushroom-Plain <b>\$1.99</b> 48 oz.	
	Del Monte Yellow Corn-Sweet Peas-Cut-or French Green Beans <b>49¢</b> 14 1/2 oz.	
	R.C. Cola or Diet Rite Cola <b>79¢</b> 2 liter.	

FARM FRESH PRODUCE	
California Navel Oranges <b>5/99¢</b>	Nutritious California Broccoli <b>99¢</b> Bunch
Stayman Apples <b>69¢</b> Lb.	Idaho Potatoes <b>\$1.89</b> 10 Lbs.
Ocean Spray Cranberries <b>\$1.39</b> 12 oz.	California Carrots <b>39¢</b> 1 Lb. Bag
Ziegler's Apple Cider <b>\$1.59</b> 1/2 Gal.	Southern Yams <b>39¢</b> Lb.
Sun Kist Lemons <b>5/89¢</b>	Crisp Celery <b>69¢</b> Bunch
	Yellow Onions <b>19¢</b> Lb.
	Marie Callender's Salad Croutons <b>\$1.19</b> 5 oz.

DAIRY	
Donald Duck Orange Juice <b>\$1.29</b> 1/2 gal.	
Breakstone Sour Cream <b>89¢</b> 16 oz.	
Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese <b>99¢</b> 8 oz. block	
Borden's American Singles <b>\$1.69</b> 12 oz.	
Land-O-Lakes Soft Whipped Butter <b>99¢</b> 8 oz.	

DELI	
Honeyuckle Chicken Breast <b>\$3.89</b> lb.	
Saval Corned Beef <b>\$3.99</b> lb.	
Smithfield Virginia Ham <b>\$2.99</b> lb.	
Land-O-Lakes Baby Swiss Cheese <b>\$3.39</b> lb.	
Creamy Cole Slaw <b>\$1.19</b> lb.	

Silver Floss Sauerkraut <b>69¢</b> 27 oz.	Washington Corn Muffin-or Cornbread Mix <b>4/89¢</b> 8 oz.	Sunsweet Breakfast Prunes <b>89¢</b> 18 oz.
Light & Fluffy Noodles Med.-Wide-Extra Wide <b>79¢</b> 12 oz.	Jif Peanut Butter All Varieties <b>\$1.59</b> 17.3 oz. min.	Kellogg's Original Rice Krispies Cereal <b>\$2.39</b> 13 1/2 oz.
Angel Soft Bathroom Tissue <b>99¢</b> 4-roll pk.	Ocean spray Cranberry Cocktail Cranberry Blends Asst. Varieties <b>\$2.49</b> 1/2 gal.	Gerber Baby 3rd Foods Asst. Varieties <b>2/99¢</b> 6 oz.
Hanover Chili-or-Kidney Beans <b>29¢</b> 14 oz.	<b>BONUS COUPONS</b>	
Scoop Away Anti-Bacterial Cat Litter <b>\$2.59</b> 7 lb.	<b>IMPERIAL VEGETABLE SPREAD QUARTERS 29¢</b> 1 lb. <small>With This Coupon &amp; \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Cust. Valid 11/24-11/30</small>	
Furmano's Diced Tomatoes Original-No Salt-Italian <b>39¢</b> 14 1/2 oz.	<b>BEST YET GRANULATED SUGAR 1.39</b> 5 lb. bag. <small>With This Coupon &amp; \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Cust. Valid 11/24-11/30</small>	
Lays Potato Chips <b>99¢</b> 6 oz.	<b>Mrs. Grass' Onion Soup &amp; Dip Mix 49¢</b> 1 1/2 oz. <b>Doxee Clams Minced-Chopped 79¢</b> 6-1/2 oz. <b>Dutch Clover Honey 1.69</b> 1 lb.	

FROZEN FOOD	
Hanover Broccoli Florets-Cauliflower Florets-Baby Lima Beans <b>\$1.19</b> 16 oz.	
Lender's Regular Bagels Asst. Varieties <b>79¢</b> 9 oz.-12 oz.	
Elio's Large Cheese Pizza <b>\$1.99</b> 24 oz.	
Swanson Original Meat Pies Beef-Chicken-Turkey <b>59¢</b> 7 oz.	
Pet Ritz Pie Crusts <b>99¢</b> 2 pk. - 9 in.	

BEER & WINE	
Corona Beer <b>\$10.99</b> 12 pk.-12 oz. N.R.'s	
Red Dog Beer <b>\$2.99</b> 6 pk.-12 oz. cans	
Budweiser Beer <b>\$6.99</b> 12 pk.-12 oz. cans	
Almaden Bag-In-A-Box Wines <b>\$9.99</b> 5 Liter	
Columbia Crest Johannisberg Reisling Wine <b>\$4.99</b> 750 ML.	

HOT FOODS DELI	
Hot & Tasty Salisbury Steak Sandwich <b>\$1.29</b> Each	

SEAFOOD	
Fresh Select Oysters <b>\$4.99</b> 12 oz.	
26-30 Count Gulf Shrimp <b>\$7.99</b> lb.	
Fresh Cod Fillets <b>\$4.89</b> lb.	

BAKERY	
Poppy Seed Rolls <b>\$2.49</b> 24 pk.	

SPECIALTY	
Mountain Lift Bars Assorted Flavors <b>\$1.59</b> 2.1 oz.	
De Boles Organic Linguine/Fettucini <b>\$1.09</b> 8 oz.	
Traditional Medicinal Teas Cold Care-Weight Loss-Gypsy Cold Care <b>\$2.29</b> 16 bags	

**CARE DRUG CENTER**

- Courteous Professional Staff
- We Proudly Accept Most Prescription Plans
- Free Home Delivery Of Prescriptions Mon.-Wed.-Fri.
- Free Blood Pressure Tester

### CLIP & SAVE WITH THESE CO-OP SUPER COUPONS

IN-AD COUPON VALID-11/24-11/30 REDEEM ONLY AT GREENBELT CO-OP

**MUELLER'S SPAGHETTI** **9¢**  
-OR-  
**ELBOW MACARONI** 8 oz.

With This Coupon & \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer. FLEMING YORK PSC #134, PO BOX 589, YORK, PA 17405-0589

IN-AD COUPON VALID-11/24-11/30 REDEEM ONLY AT GREENBELT CO-OP

**BEST YET SODA ALL FLAVORS** **9¢** 2 Liter

With This Coupon & \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer. FLEMING YORK PSC #134, PO BOX 589, YORK, PA 17405-0589

IN-AD COUPON VALID-11/24-11/30 REDEEM ONLY AT GREENBELT CO-OP

**CUP-O-NOODLES NOODLE SOUPS ALL VARIETIES** **9¢** 2 1/4 oz.

With This Coupon & \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer. FLEMING YORK PSC #134, PO BOX 589, YORK, PA 17405-0589

IN-AD COUPON VALID-11/24-11/30 REDEEM ONLY AT GREENBELT CO-OP

**BEST YET GRADE A LARGE WHITE EGGS** **49¢** Dozen

With This Coupon & \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer. FLEMING YORK PSC #134, PO BOX 589, YORK, PA 17405-0589

IN-AD COUPON VALID-11/24-11/30 REDEEM ONLY AT GREENBELT CO-OP

**OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE JELLIED-OR-WHOLE** **69¢** 16 oz.

With This Coupon & \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer. FLEMING YORK PSC #134, PO BOX 589, YORK, PA 17405-0589

IN-AD COUPON VALID-11/24-11/30 REDEEM ONLY AT GREENBELT CO-OP

**REYNOLD'S WRAP ALUMINUM FOIL** **\$1.39** 75 sq. ft.

With This Coupon & \$7.50 Min. Purchase. Excluding Coupon Items. Limit 1 Per Customer. REYNOLDS METAL CO., P.O. BOX 870129 EL PASO, TX, 88887-0129





Over 100 persons attended the banquet held on Sunday, November 16 in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Greenbelt News Review. -photos by Prospero Zevallos

**DINNER**

(Continued from page 1)

change in name from the Cooperator to the News Review, so that readers would not think the paper was part of the retail store co-op. He served as editor four more times, the last time over a



Isadore J. Parker, Editor October 1955 - September 1956.

three-year period, in an era when the average tenure of an editor was less than one year. He finally moved away from Greenbelt, he said, to get away from his responsibilities with the paper.

**Cartoon Career**

Parker recalled his two terms as editor, beginning in June 1949 and last serving in September 1956, and told how he began his secondary career as a cartoonist. Parker's humorous commentaries on life in Greenbelt were often



Russell S. Greenbaum, Editor October 1954 - January 1955, February 1960 - May 1962, January 1963 - June 1963.

published on the paper. Later, his cartoons were published in the Washington Post. He told about how the paper almost folded in 1949 because it was deeply in debt. Parker was reminded by Herbert Allen of Allen Printing that the paper owed the firm \$1,000, and unless some payment was forthcoming, the printer would have to stop the presses. With the help of advertising from Veteran's Liquors, Parker was able to put together a one-sheet, two-page paper almost single-handedly.

Greenbaum recalled the time during the McCarthy era when all of Greenbelt had been placed under a cloud by the dismissal from the Navy Department of five residents, including Parker and Abe Chasanow, who were charged as being security risks for their associations with supposedly subversive organizations, some of which were from Greenbelt.

Virginia Beauchamp spoke of the important role of the paper as the chronicler of Greenbelt history,



Virginia Beauchamp, Editor June 1962 - December 1962.

noting that it had become an important resource to researchers doing historical papers on the city. She recalled some of the many events that occurred during the six months she was editor in 1962: The sudden clearing of trees for streets in Boxwood Village by a developer, angering residents; the resignation of James Williams as Police Chief and Charles McDonald as City Manager and the appointment of McDonald's successor; and the collapse of an embankment at Beltway Plaza, killing five workmen.

**Inveigled**  
Mary Granofsky declared that she had been "inveigled" into



Mary Granofsky, Editor March 1967 - October 1972.

speaking that night and had been "inveigled" into being editor of the newspaper as well. She recalled how she had just moved into town, knowing hardly anyone, and read a mention of her being a newcomer in the "Our Neighbors" column written by Elaine Skolnik. She felt she had to meet that person, and the next thing she knew she was herself a volunteer on the paper, although knowing nothing about the business. She served as editor for five years during the turbulent time when the paper and its president, Al Skolnik, were sued for libel, "A despicable thing forced upon us." It caused everyone to work very hard for four years. She said the paper had been a wonderful place for her during an unsettling time in her life. She got to know many staffers, the city and its councilmembers. "It was an enlarging experience for me," she said. Granofsky left the paper when she moved out of the city. At the banquet, she commented on how Greenbelt had become like a family to her and said, "I'm wondering why in the world I ever left Greenbelt."

**"Almost Wasn't"**

The current editor, Mary Lou Williamson, who now has served in that capacity for 25 years, regaled the audience with the story of the time during her tenure about the issue that "almost wasn't." The paper then relied on a volunteer courier to take the copy to the print shop each

Wednesday morning. One time, the briefcase flew off the courier's motorcycle and was lost along the side of Kenilworth Avenue. A thorough search by volunteer staff members failed to find it, and a mad scramble ensued to re-assemble the advertising and re-do the copy by searching through office wastepaper baskets. Williamson was proud that so few items were missed and that the paper did get printed that week. Many months later, a maintenance crew found the briefcase in the grass along the road and returned it to the paper.

"Probably the thing that we are proudest of in sixty years is putting out a paper every week, and that we haven't missed one," she said.

Sucher told the audience of President Emerita Elaine Skolnik's recollections of the best and worst of times for her. The worst had been when she had expressed sympathy in her "Our Neighbors" column upon the death of a resident who was still very much alive. The best had been when she got a personal tour of a sewage treatment plant. In written remarks, Skolnik reminded the audience of the paper's reliance upon volunteers and urged everyone there to seek out new volunteers for the many different tasks that need to be done each week. Sucher later noted that although it seemed to many that a small group put out the paper each week, 95 names were listed on the paper's masthead, and many others contributed stories about the doings of their organizations.

**"Like a Fertility Pill"**

Sucher said that she had been editor in the sixties. "That was when we were all having our babies. There was something very dangerous about the editor's chair in those days. It has been alluded to more than once, it was like a fertility pill." She noted that it was a time when women still stayed home, and there was an amazing wealth of time and talent available to work on the paper. Working on the paper was very rewarding, a creative outlet she really needed at that time, she said.

In concluding the program, Sucher called the paper's challenge for the 21st century, "How can our home-grown newspaper,

run essentially by volunteers, survive and thrive and do a good job of covering the news?" The answer, she said, didn't really lie with those present, but with the community. "If the community wants the paper to continue, people will come forward, volunteer, and help out. Anyone who does so will perform a public service, learn a whole lot, get your name in the paper, and make some wonderful friends. I guarantee it."

**Old Photos**

Besides the many remembrances and old photos on display,

Dorothy Sucher helped remind the attendees of the paper's history. Photos of the old offices in the basement of a Parkway apartment caused Mayor Davis to remark how shocked she had been at seeing the dingy quarters the first time she had brought an ad to the paper. Another collection of photos of staff members in their youth reminded everyone that time has been marching on. Many comments of praise were heard about the long, Shirley Temple-esque curls of young Bernie McGee, the dazzling, debutante beauty of the teen-age Lucille Howell and the handsome face of Al Geiger sporting a full head of hair! Maps displaying the place of origin of staff members emphasized the diverse backgrounds that have been brought to the paper. The most distant birthplace was Judy Goldstein's - Vladivostok, Siberia. The idea of the display, suggested by Julie Kender, was produced by Julie and her mother, Barbara Simon, with help from Tom Simon.



Eleanor Ritchie, Editor July 1945 - April 1946.

# Plans Still on for New Greenbelt and Glenn Dale Post Offices

by Barbara Havekost

On October 30 the Glenn Dale/Greenbelt Postal Customer Advisory Council sponsored an open forum to discuss the status of new postal facilities for the two communities. This meeting, held in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, was attended by more than 50 interested citizens of Greenbelt and Glenn Dale, Postal Service employees and elected officials.

Residents of both communities expressed concerns about the delay in building larger, more "customer friendly" facilities. Glenn Dale residents in particular expressed frustration that the facility originally planned for construction in Glenn Dale in 1996 has been delayed for a second time.

Mayor Toni Bram, Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis, and Councilmembers Edward Putens and Thomas White expressed concern that a retail facility should nevertheless remain in Roosevelt Center. While acknowledging the need for a larger postal handling facility, they emphasized the wish of Greenbelt residents to retain a full-service facility in the present location.

Alan Grimes, manager of the Postal Service Administrative Support Section, explained the process for selecting post offices for renovation or relocation. He said that while Glenn Dale had earlier been high on the list for a new facility, other areas had been selected as having greater needs. Grimes said that Greenbelt is scheduled for site selection of a new postal handling facility in Fiscal 1998 (10/1/97 - 9/30/98) and for construction in Fiscal 1999.

When pressed by city council members and residents about the

retention of a postal facility in Roosevelt Center, the audience was assured by both Grimes and Greenbelt Postmaster John Hyater that the Postal Service fully intends to keep a postal store at the present location. Hyater explained that this site would provide full counter service to customers and allow for an increased number of lock boxes. He said the new facility is needed, however, because the present location is too small to safely and efficiently process its present volume of mail. Grimes stated that consideration is also being given to opening a full service facility inside Beltway Plaza in place of the existing outdoor postal kiosk.

### Why Two Post Offices?

Bram questioned the need for two complete postal handling facilities to service Glenn Dale and Greenbelt. She noted that use of post office services may currently be at a peak but that the volume could decrease in the next few years with the use of E-mail. Hyater responded that

### Jazz Recital

On Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m., the University of Maryland School of Music will present the first recital of the University of Maryland Chamber Jazz Series in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Building. The recital features several student jazz combos and a faculty combo comprised of Chris Vadala, woodwinds, Ron Elliston, piano, Robert Gibson, bass, Steve Sidyk, drums, and Gerry Kunkel on guitar. Works will be extracted from the masters of jazz such as Davis, Coltrane, Ellington, and Gillespie.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For further information call 301-405-5519.

use of mail service had increased greatly during the UPS strike and has not since declined. He again emphasized that the Greenbelt postal facility will remain open because "it's making money."

He also noted that moving the postal handling facility away from its present location would free up many parking spaces used by postal and private employee vehicles. Grimes emphasized that Postal Service management understands the desire of both Greenbelt and Glenn Dale to retain their identities as communities and that no plan exists to combine these operations.

White expressed interest in a meeting of Greenbelt elected officials, city staff and postal service officials to discuss site selection. He suggested that a meeting be set and that citizen input requested on the best site for a facility. In response to repeated questioning from the audience regarding the retention of the full service postal facility in Roosevelt Center, Grimes guaranteed a facility which will provide lock boxes and several clerks to provide all postal services currently available. Hyater noted that while he is fully committed

### AMI to Hold Workshop

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County, Inc. will hold its November Workshop on the topic "Grieving Mental Illness."

The workshop will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, in the library of the Southern Maryland Hospital, 7503 Surratts Road., Clinton.

For more information call Jane Kelley at 301-577-6026 or the hospital at 301-868-8000.

to retaining postal service in Roosevelt Center, some dissatisfaction has been expressed concerning the current location and that he would be looking for a different site within Roosevelt Center that would be more visible and accessible.

In response to a question as to how citizens can make sure these

new postal facilities will happen, Grimes responded that the best means is continued citizen input. The Glenn Dale/Greenbelt Postal Customer Advisory Committee plans to remain active to keep these issues before Postal Service officials. Citizen volunteers are encouraged to join the group.

**Greenbelt**  
**474-3030**  
151 Centerway Rd.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEEP DISH</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>\$8<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEDIUM DEEP DISH PIZZA WITH UP TO 3 TOPPINGS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">2ND IS ONLY \$4.99 MORE.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Valid at participating stores only. Not valid with any other offer. Prices may vary. Customer pays sales tax where applicable. Cash value 1/20c. ©1997 Domino's Pizza Team Washington, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOOTBALL PARTY PACK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANY LARGE PIZZA WITH YOUR FAVORITE TOPPINGS, A 6-PACK OF COKE® AND AN ORDER OF OUR HOT AND TASTY BUFFALO WINGS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Valid at participating stores only. Not valid with any other offer. Prices may vary. Customer pays sales tax where applicable. Cash value 1/20c. ©1997 Domino's Pizza Team Washington, Inc.</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUPON BUSTER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOMINO'S PIZZA WILL HONOR ANY COMPETITORS' DELIVERY COUPON AS STATED!</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">PRESENT ANY OTHER PIZZA DELIVERY COMPETITORS' COUPON AND WE WILL MATCH THE PRICE AND PRODUCT PLUS GIVE YOU BETTER QUALITY GUARANTEED!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Valid at participating stores only. Not valid with any other offer. Prices may vary. Customer pays sales tax where applicable. Cash value 1/20c. ©1997 Domino's Pizza Team Washington, Inc.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOUBLE DEALS</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TWO MEDIUM 2-TOPPING PIZZAS</b></td> <td><b>TWO LARGE 2-TOPPING PIZZAS</b></td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: 0.7em;">Valid at participating stores only. Not valid with any other offer. Prices may vary. Customer pays sales tax where applicable. Cash value 1/20c. ©1997 Domino's Pizza Team Washington, Inc.</p>	<b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>TWO MEDIUM 2-TOPPING PIZZAS</b>	<b>TWO LARGE 2-TOPPING PIZZAS</b>
<b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b>				
<b>TWO MEDIUM 2-TOPPING PIZZAS</b>	<b>TWO LARGE 2-TOPPING PIZZAS</b>				

We promise you caring,  
comfortable... affordable dentistry...  
and we're in your neighborhood!

Our family has been serving your community for 59 years and we just keep growing.

Our main concern is to give you safe and complete quality care which is why we've taken hundreds of hours of continuing education. We utilize state-of-the-art equipment and sterilization techniques to create beautiful, healthy teeth for a lifetime.

#### **DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS:**

**DR. CLAYTON S. MCCARL, SR.**  
Fellow in International College of Dentists.  
Fellow in American College of Dentists.  
*Retired Nov. 1996*

**DR. CLAYTON S. MCCARL, JR.**  
Fellow in Academy of General Dentistry.

**DR. JAY MCCARL**  
Dental Implant Symposium at Boston University.  
Fellow in Academy of General Dentistry.

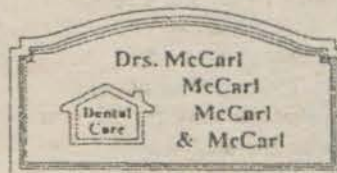
**DR. DAVID J. MCCARL**  
Quintessence Award for Excellence in Clinical Restorative Dentistry.

All four Drs. are ranked as Clinical Field Instructors for 1991-92 by the University of Maryland Dental School.

**DRS. MCCARL**  
**301-474-4144**



Dr. Jay                      Dr. Clayton                      Dr. Clayton, Jr.                      Dr. Dave



28 Ridge Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-0717

Call us today for a Satisfying Smile!

For Our New Patients  
Polishing & Cleaning

**\$20**

after  
Complimentary Initial  
Dental Exam

Only \$20.00 for a complete  
polishing and cleaning.  
Includes necessary x-rays on  
day of examination.  
Good only with coupon.  
Value up to \$84.00.

#### **NEW Office hours:**

Monday	8-5
Tuesday	9-8:30
Wednesday	9-8:30
Thursday	8-4
Friday	8-4
Saturday	8-11:30

# EARLY YEARS

(Continued from page 1)

For a short while, paid subscriptions were tried. That didn't work out. The volunteer staff couldn't keep up with the book-keeping. Fund drives followed and the newspaper struggled, but never missed a weekly publication date.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Elaine honed her role as an investigative reporter. Prince George's County was adopting a new Master Plan for Greenbelt calling for high density development throughout the city. (The city has no zoning authority, a power that resides with the county government.) The County Commissioners, as they were called then, were not friendly to Greenbelt. "They thought we were a bunch of kooks," Elaine chuckles.

She recalls with relish how some people took off from work, and some women brought their infants, to attend the daytime meetings in Upper Marlboro. The citizens were activated. It was the News Review that galvanized their interest and support. Eventually, the County Commissioners relented. These were heady times, and Elaine and

replace with computers the ancient manual Royal typewriters routinely used by the staff, even though it was becoming difficult to find replacement parts. On some issues, though, logic overcame feelings.

She was not too sure about moving the News Review office from its space in the basement of 15 Parkway where it had been for some forty years. But this too she accepted, realizing that bigger papers and more people dictated more space. Besides, she would no longer suffer from claustrophobia once the paper moved to its large sunny office in the Greenbelt Community Center, which occurred in January 1996. She doesn't miss the sound of flushing toilets from the apartments overhead, either.

## Mary Lou Williamson

Mary Lou Williamson has the longevity record as editor. In its first 30 years, the News Review had 34 editors. Mary Lou has held the job for the last 25 years. She joined the News Review staff in 1962, invited by her neighbor Virginia Beauchamp after revealing to Virginia that she had been

Mary Lou remembers the meeting as rancorous on all sides. But mostly she remembers being cornered outside by GHI member Mat Amberg, who talked to her longer than the GHI meeting itself had lasted. That was her introduction to the many Greenbelters who value free expression of their opinions.

In the 1960s, she and Dorothy Sucher frequently exchanged the editorship depending on who was having a baby that year. Over time, she has prided herself on being fair to all sides, yet in being able to express her views in subtle ways.

Aside from being able to influence public opinion, what she enjoys most about her role on the News Review is working with an established group of people who are, nevertheless, open and friendly to newcomers. She also has managed over the years to remain calm in the midst of many a battle swirling around her. She may be seething inside, and she may want to tell someone off — but neither her manner nor her voice reveals a shred of anger.

## Harry Zubkoff

Harry Zubkoff hasn't lived in Greenbelt since 1963. But when he moved into an apartment on Parkway in 1949, right across the street from the office of the News Review (it was known as the Co-operator then), he was drawn there like a magnet. On the night he chose to appear, only one person, the editor, Sally Meredith, was in the office. Sally greeted him warmly and showed him around. Then, according to Harry, she said, "I have to go now." He paused, then said, "And that was the last I saw of her. I was the only one there that night. When I got home at 3 a.m., my wife asked, 'Where the hell have you been?'"

When he took the copy to the printer the next morning, he was further surprised when the printer stated flatly, "I guess you know you owe me \$1,000." Harry had not known. He gave the printer \$200 out of his own wallet, confident that the newspaper would reimburse him eventually. That was the beginning of his relationship with the Co-operator/News Review. Sally never returned. He became editor, proofreader, layout editor and business manager.

Harry was largely responsible for changing the paper's name from the Co-operator to the News Review. He was having serious differences with the board and management of GCS, Greenbelt Consumer Services, the consumers' co-operative that ran the Co-op food market. In particular, he

opposed the co-op's expansionist policies, which he believed would ultimately bring about its demise. He spoke on this and other issues both as an elected member of the GCS board and as the newspaper's editor. GCS retaliated by refusing to advertise in the paper. Harry's anger manifested itself in a desire to change the newspaper's name so that it was clear there was no connection, real or imagined, between the cooperative business and the Co-operator. He ran a contest for a name change in the newspaper, and the Greenbelt News Review was the winning entry.

One of his pet peeves was when people turned in stories written on the backs of envelopes and slipped them under the office door. Harry threw them in the trash can. When the unsuspecting person asked why his story had not been printed, Harry innocently claimed no knowledge of its existence. Harry enjoyed being the ultimate authority. He made the rules and "Rule Number One," he asserted, "was type your story double-spaced on a whole sheet of paper!"

Harry was known for his firebrand opinions. In 1960 he left the News Review staff to run for the GHI board on a slate of well-known dissidents. "I always started out on the wrong side," he mused, "but then I would eventually see the error of my ways." He served as president of the GHI board until he left Greenbelt at the end of 1963.

Reminiscing over those early years, Harry remembers when then Police Chief George Panagoulis (who later became the Prince George's County Chief of Police) and Charlie McDonald, the city manager, refused to provide any news regarding police activities. They were reluctant to allow various reporters access to the Police Blotter, fearing that sensitive and confidential information would become public. They were finally persuaded, however, when Harry assigned a young college student, Howard Chasanow, now a Maryland Court of Appeals judge, to cover crime and police news exclusively.

Harry worked at the Pentagon during the so-called "McCarthy era" when Senator Joseph McCarthy was targeting alleged communists. Several Greenbelt citizens who worked for the Navy Department were declared security risks and suspended during 1953-54, including Abe Chasanow (Howard's father); Izzy Parker, who was an assistant editor on the News Review; and



Diane Oberg, president Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association (the cooperative that publishes the News Review).

Mike Salzman, who was on the GHI board. Salzman moved to California, but Chasanow and Parker fought the charges through the Navy's appeals process. (The movie "Three Brave Men" was eventually made based on Chasanow's case.) Both men were eventually cleared and reinstated, after which they left government service.

Harry's lasting legacy to the News Review staff, however, was not any policy he articulated but the addition of a bathroom to the office. Previously people had had to go upstairs to a neighbor's apartment when nature called. This could be frequent, too, given the number of pregnant women on the staff. Harry persuaded GHI to install a toilet and sink, and happiness prevailed in the basement of 15 Parkway for a long time after that.

## Dorothy Sucher

Dorothy Sucher joined the News Review staff in 1959. Except for some middle years during which she returned to school and later was writing mystery novels, she has been on the staff, serving as editor for brief periods during the earliest years, for nearly 40 years.

"It seemed as if sitting in the editor's chair was like taking a fertility pill," she laughs, remembering how she and Mary Lou Williamson traded the editorship when one or the other was pregnant.

Dorothy enjoys writing fea-  
See EARLY YEARS, page 13



President Emerita and News Editor Elaine Skolnik and husband Victor Nicholson.

Al were in the thick of it with their thorough reporting of the county commission and city council meetings.

Very little of substance has occurred in Greenbelt politics or government over the last 43 years that Elaine Skolnik has not influenced. She has led many a zoning battle both through the printed page and from her kitchen phone. She became an expert on sewage during the battle over the waste-water treatment plant at Greenbriar, installed temporarily to overcome a moratorium on development then in effect. Developers were warmed by her motherly charm, then astonished to read in the pages of the News Review what they had unwittingly revealed. As staff member Dorothy Sucher puts it, "Elaine has a bulldog approach, but comes across as a sweet pussycat."

Elaine remembers when city council members refused to allow reporters to cover budget work sessions. She also recalls how former mayor Francis White attempted to harass the reporters by marking in blue pencil portions of their printed news stories with which he did not agree.

Elaine is the first to admit that she fears change, and she balked at some of the changes being proposed during the 1980s for the operation of the News Review. She was especially reluctant to

on the staff of her college paper. What she didn't tell Virginia was that she had been the business manager, not an editor or writer. She was, though, a history major, and the staff was writing a history of Greenbelt for its 25th Anniversary.

Mary Lou's first writing assignment was an interview with retired city clerk Winfield McCamy. She winces when she thinks about how terrible her interviewing skills were back then. Nevertheless, she was "thrown to the wolves" one night when she was sent to cover a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting. The controversial subject on the agenda was the proposal of some board members to charge the News Review rent (as much as \$50 per month) for its space in the basement of 15 Parkway. The News Review board was incensed. Not only could they not afford the fee, if rent were once established, it could be raised beyond the paper's ability to pay. Besides, they felt they were performing a valuable service to the community. It wasn't even a question of the basement providing habitable space that GHI would otherwise be renting to someone else. The staff viewed the issue as harassment by some GHI board members. Mary Lou's young unknown face might soften the enemy, board members thought.



Former editors Virginia Beauchamp and Dorothy Sucher, reporter Mary Moien, and Eileen McCarthy pause to chat near an exhibit of old photographs at the News Review 60th Anniversary Dinner.

- photos by Prospero Zevallos

## EARLY YEARS

(Continued from page 12)

tures and creative articles. She has been known to become an "instant expert" on a subject and then write about it. When she innocently ordered 30 rose bushes from a catalog, and they all arrived on the same day, she, who had never turned a spade in her life, was soon telling her readers in an authoritative manner how to plant rose-bushes.

Dorothy also has been known to speak her mind. During the Vietnam War, she had some ideas she wanted to express in an editorial. When the editorial board pointed out that the Vietnam War was not a Greenbelt issue, she instead wrote a letter to the editor — while she herself was editor — provoking further disagreement!

When she wrote a review of children's poetry that had been published in a booklet by the Greenbelt Library and commented that "'Johnnie Jones' metaphors were a trifle stale," the mothers of Greenbelt came out for my blood," she relates, laughing. "I thought I would have to leave town after that!"

### Virginia Beauchamp

In 1957 Virginia Beauchamp joined the News Review staff. "It saved my life," she asserted. Like so many other women, she was a young, educated mother at home with her babies. Virginia sought the intellectual stimulation that the newspaper afforded. She remembers working with Harry Zubkoff and Phyllis Chasanow, who was a teenager then. Phyllis's byline now appears every week in the Washington Post as Phyllis C. Richman, food critic. But she earned her first journalistic credentials on the staff of the News Review.

Virginia's reasoned approach is why she often drafts News Review editorials or tackles editing others' drafts. She likes to cover city council meetings, deplores stories that are written like minutes of a meeting, and is the ultimate authority on any issue regarding grammar. Her writing style is reflected weekly in the headlines for lead stories.

Virginia remembers the libel suit as consuming people's lives in the 1970s. It was Dorothy Sucher's city council story in which the word "blackmail" was quoted. This word caused the developer to sue the paper, claiming that the story was written with malice, intending to publicly defame him. She recalls that even people who opposed some of the stands the newspaper had taken over the years came forward with money to support the Skolniks and their freedom of the press fight.

### Barbara Likowski

Barbara Likowski moved to Greenbelt in 1966 but didn't join the newspaper until 1971 when the job of make-up (or layout) was being done in a neighbor's house. It wasn't until the mid-1980s that the Wednesday night make-up job moved permanently to the News Review office. Previously, it was a way for people to work in their homes without needing a baby sitter. Of course, the rest of the family had to be evicted from the dining room and living room while proofreaders worked on the paper, sitting on the living room couch, correcting copy that probably rested on a book instead of a table. Coffee and tea were usually served, as it was a social as well as a business occasion.

Currently assistant news editor, Barbara started out as a proof-



Editors, past and present, of the Greenbelt News Review: (seated, L - R) present News Editor Elaine Skolnik, Virginia Beauchamp, present Editor-in-Chief Mary Lou Williamson, Mary Granofsky; (standing, L - R) Dorothy Sucher, Harry Zubkoff, Russ Greenbaum, present Assistant Editor Barbara Likowski, Izzy Parker, and Ellie Ritchie.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos

reader. Uncomfortable with controversies, she was acting editor during parts of 1989 and 1990 when Mary Lou was sick. The bitter controversy over the conversion of Greenbelt Center School into a Community Center and the building of a new school on the North End site raged during those years. Barbara was relieved when Mary Lou returned and she could go back to her job of copy reading, doing make-up and "lots of odds and ends," as she modestly puts it.

Over the years the News Review has built a solid reputation as a paper that prints the news without resorting to a sensational style. The board actively cultivates the good will of the city staff and elected officials, while upholding their obligation to their readers to report fairly and honestly.

Dorothy feels that the News Review has often been too kind to city council members, not expressing on the editorial pages some of the criticisms she feels have been warranted. Elaine agrees that sometimes the newspaper has not covered individual council members' temper tantrums and their public outbursts that demean the city staff.

Although many people have come and gone over the years, a few key staff members have been responsible for its publication every week. Most of these people are now in their 60s and 70s. What will happen to the News Review in the next decade? The future of the paper remains less certain than its past.

The News Review staff has moaned for years over its small cadre of reporters and its inability to cover many of the issues at Springhill Lake and Greenbelt East. Technological progress has

been made with computers and fax machines, but that equipment too is becoming outdated already and is too slow. Will the News Review have to compete for advertising with the new Gazette paper? Where will the money come from to hire staff when there are fewer and fewer volunteers? How will Greenbelt's changing demographics be reflected in the news that is reported and in the reporters who cover it? Ultimately, will the News Review relinquish its not-for-profit status and its free delivery service?

These are questions that trouble the staff as they reminisce over the years gone by. Today, the News Review boasts 12 to 20 pages almost every week, a big change from the early days of two or four pages when one person could do all the jobs if necessary. More than any other institution in the city, the Greenbelt News Review has shaped the community. "Greenbelt would not be what it is today without the newspaper," Harry Zubkoff affirms. "It is the unifying force within the community," he asserts, and the others agree. Its history is great. Its future is fragile.

This reporter, too, is an "old timer," having joined the News Review staff in 1966, right after moving to Greenbelt. Along with the other women on the staff, she too used it for the intellectual stimulation it provided while her children were small. Women with a college education, including Elaine, Dorothy, Virginia, Barbara and Mary Lou, all stayed home to

raise their children 30 years ago. As Dorothy pointed out, the News Review could not have existed in those early days without the contributions of women who were staying home with their children, but who also sought ways to be creative and challenged through their roles as journalists on the community newspaper.

### GREENBELT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Services Include:

VISA	Traveler Checks
MOST	Money Orders
Share Savings	Certificates
Share Draft Checking	Retirement Account

and more . . . .

To Join Your Community Credit Union Call:

**301-474-5900**

A credit union for persons who live or work in Greenbelt.

**Serving the community Since 1937.**

Each account insured to \$100,000 by NCUA,  
a U.S. Government Agency.

# NEED A MORTGAGE LOAN?

*Apply With Us  
Even If Your Credit Isn't Perfect.*

*Since 1887 Maryland Federal has been lending money to residents of Prince George's County. We are the largest financial institution headquartered in the County and recognize many customers have different needs and less than perfect credit. So, if you've been late in your payments a few times, chances are good we can find a way to help you. You never know if you don't ask. So call today.*

## **Maryland Federal Bank**

Landover Loan Office  
1400 Mercantile Lane #120  
Landover, Maryland 20785  
**301-925-9191**  
Joseph Kaye, Manager

FDIC Insured

### J. Henson

PHOTOGRAPHICS

- ◆ portraits
- ◆ portfolios
- ◆ advertising
- ◆ commercial photography

J. Henson  
photographer

**301-441-9231**

# CLASSIFIED

## Handyman/Carpenter

All types of work done in and around your home.

No job too small.

**301-596-5793**

## LOOK!!

### Super Deal!! Greenbrook

3 level townhome, 3 BR, 2-1/2 baths, end unit. Immaculate, like new condition. \$124,990

**Sellers say sell!!**

**LORIE SCHEIBEL**

Long & Foster Realtors, 301-262-6900

## Home & Business Improvements

### WISLER CONSTRUCTION

Drywall • Painting • Carpentry  
• Acoustical Ceiling  
• Tile • Etc.

Licensed • Bonded • Insured  
MHIC #40475 **301-345-1261**

## WANT TO BUY A HOME?

### Now Is The Time

Prices are low, inventory is high, interest rates are low.

Serving:  
P.G., Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Howard Counties

For TOP QUALITY SERVICE and a proven track record of results, call

**LORIE SCHEIBEL**  
Long & Foster  
**301-262-6900**

## SERVICES

**GUITAR Lessons** - Scales, chords, theory, reading. Full-time instructor. 301-937-8370.

**HOUSE CLEANING** - I have Greenbelt refs. of 5 years, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, \$45 to \$55. Melody, 301/805-9676.

**HOME MOVIES** Slides, Pictures transferred to VHS, Tape Repair. HLM Productions, Inc. 301-474-6748.

**TOM McANDREW - GREENBELT WINDOWS & PAINTING** - Replacement windows and doors and vinyl siding. Phone 301/474-9434, MHIC 26087.

**CASH FOR YOUR VALUABLES!** Jewelry, diamonds, watches, cameras, tools, guns. We buy, sell and loan anything of value. We pawn autos. A-1 PAWNBROKERS 301-345-0858.

**CALDWELL'S APPLIANCE SERVICE** - Most makes repaired. Call after 5 p.m. 301-840-8043.

## Wall to Wall Carpet Enterprise Carpets

Lewis Merritt 301-441-1266

All brands & styles at REASONABLE Prices. Call for Appointment Anytime. If no answer, please call back. I'm out selling to your neighbors.

## LOOK!!

### Very Serious Sellers!!

**BACKS TO WOODS**  
Greenbrook Garage Townhome — 3 finished levels, all the bells and whistles, large eat-in kitchen, elegant corner fireplace, private brick patio backs to woods. Lovely!! Super bargain. \$134,900

**LORIE SCHEIBEL**  
Long & Foster Realtors, 301-262-6900

**PIANO LESSONS - GREENBELT.** Beginners. Advanced. Kids. Adults. Private lessons, 301/345-4132.

**HOUSECLEANING** by Christian woman, 13 years experience, also windows, carpet cleaning. Good rates, senior discount. 301/725-1206

**MAILING LISTS** - computer software installation, troubleshooting, database, spreadsheet programs. 301/474-8947

**HOUSECLEANING** - Weekly, bi-weekly, \$30-55. References, free estimates. Debbie, 301/459-5239

**LIGHT MOVING**, hauling, leaf raking, odd jobs. Call Quincy, 301/345-5984.

**WATERCOLOR PORTRAITS** - Holiday special (10" x 13"), \$85 unframed. Call David, 301/513-0436.

**EDITORIAL & GRAPHICS SERVICES** - Expert copyediting, proofreading, online editing, Internet research, resumes, student papers, newsletters, menus, brochures, book design, layout. 301/345-6324

**DECKS WASHED AND SEALED** - Small GHI decks, \$89. 301/213-3273

## BAZAAR

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS BAZAAR** - 12200 Daisy Lane, Glenn Dale, MD. Saturday, November 22 from 9-2.

## Traditional Funerals Monuments Cremation Service

### Donald V. Borgwardt

Funeral Home, P.A.

Family owned and operated

4400 Powder Mill Rd.

Beltsville, Md. 20705-2751

(301) 937-1707

Pre-Need Counseling

By Appointment

## Aspen Wellness Center

Holiday Stress Busters  
Unique Gift Certificates

Relax, reduce stress, improve circulation with:  
**Therapeutic Massage with Ellen Gricewich, Ms.T.**  
**Foot Reflexology with Yoni Siegel, Certified Foot Reflexologist**

As an introductory special, add a 15-minute Foot Reflexology treatment to your Massage for only \$10.00

\*\*\*\*\* Call (301) 513-9442

Voice Mailbox #1  
6215 Greenbelt Road,  
Suite 304 304

Licensed  
Bonded  
Insured

MHIC  
#7540

## Gehring Construction Co., Inc.

### HOME REMODELING SPECIALIST

Replacement Windows • Siding • Roofing  
Repairs • Florida Rooms • Decks • Painting  
Kitchens • Additions • Bathrooms

**BRICK - BLOCK - CONCRETE**  
**Free Estimates / Town References**

"Serving Greenbelt For 30 Years"

Call Dick Gehring **301/441-1246**  
8303 58th Ave. • Berwyn Heights, MD

## SAVE ON THE HIGH COST OF FUNERALS & BURIALS

This combination provides numerous cost efficiencies as well as simplicity and dignity for all concerned. Whether you have immediate needs or are considering making prearrangements, Chambers Funeral Homes' exceptional low price can give you savings now and in the future. *Burials as low as \$1,625 • Cremations as low as \$695.*



FREE INFORMATION - Call or write:

5801 Cleveland Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737 • (301) 699-5500  
9241 Columbia Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20910 • (301) 565-3600

## RATES

**CLASSIFIED:** \$2.50 minimum for ten words. 15¢ each additional word. No charge for listing items that are found. Submit ad with payment to the News Review office by 10 p.m. Tuesday, or to the News Review drop box in the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store before 7 p.m. Tuesday, or mail to 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

**BOXED:** \$6.00 column inch. Minimum 1 1/2 inches (\$9.00). Deadline 10 p.m. Monday.

Include name, phone no. and address with ad copy. Ads not considered accepted until published.

**SERIOUS ADULT VIOLIN STUDENT** seeks weekend partner for easy to intermediate level 18th century violin duets. Jack, 301/441-2521 (H)

## DAY CARE

**STAY AT HOME MOM** will care for your child in her home. Please call 301/220-1341.

**BABYSITTER NEEDED** - Part or full time, Monday to Friday. Hours and salary negotiable. References required. Call 301/982-5620.

## MORYADAS ASSOCIATES, LLC

Your Tax Professionals

Serving Individuals,  
Small Businesses  
Estates and Trusts  
In

Tax Preparation for  
Federal and all States  
Current and prior years returns  
Audit Service  
Representation and Negotiation  
Tax Advisory

Home Visits available by appointment

## MORYADAS ASSOCIATES, LLC

11-J RIDGE ROAD  
GREENBELT, MD 20770  
**(301) 474-9427**

## AMERICAN REALTY

**73B Ridge \$64,900**

Absolutely gorgeous. New W/D, redone hardwood floors, deck, shed, etc.

**2 bd, 7J Southway - \$48,000**

upgraded kitchen & bath, new washer & dryer, fans, etc.

**3 Bedroom - \$39,900**

2 A/Cs, fenced yards, ceramic bath, dishwasher, full size W/D - 71K Ridge

**Price Reduced Lakeside Drive \$159,000**

4 Bd, 2 1/2 Ba, Rec-rm w/FP carport, eat-in kitchen

**Lakeside \$179,900**

4 Bd., 3 full baths, 2 FP, den, new kit., fenced yard.

**One Bedroom \$21,000**

Full size W/D, upgraded kitchen - upper level

**10C Southway-\$49,900**

One story addition, extra half bath, W/D, AC, fans, fenced yard,



**GEORGE CANTWELL**  
301-982-7148  
Associate Broker

## Old Greenbelt Citgo Dave Meadows Service Manager

### Maryland State Inspections

Oil Changes, Batteries  
Brakes, Shocks, Tires  
Exhausts & Tune-Ups  
MD State Lottery

**301-474-0046**

20 Southway  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

• Open 24 Hours for Gas and Snacks •

## Let FINAL KOTE Painting

help protect your most important investment—YOUR HOME

CALL TERRY AT  
**FINAL KOTE**  
Painting

(301) 699-5196

For your free painting evaluation & estimate.

We Believe: "If you're not satisfied, we're not finished!"

• Interior/Exterior Painting • Brush - Roll - Spray • Custom Painting • Scraping, sanding, caulking, priming, dry wall repairs  
• Power washing • Deck Cleaning

**All work is guaranteed and owner supervised. Licensed—Insured—Bonded**

For your protection MHIC #51389

## We Specialize in Small Roof Repairs

and also

install whole roofs, window replacements, vinyl siding, skylights, patio doors, and more.

Many local references  
Over 25 yrs. experience

MHIC 21062

Call **ART RAMBO**  
at  
**301-220-4222**

# ADVERTISING

## AUTOMOTIVE

'87 BUICK CENTURY - 137,000 mi. A/C, automatic, AM/FM cassette, maroon ext/int. Runs like new! \$1800/OBO. Steve, 301/474-3883.

'86 MERCURY TOPAZ - 71,000 miles, 2 dr, auto, clean, new tires, \$2500. 301/441-4751

'86 BRONCO - Four wheel drive, good condition, \$3,000/OBO. Troy, 301/459-9618

## LOST AND FOUND

FOUND - Please call to identify contents of lost grocery bag at Safeway, Sunday evening 11/16. 301/441-2659

FOUND - At 60th anniversary celebration—Canon camera case. Pick up at News Review office.

## REAL ESTATE - RENT

3 BEDROOM GHI HOUSE - \$860/month + utilities. Call 301/884-7412.



Former Assistant State's Attorney  
**YOUR PERSONAL LAWYER**

**VALERIE L. SIEGEL**  
OUCH!

Slip & Fall  
Auto Accident  
Personal Injury  
Medical Malpractice

301/474-5632

## Computer Training at your location

- System & application software
- Installation & configuration
- Problem diagnosis
- Internet connection
- Website development

BIG discount for Greenbelt residents

**MACRO / CENTER**  
301-474-2424  
macro@greenbelt.com

## JoAnn's BOOKS

THE ORGANIZED USED BOOKSTORE

10438 Baltimore Ave.  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
(301) 937-0259

## Mobil GREENBELT SERVICE CENTER



GREENBELT SERVICE CENTER

"We're As Near As Your Neighbor"

**AUTO REPAIRS & ROAD SERVICE**

We promise a fast and pleasant purchase every time you visit.

161 CENTERWAY ROAD  
GREENBELT, MD 20770

(301) 474-8348



## REAL ESTATE - SALE

ONE BEDROOM COOP - Features large storage attic, new appliances, wall-to-wall carpeting. Clean, painted, inspected & ready to move in. Sensational buy, \$20,500! Call 301/345-0878 on Sunday 11/23/97, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for open house.

FOR SALE - Beautiful townhome in Greenbelt East. Be in by Christmas. Three finished levels, fenced yard, deck, backs to woods. \$140,000s. Evelyn, ERA Triple Crown Realty, 301/982-1861.

SPACIOUS CONDO - 2 BR, 1 BA, washer, dryer, dishwasher. 2 phone lines, pool, tennis available. 10 minutes from Univ. MD on Greenbelt Rd. \$900/month incl. utilities. 301/445-9114

FOR RENT - Very clean Greenbriar condo. One bedroom plus separate den. \$775/month includes all utilities. Call Evelyn, ERA Triple Crown Realty, 301/982-1861.

ROOM WITH OWN ENTRANCE on farm - \$350 including utilities. Pet OK. 301/352-7375

ROOMMATE SERVICE - If you have a place to share or need a place to live. 301/464-1200

NONSMOKING FEMALE to share large lux. house. Bedroom suite includes premium cable box, private phone, private bath, \$375. 301/937-7376, leave message.

## SORRY! NO CREDIT

We do not normally extend credit to advertisers, as we need your money fast. We love cash and will accept checks that don't bounce.

## PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

Friendly & busy office has immediate opening for assistant, proficient in MS Word, Office 97, with good phone skills. Flexible hours, 20 hours per week. Pay commensurate with experience. Call Roberta at 301-386-4654.

## Potpourri

Anonymous Christian support for hurting people. Questioning personal significance? Come and meet with other Christians who combine prayer, scripture, praise and real relationships. Thursdays - 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Greenbelt Baptist Church. Call 301-523-2581 for information.

## Holbert's Home Imp.

Carpentry Painting  
Remodeling Repairs  
M.H.I.C. 25916

Call Jack 301-345-8262

## KELLEY CRITTENDEN

Licensed Acupuncturist & Massage Therapist is pleased to announce her new location 7219D Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301) 237-6554 Gift Certificates Available

## House Cleaning

Do you need help with your house cleaning? Let us help. We are a husband and wife team working in your area for over seven years with excellent Greenbelt references.

We provide weekly, bi-monthly and a spring type cleaning. Also available are window cleaning and interior painting. MY MAID is an insured, reputable company.

Call John or Tammy for Free estimates at (301) 262-5151

**\*\$350.00 OFF FIRST MONTH'S RENT**



ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED

(301) 474-1600 GREENBELT

\*on selected floor plans WITH COUPON EXPIRES 11/30/97

## NEW CARROLLTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Providing quality pet care to the community for more than 20 years



7601 Good Luck Road (1/4 mile from Hanover Pkwy.)

301-552-3800



## Greenbelt Auto & Truck Repair INC.

159 Centerway Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
301-982-2582

A.S.E.

Master Certified Technicians  
Certified Emission Repair Technician

A complete service facility equipped to perform all service requirements that your manufacturer recommends, to comply with Preventive Maintenance service schedules & extended warranty programs! Also, routine repairs that keep your vehicles operating safely & reliably.

## Women's Group Therapy

- Separation/Divorce
- Depression/Grieving
- Feel better/Enjoy Life

Ginny Hurney LCSW  
301-595-5135

## Crescent Square

Old Greenbelt  
one bedroom  
apartments

From \$525.00

## Vista Mgmt. Co.

301-982-4636

## Counseling Psychotherapy

Elizabeth D'Entremont, M.A.  
Professional Counselor  
offices: near Silver Spring Metro and in Brookland, C.U. area  
Sliding Fee Scale

301-474-6292

## ZEUS ELECTRIC

Custom Quality Work  
Done w/ Pride!  
No job too small.  
Service work and new homes.  
ALL work done by  
Master Electrician  
Insured Lic. #1142 Pr. Geo.  
301-622-6999  
Beeper 301-907-1025

## Patrick J. McAndrew

Attorney At Law  
General Practice

- Civil Litigation • Criminal Litigation
- Personal Injury • DWI/DUI (auto accidents, slip & fall, injury/death)
- Wills • Corporations/Business Law
- Divorce/Separation • MVA Hearings
- Administrative Law

5000 Sunnyside Avenue, Suite 101  
Beltsville, MD

301-595-3880

## Sparkling Housecleaning

by Mature, Responsible Woman

- ♦ Reasonable Price
- ♦ Free Estimate

**PENHA**  
301-474-9578

IT'S HERE! Greenbelt's

## LARGEST YARD SALE EVER

Sat. Dec. 6 9 to 1

St. Hugh's School Gym

A few tables remain for \$30.

Call Penny 301-345-2168.

Coffee & Donuts, too.

Sponsored by the St. Hugh's PTA



Nationally Certified  
Massage Therapists and  
Professional Estheticians

Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 12-8, Fri.-Sat. 9-6

143 CENTERWAY • GREENBELT, MD 20770 • 301-345-1849

## SPA BODY WORKS & SKIN CARE

- Therapeutic Massage
- Facials
- Waxing
- Make-up Design



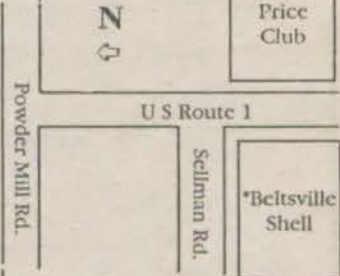
**BELTSVILLE SHELL INC.**  
10920 Baltimore Boulevard  
Beltsville, Maryland 20705  
(301) 937-2066



We employ ASE Certified Mechanics

Computerized wheel alignment.  
Complete brake service.  
Electronic engine controls.  
Fuel injection service.  
Maryland State inspection.  
Suspension/shocks/struts.  
Timing belts.  
Warranty required maintenance.  
Kelly tires/computer balancing.  
24 hour 7 day drop off.

Service bays open 8-5 weekdays & 8-3 Saturdays



## MARIA'S BEAUTY SHOP

Serving Men and Women  
Professional precision haircutting  
and styling — all types hair

- curly perms/body perms only \$35
- coloring or sunglitz only \$27
- frostings \$45

(haircut not included)

We guarantee our work, no appointments necessary

Matrix — Paul Mitchell — Rusk

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 am to 5:30 pm

Sat. 8 am to 5 pm

(301) 474-4881



## GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

HAMILTON PLACE, GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770

Area Code (301) 474-4161 Fax (301) 474-4006



Unique, Historic, & Ready for the 21st Century

## GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

*A UNIQUE HOUSING COOPERATIVE*

*IN HISTORIC GREENBELT*

*Congratulates*

## THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

for **60** Years of Providing a Continuous Flow

of News to the Citizens of Greenbelt and in

Fostering Civic Activism.



## WE SALUTE

the Many Volunteers for

Dedicating Time and Talent To

Keep Us Informed. We Look Forward To Your

Continued Success in the 21st Century.

**What Goes On**  
 Tues., Aug. 1, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession, Rehabilitation of Parkway Municipal Bldg.  
 Wed., Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Crime Prevention Committee Meeting, Police Station  
 7 p.m. Laborers' Socialist Meeting on Stomewater Drainage Project, Police Station

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

## News Review

**Office Hours**  
 Monday - 8-4 p.m.  
 - 8-10 p.m.  
 Tuesday - 8-10 p.m.  
 15 Parkway  
 Deadline for copy and advertising is 10 p.m., Tuesday.  
 Deadline for copy and advertising is 10 p.m., Tuesday.

Volume 58, Number 36

P.O. Box 68, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0068

Thursday, July 27, 1995

An Independent Newspaper

# GREENBELT News Review

## Beat the Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Volume 60, Number 51

15 Crescent Rd., Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887

Thursday, November 13, 1997

## Editors Recall Highlights of 50 Year Partnership with Printer

by Mary Lou Williamson

With this August 3 issue, the five-decade era of the Allen family as printers of the Greenbelt Co-operator and then the News Review will come to a close. The family has been associated with the paper longer than any member of the current staff.

Linotype machines with their noisy rhythms; racks of magazines, the large metal cases holding the little forms for each letter or character; drawers of different type faces for hand-set headlines and ads; the smell of printer's ink; and the job presses running in the other room — I will miss these sights and sounds of the print shop after 30 years of weekly Thursday morning page-proofing sessions. (Thursday morning is the editor's last shot at getting everything right for each week.)

I have known four generations of the Herbert Allen family — professional printers working with dedication to help provide Greenbelt with an outstanding newspaper. They have been my teachers as I learned my job as it should be done. I have watched the children grow up, marry and have their own children. The young ones were brought to the print shop in playpens in the front office or later kept securely behind gates. I watched a caring family keep an increasingly cau-

tious eye on their aging father and grandfather, so he could stay busy during the last years of his life in the print shop he loved.

For most of those Thursday mornings Mrs. Allen or her son Red (Herbert Jr.) would be sitting at the linotype, setting the previous night's corrections — one line at a time, little mats falling from the magazine to fill the line, the hot lead pouring into the mold. These must cool before you can pick them up. Then each line is inserted into the stories on galleys. Occasionally the line is put in the wrong place or a new error is made. It's up to the editor to fix those problems on Thursday morning and fill the space if an ad has been dummied into the paper twice or rewrite the last lines of a story that is too long to fit in its space.

Red and Mrs. Allen, and more recently Red's daughter Dale and her husband, Bill, have put together the pages we had dummied the night before and run off a proof for the editors. The Allens work quietly and effi-

ciently, saving their chatter for later. One will drop a hint now and then that if the editors would stop talking, we'd all get finished earlier. (No one eats lunch before all the pages are ready to be printed, usually around 1 or 1:30. It can be as late as 2:30 or 3. Those are the weeks the printed papers don't get back to Greenbelt until the next day, causing all sorts of grief.)

The three linotype machines each hold three magazines. Generally two have 8-point body type for stories. The other has the larger 10-point type for lead paragraphs and photo captions. When you can't find Mrs. Allen, now 83 but with almost no gray hair, she's apt to be climbing up the back of the eight-foot tall linotype with a screw driver, fixing something that is stuck. She's very good at setting type, her spelling is better than the editor's and she knows just how things ought to be done.

She has been setting the copy of Greenbelt's story for 50 years. She knows a lot. When piqued, she used to add pithy comments or questions at the end of a story. She expected the proofers to notice the added sentence or two and delete them.

### Beginnings

When the staff of the Greenbelt paper determined that their experiment in journalism would be permanent, they wanted it to look like newspaper. They went to the Prince George's Post to have it printed. That was 54 years ago, August 22, 1941. Herbert Allen was the young pressman. After the war Allen set up his own print shop in the basement of an old Hyattsville office building. The Co-operator, as the News Review was then known, followed him. The paper left briefly in the 50's to try photo-offset but the staff didn't like the results and returned to Allen.

Over the years the family grew and the newspaper and its editors almost became a part of the family too. Allen extended credit to the often faltering paper during the early years, much as one might to one's offspring. In later years, as the paper gained in financial stability, our business manager would adjust our payment schedule occasionally to help the Allens meet some particular emergency.

Allen, a shy and unassuming gentleman, liked best to run his small job presses, but helped with the News Review when needed. I began my weekly trips to the print shop in 1962. Red's oldest son, who was 8 or 9, spent his days in the shop during



Editorial staff labors beneath pipes festooned with cables. Left to right, Barbara Likowski, Eileen Farnham, Bernie McGee, Jim Giese, and editor Mary Lou Williamson.

- photo by Dorothy Sucher

## Shock of the Unfamiliar: The News Review Moves

by Dorothy Sucher

Leaving home — that's how it feels. Blinking, mole-like, the staff of the Greenbelt News Review emerges from the dank, subterranean quarters in which we've lurked for so many years, putting out the community's newspaper week after week. Don't ask me exactly how many years, I'm not one of the paper's fact-checkers, I prefer the vague, sweeping statement. It was longer than the 35 years since I joined the paper anyway, around the time when we finally prevailed on the GHI Board, our chivalrous landlords, to install a toilet because most of the editors, myself included, were pregnant. (Before, we used to lumber upstairs and ask Mrs. Greeze if we could please use the bathroom in her apartment ... but oh, that climb in the ninth month.)

### High Ceilings

This week the News Review moves into our spacious new quarters in the not-quite-fully-but-kind-of-open Community Center. We have two humongous windows, flooding the room with an unfamiliar substance known as "sunlight." There will be high ceilings devoid of the water and heating pipes festooned with electric cables, at which we have so often gazed in desperate creative frenzy while trying to find a shorter synonym for "zoning." Our walls will be of a virginal off-white instead of our accustomed pumpkin orange, with traces of the previous coat of green peeping through.

No bank of electric meters labelled "DANGER — HANDS OFF, HIGH VOLTAGE!" No Original Greenbelt refrigerator, last defrosted in 1983, filled with bottles of frozen cranberry juice and peach nectar responsible for the rumor that frozen daiquiris were invented during a slow week at the News Review, and a file box containing frigid coins, part of our honor system for refreshments. (This reminds me that I'm about \$5.00 in arrears and I'd better pay up before the big move.)

### Sybaritic Luxury

Will it be possible to put out a paper under conditions like these, or will this sybaritic luxury rot whatever stern moral fibre remains to us, inducing thoughts of spending the winter lounging by the pool of a Florida condo instead of trying to wheedle information out of an evasive police department representative over the telephone? Unpaid, yet?

The week before our move a young man said to me at the New Deal cafe, "I just went down to

the News Review office for the first time to place an ad." He paused, pity in his eyes. "I was shocked," he murmured gently, while the words, "You poor old thing ..." hovered in the air. Perhaps he thought I deserved better, a bit more like Murphy Brown's office.

The young lack grit. They think what's important is to be camera-ready, when what really counts is the fact that our co-op of volunteers has put out the community's newspaper every week without fail for almost 60 years, a record unmatched in the nation. The young are taking



over the world, though, so it's just as well we're moving to quarters that are glossier, a bit more like TV, the current notion of reality. The paper needs new blood, and our sunny office in the Community Center may be less of a shock to systems of the young.

And hey, I'm probably gonna enjoy it myself, once I get over the adjustment.

### Grungiest

The News Review once entered a contest for the grungiest office, sponsored by WPGC. Let me tell you we were cocky, but we lost; we're still convinced the judging was rigged.

Over the years our landlord, GHI, has been very good to us. It was a big brother of a co-op supporting a pipsqueak co-op, us, to help insure that Greenbelt would have a newspaper.

Originally our basement space contained storage cupboards for tenants in the building (plus the electric meters and telephone cables), but GHI relocated the cupboards across the hall to make room for us.

Over the years relations were mostly amicable, but about 40 years ago we managed to rile a couple of members of the GHI Board. They declared war and demanded the unthinkable — rent! Was the cause a critical editorial or two? Or was it because the timid wife of one of our most implacable board member foes worked for us as a proofreader and we paid her a member dividend of \$1.00 a week? "The News Review is

See SHOCK, page 5



Mrs. Allen at the linotype she handles so deftly.

- photo by Sharon Natoli/August 3, 1995

See EDITOR, page 5



# EDITORIALS

## Thanks and Farewell

When our readers actually see these words, your News Review staffers, all our editorial possessions and our news archives, dating from our beginning almost 59 years ago as The Cooperator, will have moved into our new office in the Community Center building. But these words themselves have been processed in our old basement quarters at 15 Parkway, proofread there, and formatted for this, our last edition as a guest of Greenbelt Homes.

All of our present staff members have known no other location, though the paper was first housed, under the auspices of the federal government, which ran the town, in another basement on Parkway. After the town was purchased by the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (the original name for GHJ), we were offered the basement we have continued to occupy through all these years.

A couple of us remember what it was like. Unusable as a rental property, since it housed all the electrical meter boxes for the apartments above, it also contained

storage lockers for many of the residents. It was only a dingy basement — cement floor, cinderblock walls, and a cement ceiling so crudely formed that it carries to this day the imprint of the wooden framing that held it up until the cement hardened. We didn't need much space in those days — the late 1950s. And we did not complain. Given the state of our finances — teetering always on the verge of disaster — we were grateful for rent-free space.

We extend our thanks to the many residents of 15 Parkway who have put up with us over the years.

As our readers know, this paper has survived during all these years through the work of a staff of volunteers. But that long history might never have been possible if this team of volunteers had not had a place to carry on our work. For their generosity, we salute the membership of the cooperative housing corporation, our truly kind landlords. We hope they will come to see us in our new space.

January 8, 1996

## The Woodlands & July 4th

Greenbelt has a long history of valuing and preserving open space. In 1984 citizens overwhelmingly approved borrowing the funds necessary to purchase over 100 acres of woodlands — land that city taxpayers continue to pay for, without complaining, in annual installments. It is easy to see why Greenbelters are so proud of the pockets of green hidden throughout this city. They provide play areas, homes for birds and animals, help clean the air and dampen noise. We rejoice in their beauty.

Despite the city's continuous record or support for acquiring and protecting its open space, council now is seriously considering a proposal to establish some form of a "conservation easement" that would take control of the land away from future councils and the citizens ...

We do not see how the city, or its citizens, would benefit from giving away its rights to property that it worked hard to purchase. The city has long been committed to preserving this last piece of the original green belt — a goal we heartily support. However, we see no need for an outside body to oversee the land. To us, ceding such control over the land shows a profound distrust for democracy and the citizens of this proud city ...

We have just celebrated another Independence Day. By putting their faith in the people, our founding leaders enabled our nation's citizens to form the best and strongest democracy on earth. We hope that the celebration reminded our present city leaders where they must ultimately put their own faith and trust.

July 17, 1997



The Editor at her desk. Although many staff members write editorials, Mary Lou Williamson has presided over the editorial process at the News Review for 25 years, almost as long as the paper's 34 previous editors combined.

- photo by Judy Nelson



"THIS REMINDS ME... THE NEWS REVIEW IS PLEADING FOR NEW BLOOD ON ITS STAFF!"

## Free Speech Outweighs Running Candidates' Gauntlet

Although the city attorney has advised that it would be difficult to defend the city's requirement that candidates and campaign workers stay 300 feet away from a polling place, three members of the city council wish to retain this requirement. Advocates for the restriction say that voters should not have to run a gauntlet of office seekers and their flacks. Opponents say that the requirement denies candidates and their supporters freedom of speech and a final chance to give voters information. Also they believe it gives an advantage to incumbents.

In our view, the problem does

not merit such an extreme solution, which has effectively eliminated campaigning at the polls. Although weaving through the throng of poll workers can be annoying, the current restriction does seem to us to bridge candidate's rights to free speech.

The News Review has been to the U.S. Supreme Court on our constitutional right to freedom of the press and that court upheld our right. We can do no less than defend First Amendment rights for others, even though they may be politicians. The city council should take action quickly to rescind the 300-foot limit.

September 2, 1993

## Those Signs Again

What would it be like to have a Greenbelt election without a sign controversy? This year, the eighth candidate, Council Nedd II, erected signs on city property next to the signs placed there for other candidates. Although we are not aware that his signs differed in any way from the other campaign signs put at these sites, the city removed them. The city said that Mr. Nedd had not followed the city policy on signs. He had not given the signs to the city to put up, but had done

it himself, and had not paid the required 50 dollar fee.

We are troubled by the city government's involvement with campaign signs. Freedom of speech is a fundamental constitutional right and the courts generally frown on unreasonable restrictions. In fairness to challengers and to avoid extensive litigation to defend restricting this basic freedom, we urge the new council to review the sign policy carefully.

November 4, 1993

## Cal and Otilie

On the same day that Cal Ripken proved that he is the most enduring, reliable and consistent baseball player ever, Otilie Van Allen came to work as a volunteer for the Greenbelt News Review, something she has been doing for many years. She has shown her consistency and dedication in doing all sorts of good things for Greenbelt — longer than Ripken has played pro-baseball.

Cal could have found good reason to miss a ballgame here and there. And even though he achieved recognition of the baseball world by appearing in his

2,121st consecutive game, he was back at work for the next game.

Like Cal, Otilie Van Allen could have rested on her well deserved laurels at 91. But she didn't. She came to work at the News Review on Wednesday, as she always does. She just keeps going, and going.

Cal and Otilie are steady workers and doers who have achieved recognition and honor within their lifetimes. We are delighted.

To all the Cals and Otilies out there, we say thanks for everything you have done to make this world a little bit better.

September 14, 1995

## News Review Anniversary Issue

Most of the stories and letters in this special 60th Anniversary issue of the News Review have been shortened. In some cases only the first paragraph has been kept.

The intent has been to give the reader a panoramic overview of the paper's last five years, and to catch some of the flavor of Greenbelt during that period.

Included are a few of the stories and editorials we like and some letters we think you will enjoy re-reading.

The following staff members worked on this special edition: Tom Chapman, Eileen Farnham, Al Geiger, Jim Giese, Sandra Lange, Barbara Likowski, Nick Mydra, Judy Nelson, Bonnie Beck O'Brien, Eileen Peterson, Carolyn Price, Jane Rissler, Dorothy Sucher, and Mary Lou Williamson.

## SOMEBODY GOOJED

The birthday celebration for Delegate Joan Pitkin yesterday was incorrectly advertised in last week's News Review. Since the purpose of the event was to raise campaign funds, it was not free. In preparing the ad we omitted both the price of the tickets and the phone number to call for information.

The News Review apologizes to Delegate Pitkin and to those who went to the celebration believing it was free.

May 12, 1994

## Thanks

On Saturday night, January 27, I parked my car on Ridge Road opposite 6 court. I heard a tinkling noise as I got out of my car, but ignored it. Sunday morning when I went back out to my car I realized I didn't have my car key. That tinkling noise from the previous night was the sound of my car key hitting the street. I looked all over the street and under the car. Just as I was about to give up looking, I noticed the car key under the windshield wiper on my car. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Whoever you are! Greenbelt neighbors are the greatest!

February 15, 1996

## An Apology

I would like to apologize for being such a scofflaw for all the years I've been driving. You see, I had fallen into the bad habit of using my turn signals whenever I intended to turn or change lanes. I thought that, perhaps, other drivers didn't signal because they were too busy or forgot or maybe their cars are new models that don't have turn signals. But after seeing even police cars and ambulances fail to use their turn signals (during non-emergency conditions), I realized that there must be a local law making it illegal to use a turn signal, and that I had been breaking the law all these years! I apologize again for my ignorance, and promise to make an unsignaled turn for the better.

(crotchety driver-in-training)

May 25, 1995

# We Get Letters

## Loves the Paper

I love this paper! It reminds me of what my hometown newspaper used to be like when I was growing up. (I don't think they have a paper now.)

February 29, 1996

## Without Merit

The front page article of the News Review, dated February 14, "GEAC Discusses WSSC Fees, Roaming Students" is inaccurate, full of innuendos and conclusions without merit or fact.

March 1993

## Independent Paper? Hogwash!

There you go again, News Review. At the end of a very eloquent letter last week, Wyatt Miller, regretting the urbanization of Greenbelt, you just had to once again jump to the defense of the politicians. You were wrong to do this and wrong in your facts.

Perhaps Miller has struck a nerve in his letter. How often have we all heard the phrases "quality development" and "increased tax base" in recent years to support high density development?

Perhaps, News Review, you are still sensitive about the Sunrise development, in which the City Council some years back voted 4-1 to approve it.

When will you stop taking up for the politicians? If they feel a need to defend themselves, let them put their own pens to paper, and put their own reputations on the line. By shielding them from public criticism you are undermining an important part of the democratic process.

If you are not careful, News Review, you will lose your credibility in this town among a wider and wider readership.

You call yourself an independent newspaper. Hogwash. That is true only in a technical sense. You are the mouthpiece of the political establishment.

March 7, 1996

## Thanks

I wanted to write to tell you how much my family and I enjoy the Greenbelt News Review.

We have lived here since January and we wait anxiously every week for the newspaper to arrive. We then pore through it page by page.

You and your staff have done an excellent job assessing the needs and wants of the community. The Greenbelt News Review provides useful information about matters affecting Greenbelt and its residents. My favorite section is the Community Events page. I enjoy knowing what is happening in the area and seeing what fun I can have right here! My family and I always find something to do that doesn't require a horrible drive (the Beltway is just as bad or worse on week-ends!).

It is truly a pleasure to live in Greenbelt and to be able to count on the News Review every week. I'd also like to thank the residents of Greenbelt. Your newspaper's contribution to the quality of life in the DC Metro area is second only to the warmth and generosity of Greenbelt's residents. Thank you for welcoming us so heartily!

You will find enclosed my voluntary subscription. Thank you and keep of the good work!

June 30, 1994

## Oops!

In the January 27 edition of the News Review, it was erroneously reported that I was re-elected as secretary of GEAC. Please let me clarify that Dan Lowery from Greenwood Village served as GEAC's secretary last year. Dan did an excellent job for GEAC and we will miss his dedication and support.

February 10, 1994

## False Assumptions

Thanks for a balanced article on diversity. It is hard to imagine a more open and tolerant community than Greenbelt.

I hail from The Big Apple — where race relations were relatively harmonious. We didn't do a tax-sponsored "education" program to teach the obvious: hey, there's a lot of different folks out here! And guess what? Most got along.

Is anyone kept out of civic affairs in Greenbelt? Are there barriers in place preventing people from taking part in events? And, is there not every conceivable educational tool available — already — to inform newcomers and long-term residents about each other's "diverseness"?

There's more going on in our city than in most places. That's real tribute to civic activism. Racism isn't the problem here. Rising crime is.

Nowhere else on Earth have so many different groups thrived — and prospered — than in America. And our historic community, still a tranquil island in the midst of a troubled (and crime-ridden) sea, was founded on certain principles worth reflecting upon today. Tolerance was foremost among them.

February 20, 1997

## Remember Fala

I hope that in selecting a name for the park for dogs, the city will look to the tradition of commemorating the Roosevelts where appropriate. If I can assure you that I mean no disrespect to Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt with that statement, I will proceed to offer the following suggestion. Since we memorialize him with our Roosevelt Center, and her with Eleanor Roosevelt High School, it seems a perfect choice to name the dog park after Fala, their black scotty.

The reference librarian informed that the dog's full name was Murray of Fala Hill, and that when reporters would see Fala, they knew that the president was nearby.

June 13, 1996

## New Blood Needed

For many years, the bulk of the reporting for the News Review has been done by a few stalwarts. But these veterans cannot be expected to bear the burden forever. With the 60th Anniversary of the paper coming up, it seems like a good time to sound a clarion call to a younger generation to step forward, join the News Review staff (no experience necessary, just free Tuesday evenings) and help propel the paper into the 21st century!

November 6, 1997

## It Takes a Village

Two weeks ago, my younger son ran out between two cars and smashed into a moving car while playing in our front yard on Woodland Way. My six-year-old ran into the house screaming that his brother had been hit by a car. It is amazing the amount of thoughts that can go through your mind in split-seconds .... So when the very kind policeman arrived responding to my neighbor's 911 call, I was holding a screaming child with what seemed to be (and thankfully turned out to be) just a smashed and bloody lip. Pvt. Barrett got Nick's attention by talking about his own run-in with a baseball bat when he was about Nick's age. And Cpl. Schinner kept his attention while I gathered my wallet, my shoes, and my wits so we could go on our first ambulance ride.

I know we have a wonderful community. I grew up here and brought my boys here to live so they could have the same experience that I feel so grateful to have had. But it always feels good to have one's ideas — ideals — decisions — substantiated. For it seems that even our Police Department feels as I do that "it takes a village to raise a child."

Thank you.

P.S. Thanks also to the Rescue Squad.

June 6, 1996

## Multidimensional

I have been enjoying your less serious approach to City Council, and the inclusion of poetry in the paper. Now if you could start being multidimensional in your editorials, it would be perfect.

December 29, 1994

## Clear Winner

Dear Greenbelt Neighbors,

As this is being written, no vote counts are available, but I believe that there is at least one clear winner: the Greenbelt News Review. Its coverage of the city election has been fair and thorough.

November 4, 1993

## Newsworthy

I have received the Greenbelt News Review every week since acquiring the Springhill Lake property in 1959, so I consider myself an old time "Greenbelt resident."

I have enjoyed reading your articles for many years and especially the 55th Anniversary issue.

Between the Springhill Lake apartments, the Capital Office Park, and the Greenbelt Marriott Hotel we have contributed our fair share of newsworthy items for the paper. I hope we can continue to do so.

December 10, 1992

## Thanks

I also want to publicly thank the Editors and staff of the Greenbelt News Review for providing to all candidates space to answer questions on key issues to the electorate. I believe this opportunity contributed greatly to the electorate's understanding of both the issues and the candidates.

November 4, 1993

## News Review Doesn't Get It

The News Review still doesn't get it.

Nearly a year after the 1993 Special Meeting on monthly fees, it still castigates what it sees as "87 disgruntled members" who had petitioned for the meeting. The News Review, as well as some GHI authorities, still prefer to blame members for taking an active role in their cooperative. Where the paper sees disgruntled members, most of us see a large group who protected the community's and their own interest.

The News Review seems to have forgotten that the vote to freeze fees was overwhelming despite the parliamentary antics and legal maneuvering that was much in evidence at the meeting. Even more, the recent elections reinforced the memberships' new approach as those candidates associated with reform and accountability were swept into office, while incumbents were uniformly voted out.

It is time for the entire community to realize that GHI has undergone a major transformation and will not return to its old way of cronyism, unaccountability, and blaming members. We are now on an irreversible path toward fiscal responsibility, service, openness, and accountability.

The News Review can label us "disgruntled" if it wishes; in fact, we represent the democratic majority of GHI.

September 8, 1994

## Thanks, Carriers!

I just wanted to congratulate you on not only getting this week's edition finished and printed, but also, "DELIVERED"!

I was quite surprised to find the paper tucked in my storm door and a figure under five feet high, toting a big newspaper bag, trekking along the walk. The small figure was covered from head to toe and I couldn't tell who it was, although I figured it was the News Review carrier. The small figure turned and gave a wave and I waved back. I hope it was the same carrier that I send a Christmas check to, because he/she deserved it.

I didn't get any mail delivery today, but I had the News Review delivered. Any kid who delivers a community newspaper and trudges through snow that's up to his/her thighs ought to be applauded and get his/her picture in the paper.

I hope when this kid is grown there will be others to follow, involved in keeping this city, this state, this country going in times of crisis.

January 18, 1996

## Thanks

Thank you for this newspaper. I have recently moved to Greenbelt from Glen Burnie, and your articles, events, everything is very helpful. I have found someone to help around the house (things that I am unable to do), and a TV repair person (my TV went out one week after I moved here). I have gone on a bicycle trip and am volunteering for the Festival.

August 21, 1997

## Boomers Respond In Open Letter

Dear Madam Mayor:

Someone produced a video for us containing the contents of the March 13 News Review. (We watched it on TV, because as you may know we boomers don't read.) The video was difficult to hear (that rock music you know), but we managed to make out some comments you apparently made to the Golden Age Club. You said something about boomers growing older (well, don't we all), and how they aren't like today's seniors. There seemed to be some suggestion that we need guidance so that we can adjust to our golden years. (It was hard to hear over the Beatles music.) Did you mention that we also were looking for video games and a place to burn our incense? Could you see about having a "quad room" put in Green Ridge House so we can listen to a little Jefferson Starship? It is nice to know that the city is thinking ahead to our retirement needs. Now if you could only arrange for some "Peace" symbols to be sprayed on the walls that would be great! Also, how about a Friday night protest, you know us boomers love a good counter-culture demonstration. Well, just thought we'd give you something else to think about. You can never plan too far ahead!

March 27, 1997

## Northway Enclave

I concur with Louise Wilding, whose letter concerning the condition of Northway appeared in the Greenbelt News Review, October 27.

The residents of Northway have been "hoist on their own petard." They are the ones whose cars will have suspension problems. It is the price they will pay for having created their own enclave.

The street is a first class example of overkill. Beware, fellow Greenbelters! Slow down! Our city fathers could decide that the Northway solution is the right one for all our streets!

November 3, 1994

D

Doctors Community Hospital

congratulates the

Greenbelt News Review

for 60 years of

keeping the community informed.

Here's to many more years of  
journalistic good health!

DOCTORS  
COMMUNITY  
HOSPITAL  
*Life. Health. Community.*



Ben and Ethel Rosenzweig, taken at a personal care residence where they spent the winter.

- photo by Linda Evans

## Ben Rosenzweig — Pioneer, Community Activist — Dies

by Barbara Likowski

Greenbelt pioneer and activist Benjamin Rosenzweig died in his sleep on Monday, March 3. Ben had celebrated his 89th birthday on March 1.

### Interest in Co-ops

Ben and his wife Ethel moved into the 4 Court of Crescent Road in 1938, making them one of the pioneer families who were to be the sculptors of this new community. From the very beginning Ben was interested in and instrumental in forming cooperatives and he never lost that interest. In fact during the week before he entered the hospital, he had attended a meeting of the Committee for Senior Citizen Housing, one of the newer co-ops in Greenbelt.

Ben was one of the founders of the Greenbelt Consumer Services (GCS), serving on the board until 1984 when the cooperative gave up its grocery store in Greenbelt; the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, serving as president of the Credit Union board about 35 years; and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the housing coop-

erative. He was an early staff member of the Cooperator (previous name for the News Review), and served as a member of the city's Employee Relations Board for 28 years.

Religion was an important part of his life. Mr. Rosenzweig was founder and first president of the Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation. When Mishkan Torah Synagogue was built, "He laid the bricks," his granddaughter Ellen said. When he was 83, he had his second Bar Mitzvah, spending a year in careful preparation for such a special event.

Ben and Ethel celebrated their 65th anniversary three years ago.

In 1991, Ben was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Presenting the award, Chairman Tom Renahan said "Many have observed that his personal style is seldom quiet and never boring, and he is cantankerous by his own admission. As a true Greenbelter ... he always speaks his mind and lets people know where he stands."

March 6, 1997

## Memorial Tree Brings Life Where Death Had Occurred

by James Giese

Approximately 60 family members, friends, city officials and concerned citizens gathered at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road on a beautiful autumn Saturday morning to dedicate a maple tree and plaque to the memory of Carlton F. (C.J.) Brown, II, the youth who was struck down

in that area and died of a gunshot wound on May 13. Two other youths were charged with murder in that incident.

C.J.'s mother noted that since her son's death, the corner at which the tree was planted had meant, for her, death. "Now I'll pass this corner and think of my son's life," she said.

November 10, 1994



Thanks the News Review for sixty years of pleasant reporting with a community touch!

143 CENTERWAY • GREENBELT, MD 20770 • 301-345-1849

## Al Herling An Appreciation

by Dorothy Sucher

Old age shrinks most of us, but Al Herling only grew in stature with the passing years — not physically (he was a small man) but in the qualities of heart and mind that make us most fully human. In time he came to tower over Greenbelt, the community he'd loved and served for 43 years. Not that there was anything imposing about the man; he was accessible, funny, and warm. It was his values that were lofty. He spoke them loud and clear and often at length in fiery oratory, for he was a passionate man who loved to talk. He also lived by them, which is rarer.

Al Herling died on May 31 at the age of 82, and I don't know what we're going to do without him. Until the very end, his wisdom, intellect, energy, and leadership inspired everyone who knew him, although he'd have hastened to deny this. Whenever a complimentary article about him appeared in the News Review, he would say, "That must be about somebody else — not me."

Of course the staff of the News Review couldn't be objective about Al, and didn't try. After all, 30 years ago when a land developer slapped us with a two-million-dollar libel suite, Al had been our savior.

### Libel Suit

He was reminiscing about the libel suit a few weeks ago when I paid him a visit. "I went right over to the Skolniks' when I heard about it," he said. "Because I knew they'd be upset." The late Alfred Skolnik, then the paper's publisher, had been named personally in the suit. Al told me he'd immediately called one of the editors of the Washington Post to see if the great metropolitan daily would help in the News Review's defense. Al knew the people at the Post, for he, too, was a journalist and edited a labor newspaper for 24 years. A call came back in an hour: the Post's law firm would represent us "pro bono." After that, Al started raising money for the costs of the suit.

It amazed me that Al, who was so close to death, could still care passionately about

the newspaper. He retained his famous ability to get, as he said "fired up," even if at the end there was only a flicker.

Who could be objective about Al? Not the arts groups for which he endlessly crusaded, like the Prince George's County Arts Council and the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Arts Advisory Committee, all of which he helped found, or the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, on the Board of which he served. Surely not the music department at the University of Maryland, where after his retirement he studied piano with Santiago Rodriguez. When Al gave his three public Birthday Concerts (for his 70th, 75th, and 80th birthdays), part of the money raised went to the university's

Music Scholarship Fund and the rest to some of his other causes.

And certainly not Greenbelt's readers, who are still benefitting from Al's long struggle to bring a fine, modern library to the town.

Al embodied the values of the New Deal, from which he never swerved. He was an unreconstructed liberal, an idealist in an age of marketplace morals, a fighter for the rights of the common man, and an ardent supporter of literature, art, and the Bill of Rights. He believed in protecting the weak from the tyranny of the majority.


Goodbye, Al, and thanks for everything. We know that you're still with us, in our Greenbelt institutions and in our hearts.

June 5, 1997



Al Herling, Greenbelt's 1983 Outstanding Citizen, enjoys his role as Grand Marshall for the Labor Day Parade.

- photo by J. Henson/September 8, 1983



**Happy 60th Anniversary**  
**Greenbelt News Review**

from

**Wisler Construction Company**

**My Maid**

Congratulates the

**Greenbelt News Review**

on

**60 years**

of clean reporting.

**Tammy & John**

The families

of **Paul and Frank**

of **Remenick's Improvements**

wish

The News Review a

**Happy Birthday on their 60th and many, many more!**

**Paul Remenick**      **Frank Gomez**



Antoinette M. Bram is sworn in as Greenbelt's new mayor by Vivian Jenkins, Clerk of the 7th Judicial Court.  
- photo by J. Henson November 11, 1993

## Antoinette Bram Installed as Mayor

by David Morse

By unanimous voice vote, Antoinette Bram's fellow councilmembers elected her Greenbelt's first female mayor in over four decades as a number of current and former state and local

officials looked on. And a grateful council and city government bid farewell to Gil Weidenfeld, Greenbelt's mayor for the last 11 years and councilmember for 22 years.

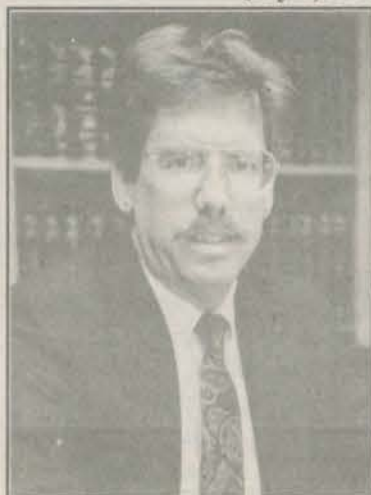
November 11, 1993

## City Manager's Departure Catches City by Surprise

by Virginia Beauchamp

"We're sorry to see him go," said Mayor Antoinette Bram, when questioned about the city's response to the unexpected news that City Manager Daniel Hobbs will be leaving Greenbelt for a new position in Farmington Hills, Michigan. "But we understand that this was an offer he could not refuse." Noting that Hobbs had come to Greenbelt from a larger city (Killeen, Texas), she continued, "We were fortunate to have him with us for five years."

July 4, 1996



Dan Hobbs



"Red" Allen with some galley of type ready for inking.

- photo by Sharon Natoli

## Shock

(continued from page 1)

rich!" her hubby thundered. They pay their employees!" It irked him that she had her own independent income.

We weathered the crisis, as we've weathered so many. We believe we play an important part in the life of the town. Some of our readers seem to think so — or why else did

## Editors

(continued from page 1)

summer vacation, sweeping the floors and helping where he could. He was the first of five siblings to grow up in and then work in the print shop. Steve, the younger son, was the last to leave when he became a Prince George's County policeman two years ago. Red's wife, Nancy, ran the office and did the books for many years after their children were grown.

In recent years Dale and Bill have played important roles in getting the paper out, setting up pages and doing the final paste-up. During the past couple of months, Bill has been introducing the print shop to the computer age. He is now setting all the stories on the computer, though the ads are still being set on the linotype or by hand.

August 3, 1995



one of them call the mayor to complain that a member of the News Review's board had an unlisted number?

### Lost Cat

It'll take a while to get used to our new quarters. We'll have to stick a few dozen pieces of paper on the walls with scotch tape, and they'll have to yellow a bit before we feel at home. I'm pretty sure our readers will find us, though, when they want to bring in an impassioned letter to the Editor, or a classified ad about a lost cat, or an only slightly exaggerated piece of campaign literature.

And when they wander in we'll be there, blinking in the sunlight yet trying gamely to put out the paper as usual.

January 18, 1996

## Oops! Looking for Us?

If you tried to respond to our ad of last week to volunteer to help this paper, and found the basement of 15 Parkway inaccessible and dark, please, please try again. Only this time come on Tuesday evening to our new offices at the Greenbelt Community Center - the first door on the left, if you enter the Center from the east (Municipal Building) side.

We need volunteers to do a wide variety of jobs including editing and proofing. Maybe if you had volunteered earlier, you would have caught our mis-directions in last week's ad.

December 12, 1996



## The View from Ridge Road

by Christina O'Boyle

### Riding Away

His heart is soaring way out there with his imagination somewhere above the cracked sidewalk along Ridge Road. He thinks, "I can DO this. I can go anywhere." He feels like he never has before. This moment is the one he'll never forget.

Our first grader learned to ride a bike one week ago today. In one week his mastery over those two wheels has made the episode almost bland. Michael thinks it's no big deal. Not now he doesn't. He's not looking back. I am. Getting to this point he had to go through a big barrier. He wasn't ready and I wasn't pushing, so Mike was the last one in the neighborhood to get rid of training wheels; everyone else did it last summer. Once he put his mind to it, he went through that wall like thin air.

Now I watch him glide past the house with all that glory in his face. Power and freedom are all over him. So are bruises, cuts and scrapes. His thin, still fragile legs are brown with bruises, his elbows are scabby. I shudder as I dry him after a bath. While watching me change Michael's diaper when he was just a few months old, a friend said, "His skin is still perfect. No marks yet." "Of course his body is perfect." I thought, "I carry him everywhere and he does nothing for himself." But something inside her voice lodged those words into memory. Something like authority: Carol had twins who had just gotten their drivers' license. She had watched her babies' unmarred skin stretch and grow as it covered crawlers, toddlers, runners, tree-climbers and bike riders. Visions of broken bones and stitched skin must have flashed across her mind as she looked at my baby's body. What

## LATE FLASH

The position of Greenbelt City Manager has been offered to Michael P. McLaughlin, currently the interim city manager, by the Greenbelt City Council. The council met in executive session on Wednesday, September 11 at 8 p.m. to make their decision. McLaughlin received the news at 9:45 p.m. Council authorized Robert Manzi, city attorney, to draw up a contract by the next regular council meeting, October 7.

- September 12, 1996



## Allen Printing Sold

Allen Printing Service, which for over 50 years published the Greenbelt News Review, was recently purchased by Hayes Printing and Graphics.

March 25, 1996

a mother knows, she can't always say. But another mother can remember what is implied, then add her own experience. It comes out the same; our children grow up. It's as mundane as it is startling.

When they were babies and needed me constantly, I thought my children would never grow up. I mumbled as much last night. Hoisting their bike and tricycle onto the porch while repeating five times, "Go in and wash your hands for dinner," I thought, will they ever be able to do anything for themselves? Then, while changing the diaper on a friend's baby, I realized that at least mine have gotten beyond that stage. But they get over one hurdle and exchange it for the next. Instead of finding satisfaction, I find my sense of protection over their lives is threatened by their newfound abilities. Michael pedals at the same speed as his pals and uses the boundaries their parents set a year ago. Pushing our old parameters, he rides where I can no longer see him.

His bones knew instinctively what it would be like to have me release the seat and handlebar of his bike last Saturday. And I knew when I let go, he would begin his flight away from me. That indelible moment: on a bike. A body slicing through air very fast. Heart soaring way up there. A mother left standing on a cracked sidewalk proudly watching her child grow up.

April 20, 1995

**The Greenbriar Community Association and Glen Oaks Apartments**


**Congratulates**

**The Greenbelt News Review**

on

**Sixty Years of**

**Outstanding Community Service**



My Point of View

On Trails Being Natural

by James Giese

There has been a lot of advocacy in recent years for "natural pathways." To me this is an oxymoron, because paths are for the most part not natural, but created by humans.

In a pristine forest, the surface of the ground is thickly covered with a layer of decomposing humus and leaves or needles not yet decomposed.

February 18, 1993

Greenbelt Reacts with Anger As County Nixes Lake Plans

by Virginia Beauchamp

An unscheduled item, added to the agenda by City Manager Daniel Hobbs at the regular city council meeting on Monday, March 14, evoked disbelief, consternation, and anger from councilmembers, city staff and citizens.

March 27, 1994

A Designated Green Belt

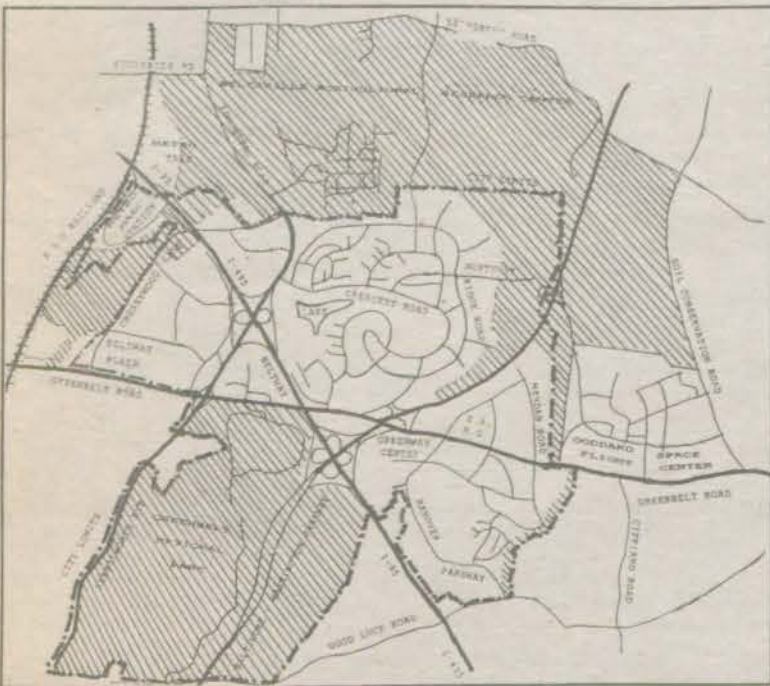
When you think about it, it really is surprising that nothing was ever done while Greenbelt was being planned or for 55 years thereafter to designate this city's green belt, even though it was that planning concept of Ebenezer Howard that gave this community its name.

Although when first built there was a green belt of undeveloped land, it was clearly intended that eventually more homes would be built and that not all land would permanently remain as the green belt.

Elsewhere in this issue is a column by former City Manager James K. Giese, now a News Review staffer, in which he proposes a process for formally designating remaining green space around our community as a green belt.

The time to designate our green belt is long past due. Let's do it now, before more of the remaining green space is developed.

May 18, 1993



This map of Greenbelt and its environs depicts the approximate area (marked with diagonal striped lines) to be designated officially as the green belt for Greenbelt as proposed by James Giese.

May 18, 1993

Welcome Back

It gives me great pleasure to read your recent editorial and by-line article — in support of designating the Green Belt and restricting the allowable land uses — in the same spaces

which were used only one year ago to advise against GHI's granting of a conservation easement. Welcome back to the fight!

May 18, 1993

More on Trails

... Just as I, along with the world's population, benefit by the existence of a healthy rain forest in South America that I cannot visit at my leisure, expense or convenience, I and all Greenbelters benefit from having an undisturbed woodland in Greenbelt.

Please do not turn our little piece of wilderness into another landscaped sports area with ballfields and "paved" pathways.

March 4, 1993

No Paved Trails

February 25, 1993

Enough Pavement

Preserve Paths

Disgusted

I just read this article and I am thoroughly disgusted.

February 25, 1993

Debbie Dempsey Awarded Prize

by Dorothy Sucher

(Editor's Note: Reading the News Review carefully can have unexpected benefits, as this story shows.)

This is an amazing story. Ever hear of the One-Minute Maalox Award? Funny, right? Wrong! And if you think you've never heard of it, wrong again — at least if you read the November 7, 1996, issue of the Greenbelt News Review.

Greenbelter Debbie Dempsey read that issue. When she saw the article, she thought, "Why don't I apply?"

The award had been established to recognize "Ten of America's fastest-acting heroes." And Debbie, a Prince George's County emergency dispatch aide, had saved a woman's life in 1982.

On Tuesday, May 6, at a ceremony in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, Debbie Dempsey received her award for heroism: \$5,000 and a commemorative plaque, as well as a \$1,000 donation to her favorite charity.

Dempsey and the woman she saved have become friends, and call each other from time to time to say hello. At Dempsey's invitation, the victim joined her at the awards ceremony.

July 7, 1997

Day Turned Tragic At Greenbelt Lake

by Kerana Todorov

Questions abound as the search continues for the retrieval of the body of a 23-year-old man who presumably drowned Monday at around 1:30 p.m. in Greenbelt Lake. The missing man, Dwayne Williams, was a Guide Program, Inc. counselor at a group home for homeless teenagers in Riverdale.

For reasons that are still unclear, the boat at full throttle started taking on water at the bow. The operator of the motorized boat apparently then tried to head back to shore when the boat stopped, causing the bow to



Local astronomer Doug Love was puzzled by the instructions for building a sun viewer as printed in the April 28 News Review. A second look at the instructions would have helped.

Gathering at Wolfe Field For Perseid Meteor Storm

by Doug Love

The Perseid Meteor shower is always a high point of my summer. It is the best meteor shower of the year, offering up to 60 meteors per hour under normal conditions and, being in August, it is comfortable to stay out all night in a dark area and count "shooting stars."

Unpredictable

Since the comet is somewhat unpredictable, we didn't know for sure just when the storm would hit. The only thing to do was to find a dark spot such as Wolfe Field, and set up our lawn chairs, snacks, tape recorders and shortwave radios, and watch all night, keeping ourselves awake by swapping folktales, such as the story of Perseus.

There was a large group playing rock music on Metro Mountain, and a number of families on the bleachers. Several other groups set up in the field, some with us and others in other

places. Some of the kids played flashlight tag while waiting for the meteors to start falling.

One Meteor

I am really happy for the responses to the one meteor we saw. It streaked south through the Big Dipper at 9:45, leaving a bluegray train 40 degrees long that lasted several seconds. The meteor itself was bluish white, and second magnitude (fairly bright). A few oohs and aahs were heard, and we eagerly waited for more. All we saw the rest of that night was a lot of planes. ....

September 2, 1993

Bradley-Papp Outlines Solutions For Center Mall Problems

by Virginia Beauchamp

In commenting on the proposed renovation of the Roosevelt Center in the heart of Old Greenbelt, the message of voters to the recent city questionnaire was (paraphrased) "If it ain't

broke, don't fix it." The city's answer, and that of landscape architect Sharon Bradley-Papp, who has been looking into design possibilities for the renovation, is that if it ain't broke now, it soon will be....

My hope in designing the renovation is to preserve those qualities of the Center that people value highly.

—Sharon Bradley-Papp  
December 21, 1995

drop suddenly, flip, throwing the occupants overboard, the spokesman said....

July 11, 1996



Friends and family of the drowning victim hold a long vigil at Greenbelt Lake, watching and waiting as the search continues.

photo by Thelma Loree deMola



Debris on roof of house at 13 Lakeside shows the near-miss as plane crashes into back yard.  
Copyright 1993 by William Cornett/September 16, 1993

## Small Plane Crashes Near House, Leaving Two Dead

A single-engine plane crashed and burned in Greenbelt on Friday, September 10, at 5:50 p.m., killing the two people on board. No one on the ground was injured when the Cessna plowed into the back yard of 13 Lakeside Drive, home of Josephine Blair, coming to rest about 15 feet from the house. The only one home at the time was her grandson Paul Blair, an auto parts manager who had returned home a short time before and was taking a nap, from which he was awakened by the sound of the crash.

According to police, both occupants apparently died on impact in the two seater plane, which crumpled as it hit the ground and immediately burst into flames. Neighbors tried to extinguish the fire with garden hoses before the arrival of fire trucks from Greenbelt, Lanham

Hills, Branchville, and Berwyn Heights.

Police cordoned off the area to hold back the crowd that quickly gathered, including many children who had been on Braden Field, which the small plane had been circling for some time, close to the ground. Jo Hossick, who had been playing tennis, said, "He circled the courts, and we could see he was in trouble. The engine failed, and then it picked up again and he veered and the plane went sideways. I was afraid he was going to hit the courts and I said, 'Let's get out of here!' Eight people were on the courts, and there were a lot of kids on the athletic field. I had the feeling he could have been trying to land on Braden Field, and decided not to because of the kids. Maybe he was kind of a hero."

September 16, 1993

## Natoli's "Tears for Julie" Wins First Place Award



"Tears for Julie": Friends of Eleanor Roosevelt High School student Julie Ferguson weep at a ceremony in her memory. Julie's body was found on March 21, 1995, after she was reported missing from Greenway Shopping Center. Her killer has still not been brought to justice. This moving photograph won Greenbelter Sharon Natoli a first place White House News Photographers Association award.

photo by Sharon Natoli/March 7, 1996

# Gunman Holds Two Hostages In Tense 6-Hour Standoff

Greenbelt was the scene this week of a tense standoff between police and an armed fugitive holding two hostages, who had barricaded himself inside a GHI house.

Richard Lamar Gordon, 26, of Temple Hills, surrendered to police on Monday, March 31, at 7:14 p.m., emerging from a house in 10

## Officers Save Boy's Memories of Mother

Two City of Greenbelt police officers were recognized with City Manager Awards at the Greenbelt council meeting of October 12. The diligent and conscientious investigation of a recent theft of computer equipment from a car by PFC Richard F. Sullivan and Detective Corporal Cody Carr led to the return of an irreplaceable computer disk and gave a child back the memory of his mother.

The wife of the victim of the theft had been diagnosed with a fatal disease. Contained within the stolen computer equipment was a pictorial autobiography on diskette of the victim's wife.

The diskette was to have been left for the couple's ten-year-old son after her death. She died after the theft of the diskette and before there was time to make another.

Working with the State's Attorney's Office, the officers were able to locate and return the missing computer items as part of plea negotiations with the defendant. A child who has lost his mother forever will now be able to keep her memory alive.

October 14, 1993

## Police to Launch Bike Patrols on Labor Day

by Babita Kapoor

Community Policing received a major boost this July when the city witnessed officer Mike Mesol along with three other officers patrolling the streets on their bikes. Bike patrolling goes a step further in enhancing the partnership between the police and the community....

August 31, 1995



"Bikes have the advantage of going where cars cannot," said police officer Mike Mesol, who heads the new four-man bike patrol.

August 31, 1995

Court of Southway where he held police at bay for six hours. He was charged with armed robbery, use of a handgun during the commission of a crime, burglary, and false imprisonment. Police

said the hostages, a woman in her forties and her 17-year-old son, who resided in the house, were unharmed. The names of the hostages were not disclosed ....

April 3, 1997

## Our City's At Risk Children Home Alone, Unsupervised

Latchkey kids hanging out at stores, easy prey for exploitation by older, streetwise children. Frightened fourth graders with no one to talk to, home alone behind locked doors. Not in Greenbelt, you say? Well, think again.

Population changes, together with shifts in family composition and work patterns, have resulted in a rising number of neglected children in our community, children at great risk for failure in life. Crime, violence, and teen pregnancy are only some of the problems to be predicted when young people lack constructive activities and adequate supervision. And troubled

kids are kids who make trouble. In an effort to address this problem, a meeting was held at Springhill Lake Elementary School on April 21 to discuss the possibility of creating an after-school program at the school, which draws its 700 students from Greenbelt and Seat Pleasant.

An estimated 10 to 150 elementary school students in Springhill Lake have no afterschool care, according to Principal Linda Sherwood. Few childcare providers are located there, and many parents cannot afford to pay for babysitters ....

May 5, 1994

## Police Blotter

### Arrests

A woman who was stopped for a registration violation became verbally combative when asked to produce her driver's license and registration. She provided the information verbally but then refused to sign the citations written up by the officer. Advised that she could be arrested for refusal, she became more combative. The officer's attempt to arrest her resulted in a brief struggle during which the woman bit the officer. The woman, a resident of the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, was arrested

and charged with assault, resisting arrest and traffic charges.

September 9, 1997

A woman working at Jeepers!, 6000 Greenbelt Road, was approached by a man around 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 1. The man grabbed the woman by her shoulder, kissed her without her consent and left the establishment. The man is described as black, in his twenties, 6'0", with close cut black hair, with a beard, wearing a white t-shirt and jean shorts.

September 12, 1996

## A Beaver's Domain?

by Virginia Beauchamp

Overnight a good-sized tree fell across the stream marking off the lake peninsula on the south. Its wine-dark crest caught my attention, with its highest peak resting on the ground below the path, holding up the rest of its branches above the water. I couldn't see what felled it — the end of the broken trunk on the other side of the stream was hidden in underbrush. But recognizing the tree as a sweet gum, I knew of course that the vandal was a beaver.

On the shoreline across the way was a pile of brush — perhaps the start of a dam intended at the site. There's already a pond on the other side of the bridge — this one man-made as a trap for silt carried down from eroding land. A dam this side of the bridge would extend that pond.

Is that what the creature had in mind? It's not for nothing that a nearby tributary is called Beaver Dam Creek. And to be honest about it, the lake itself is merely a variation on the theme.

Shall we let the fellow, as a crea-



Beaver "Sculpture" at Greenbelt Lake

ture of nature, have his way? He's only doing what instinct directs him to undertake as his life's work. Yet a beautiful tree is lost. And after that another will go. He's about the business of creating wetlands, doing his share to conserve the Bay.

Fellows like him had the run of these territories before the tobacco farmers came in. The farmers are gone now, the metropolis encroaches, and yet he works on — from his perspective, putting things to rights. Who are we to say him nay?

October 24, 1996

## Photo Instruction

Sharon Natoli is offering free photo instruction to anyone who would be willing to be a photographer for the News Review. Natoli, a professional photographer for the Washington Times, occasionally submits photos to the News Review that she has taken in her home community. "I respect and really like and enjoy the Greenbelt News Review," Natoli said.

Anyone interested in her offer should submit a written request to the newspaper office.

March 7, 1996

(Editor's Note: As a result of this offer of photo instruction by award-winning Greenbelt photographer Sharon Natoli, many would-be photographers came forward. Their efforts resulted in a significant change in the look of the News Review, as well as improved coverage of local events.)



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

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

- photo by Rita Wooddell/March 21, 1996

## Prince George's County Honors Its Outstanding Women of Achievement

by Virginia Beauchamp

Everyone in Greenbelt knows that to be named Outstanding Citizen of the year is to receive the city's greatest accolade — its way of expressing appreciation for dedicated volunteer service to the community. Over the years, many recipients of this award have been women. Now each of these women who have made a difference in Greenbelt has also been recognized in a larger arena. All of them appear in the volume *Women of Achievement in Prince George's County*.

This book is an illustrated series of biographies of more than 250 women leaders who have resided and worked within the county. It is a handsome folio-size volume.

Three of these have long been active as members of the *News Review* staff — news editor Elaine Skolnik, who shared the honor in 1974 with her late husband, Al; Mary Lou Williamson, the paper's long-time editor, who was recognized with the award in 1985; and Sandra Lange, a reporter, was recognized primarily for her service in 1987 as chair of the city's year-long 50th anniversary celebration ...

Another member of the staff, but honored for her role as an educator, is Virginia Beauchamp. She was inducted in 1991 into the Prince George's County Women's Hall of Fame. Since 1972 she has worked for the development of women's studies as an academic discipline at the University of Maryland and on the national level. She also chaired the University's Commission for Women ...

Other Greenbelt Outstanding

Women of Achievement were Clara Brandt, Joyce Chestnut, Florence Holly and Dorothy Pyles, who were also selected as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens for various years; former city mayors Elizabeth S. Harrington and Antoinette "Toni" Bram, former City Council members

Rhea Cohen and Elizabeth Maffay and Board of Education member Suzanne Plogman.

Other former or present Greenbelt women of distinction are Irene Hensel, Deanne Lange, Sylvia Reisher, Beatrice Rodgers and Linda Shevitz.

September 1, 1994



Aerial view of new Federal Courthouse. Picture is made from a model.

- photo courtesy General Services Administration

On a Chilly Day

## New Courthouse Dedicated

by Virginia Beauchamp

The first Monday of October, as Senator Barbara Mikulski reminded those gathered at the dedication ceremony for the new Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt, makes an auspicious occasion every year — the opening of the new session for the Supreme Court of the United States. As she noted, that land-

mark date for justice also appropriately signaled the official beginning for the building.

The new courthouse will serve Prince George's, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties. Its site in Greenbelt was chosen because of its easy access to both the Metro system and the Capital Beltway.

October 13, 1994

## Upstairs and Downstairs: Community Center Tour

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

"We're back in 1936 now," explains Recreation Department employee Karen Haseley to the people accompanying her on a tour of the Community Center on March 16.

It's hard to tell what is new and what is old, one visitor comments.

Antiques and Computers

In the office of the *Greenbelt News Review*, antique manual typewriters sit at one end of the room,

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

March 21, 1996

## "A Million Thank-Yous"

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

Last time, the Community Center's dedication was cancelled due to a snowstorm. This time, the only weather hazard was a sun so bright that City Manager Daniel Hobbs had to shade his eyes as he gazed into the crowd gathered outside the building.

The open house and dedication of Greenbelt's Community Center took place on the warm afternoon of March 16. Sunlight reflected off the tiaras of the Misses Greenbelt, and one visi-

tor commented, "It's awfully hot here in the sun."

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

The first part of the ceremony took place outside, beneath the "We the People" frieze at the south entrance.

March 21, 1996

## Happy 60th Anniversary Greenbelt News Review

and

## Happy Thanksgiving To All



Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

112 Centerway Roosevelt Center  
A Credit Union for persons who live or work in Greenbelt.

Each account insured to \$100,000 by NCUA, a U.S. Government Agency. Serving the Community Since 1937.

# THE ARTS IN GREENBELT

## Greenbelt Receives Legacy of Art From Daughter of Lenore Thomas

Greenbelt is the recipient of an important and historic gift of art. The daughter of Lenore Thomas, sculptor of the Mother and Child statue that has long been Greenbelt's symbol, has presented the city with a statue and a group of prints made by her mother. Lenore Straus, the daughter, has also indicated that she wishes to leave a group of smaller sculptures to the city in her will.

Commenting on the gift, City Manager Dan Hobbs said, "I'm excited that in the nineties we can continue Lenore Thomas's artistic legacy to the city. It's a kind of poetic closure."

Lenore Thomas told her daughter that she did not want her works left to a museum where they might languish in a basement, but preferred that they be put where people could see them ....  
**December 22, 1994**



Lenore Thomas at work on the Mother and Child statue. The photograph was taken at her studio in Accokeek, MD.

- photo courtesy of Eric Straus/ September 5, 1996

## Mead Grant Museum to Commission Play about Greenbelt

The Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation, formerly of Greenbelt, recently announced a \$5,000 award to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) to commission an original script based on Greenbelt's history. When written, the play will be produced by the Greenbelt Arts Center....

**August 10, 1995**

## Jane Doe Electrifies Crowd at New Deal

Social consciousness and awareness of a planet in trouble underlie the music of Jane Doe, a four-woman group that electrified the New Deal Cafe on Saturday, October 25. "But we don't hit you over the head with it," said singer-guitarist Lisa Walker. "We'll use allegory sometimes." Not to mention high energy, a pounding beat, fine musicianship and catchy tunes: everything a group needs to give an outstanding performance, which is what they offered to an enthusiastic crowd on Saturday night ....

**October 23, 1997**

## Spotlight on the Arts

by Konrad Herling

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

**May 1, 1997**



## GAC's "Greenbelt Story" Shows and Makes History

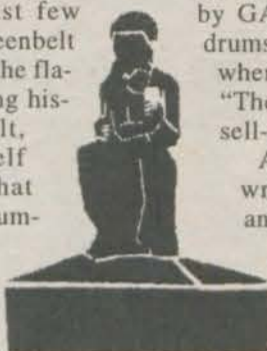
by Virginia Beauchamp  
 "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" may contribute to the historical record of this city in more ways than one. Not only did the play presented in the last few weeks by the Greenbelt Arts Center offer the flavor of the changing history of Greenbelt, but the play itself was adding to that history. This circumstance was highlighted by the work's closing lines, in which the play's real-life producer steps on stage, reading from the cur-

rent pages of that week's News Review. As she walks off-stage, she comments that "it was a good thing we did here."

In the first place, this was the most successful production ever by GAC. Following the doldrums of the months of autumn when their last play bombed, "The Greenbelt Story" drew sell-out crowds. ....

A special pleasure to playwright Daniel Ray Young and the producers and cast, was the favorable attention the work received from reviewers in both the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun ....

**February 13, 1997**



## New Deal Cafe Open House

by Bob Buzzanco and Don Comis

The New Deal Cafe is deeply embedded in the hearts of Greenbelters. That was made abundantly clear by the large turnout at the organizing meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22....

**October 27, 1997**

## Jasper's Restaurant & Bar



Congratulations on  
 60 years of  
 Outstanding Community  
 Service



## Generous

Joe's

congratulates

*The Greenbelt News Review*

*60 Years of Excellent Service  
 To The Community*

*Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors  
 Team Greenbelt*

Congratulates

*The Greenbelt News Review*

on

*Sixty Years of Excellent Service  
 To The Community*

## GREENBELT CO-OP



474-0522 474-4400

**SUPERMARKET/PHARMACY**

**121 CENTERWAY  
 ROOSEVELT CENTER**

GREENBELT CO-OP SUPERMARKET/ PHARMACY SALUTES THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW FOR IT'S 60 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY.



# EDUCATION

## Greenbelt Elementary Dedicated As a School for the 21st Century

With one snip of the specially made scissors, Principal Carolyn Goff cut the red, white and blue ribbon that stretched across the

stage and Greenbelt Elementary school was officially dedicated. The ceremony took place in the cafeteria/gym on Friday morning

November 19. The huge scissors had been specially made at Tall Oaks Vocational School ...

November 26, 1993

### A Greenbelt Profile

## Carolyn Goff Reflects on Career

by Sandra A. Lange

It's easy to see why everyone was sorry to see Carolyn Goff retire as principal from Greenbelt Elementary at the end of the school year in June. Of course, she was known to be a very hard worker, often putting in 10 or 12 hour days. But, more than her conscientious performance, each child, each parent, each teacher will miss the personal bond they had formed with her.

Carolyn Goff is a woman who looks directly at you through clear blue eyes, smiles with genuine warmth and holds out her hand. Her whole persona radiates an aura that conveys the impression that here is someone who cares deeply about children. As she says herself, being an educator was not just her job or her profession — it was her career and her life. Goff spent 23 years in the Prince George's County school system, seven at Greenbelt Elementary. She was vice principal for two years and principal for five years.

"If I could have done the job from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., I probably would have stayed on," she says wistfully. "I still had the enthusiasm." But that wasn't her style. She could never give less than 110 percent of her time and her energy. When her energy began to wane following two serious illnesses, she realized it was time to retire.

### "Celebrate with Me"

On the next-to-last day of the school year, she wrote to each member of her staff about her plans. Her letter began "Celebrate with Me." She had said



Principal Carolyn Goff announces that Center School has received the Blue Ribbon School Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

- photo by Letty Morton/March 11, 1993

nothing to anyone earlier because she had not wanted them to dwell on her leaving. Nor did she want a prolonged "goodbye." She wanted to work hard until the very last day, and then leave quietly. That was her style, she affirmed.

### "A Stressful Occupation"

Teaching is a stressful occupation. Goff says there are more angry children these days than when she first began teaching in the 1960s. There are more crack babies being born, and when these children come to school, they may not be ready to learn. There are more children being born to parents who are still children themselves. Sixty-five to 70 percent of Greenbelt Elementary's children come from single-parent families. Goff commented that schools today need social workers in order to provide the services children need. Greenbelt Elementary has only one guidance counselor serving 720 children.

"I tried to meet all the children, then take a personal interest in them," she comments. She strived to learn each child's name, but she was dismayed to realize that she couldn't always remember each of the 720 names of the children in her school.

### "Seriously Overcrowded"

Greenbelt Elementary has space for only 500 children, she declares. Like most county schools, it is seriously overcrowded, and this affects the personal relationships she feels are so important to maintain. She herself became a mentor to one fifth-grade boy after school. When asked why she took on this added responsibility, she shrugged. "Well, I was there anyway until six or six thirty in the evening," she replied, as if this child's needs were no trouble

at all. She was gratified when the boy's parents sent her flowers at the end of the school year, acknowledging that the relationship had made a difference in their son's life.

"Greenbelt is a wonderful place to work," she states. "The community is always open to new ideas. The school should continue to be the heart of the community." She knows the new principal, Mary Katherine (Kathy) Curl; both were social studies teachers. She feels the transition will be a smooth one.

August 28, 1997

## Springhill Lake — School at Thirty

Springhill Lake Elementary School will celebrate its 30th year of serving the Greenbelt community on Friday, June 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. That evening the school will also dedicate its new playground. Students, teachers, and community members, past and present, are invited to join Springhill Lake for an evening of friendship, food, and games. For more information, call the school at 301-513-5996.

June 5, 1997

## Greenbelt Elementary Has Acting Principal

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jerome Clark, has appointed Mary Katherine Curl acting principal of Greenbelt Elementary School. She is now working at the school getting things ready for opening day, September 2. It is expected that the Board of Education will name her principal at its next meeting.

Principal Carolyn Goff has resigned as of July 1.

August 21, 1997

## Center School's Last Hurrah

by Barbara Likowski

"Rejoice!" School Board Member Suzanne Plogman told those who had come to say farewell to Center School on June 12. This is no time for nostalgia, she said. Plogman and others present emphasized that Greenbelt will have it all — a new educational facility in the north end of the

city and a community center in the present building. When Center School opened its doors in 1937, it served as school, community center and meeting place for civic groups and church services. So the building will serve the community again in many of the same ways.

July 8, 1993

## Forgetting Eleanor in ERHS

(This editorial is reprinted from the January 2, 1996, Raider Review of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.)

Ms. Catherine Duff, an Eleanor Roosevelt chemistry teacher, glared at the student, with a look of slight shock and irritation. "No," she said, glancing at the picture of Eleanor Roosevelt hanging by her classroom door. "That most certainly is not my mother."

Perhaps the chemistry student inquiring about Duff's picture knows a great deal less than the average ERHS student. However, many people in this school and greater community have forgotten the important role Eleanor Roosevelt played in the formation of Greenbelt ...

ERHS's students, however, don't worry too much about the negligence. James Brostor, a junior, admits, "I guess it is a little thoughtless. I really don't know very much about Eleanor Roosevelt..."

Lisa Krebs adds ... "We're all just too lazy to say 'Eleanor Roosevelt' all the time. It does seem wrong to leave 'Eleanor' out ...

The reasons for our remembering Eleanor Roosevelt are many. There are few women who worked so passionately and effectively as an advocate for human rights both here and abroad. And there are none who have taken a more passionate interest in Greenbelt than Eleanor Roosevelt.

The values she espoused, her belief in the transforming power of education, her conviction that the cultural, religious, and racial diversity of this country was not only a cause for celebration but also the source of its strength — all of these are reasons for remembering her.

ERHS needs to make sure that it keeps the 'Eleanor' in Roosevelt.

(Editor's Note: January Tavel, the ERHS student who wrote this editorial, later won the News Review's Alfred E. Skolnik Journalism Award.)

May 9, 1996

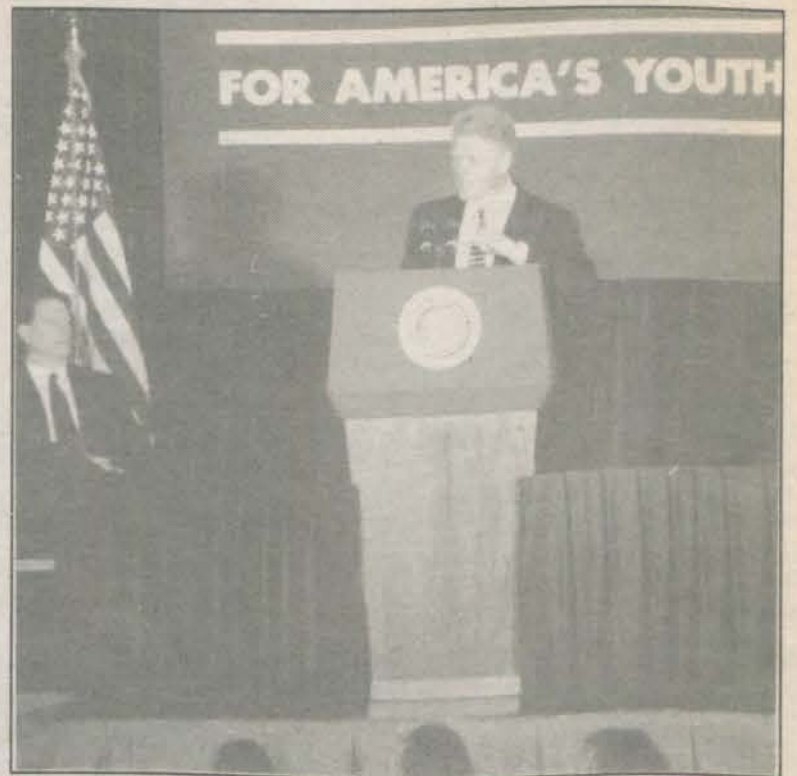


Gerald Boarman

## Principal of the Year Award to Boarman

More kudos have come the way of Dr. Gerald Boarman, principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who received a \$25,000 National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation on September 6. Boarman has just been named Maryland Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP).

October 12, 1995



President Bill Clinton in Greenbelt. The President, with Vice President Al Gore, spoke before a packed house at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on March 7, 1996 as part of a White House Leadership Conference on Youth, Drug Use, and Violence.

- photo by Beverly Palau

## Janet Reno Guest Speaker At Roosevelt Graduation

by Mary Moien

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School class of 1996 has graduated. On June 4, a sea of nearly 600 young men and women floated into the US Air Arena in caps and gowns of white and light blue. The sound of "Pomp and

Circumstance," performed by the ERHS Symphony Orchestra, was heard as row after row filled with graduates. The Honorable Janet Reno, Attorney General of the United States, was the guest speaker.

July 4, 1996

# At Last...Metro Comes to Greenbelt



After years of waiting, Greenbelt citizens will be able to use the local Metro station at Roosevelt Center Mall for travel to all parts of the metropolitan area. The accelerated construction schedule was made possible because of full immediate funding by the Federal government. President Bill Clinton has been invited to the opening ceremony next Saturday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m. The Greenbelt Band will perform, followed by brief welcoming remarks by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld. After the President cuts the ribbon, persons age 13 - 55 will be given free passes. Senior citizens and children under two will travel at half price. The News Review has been informed that President Clinton may ride the first train back to Washington and share the details of his economic stimulus program with the citizens on board.

- photo courtesy of Bill Cornett/ April 1, 1993

## Green Line Metro — a Preview Tour

by James Giese

I rode Metro from Greenbelt to Fort Totten on the Green Line. I did it on a media preview tour sponsored by Metro. While I and about 40 other media representatives, some towing camera opera-

tors, gawked at the new stations, workers were bustling about getting everything ready for the grand opening on December 11. On that day, everyone will have a chance to ride the new green line for free — but never again. At the

Greenbelt Station, I got another one-time-only chance. I ate doughnuts and drank coffee inside the station, an act that is forbidden to Metro riders.

This will be the biggest opening to take place until 2001....  
December 2, 1993

## Metro Comes to Greenbelt

by James Giese

A 50 foot line of elected and appointed officials slashed a green ribbon into smithereens Saturday, December 11 to mark the conclusion of ceremonies opening the Metro Green Line between Fort Totten and Greenbelt.

Centered among the ribbon cutters were County Executive Parris Glendening, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Frederico Pena and Senator Paul Sarbanes.

Displaying his political acumen, perpetual State Comptroller Louis Goldstein maneuvered his way from the sidelines to the center for the photo opportunity, crowding Congressman Steny Hoyer in the front ranks. It was Hoyer, though, who received the most accolades during the ceremony.

emony.

As chill winds slipped through gaps in the ten's clear vinyl sides, the audience could see behind the speakers platform a blurred view of the new Greenbelt station and watch a steady flow of trains arriving and departing with passengers taking free rides.

**Intermodal Linkup**

Glendening had the pole position in the speaker's roster and led the accolades for Hoyer. "We would not be here today without

his taking the ball and running with it," he asserted.

**Waited and Waited**

Congressman Hoyer, calling Metro the tie that binds our region together, said that his efforts to get Metro completed gave new meaning to the old song, "I've Been Working on the Railroad." "They say that good things come to people who have waited. Well, folks, Greenbelt has waited...and waited...and waited."

December 16, 1993



U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer addressed a capacity crowd in a breezy tent during opening ceremonies. U. S. Secretary of Transportation, Frederico Pena (far right) looks on.

- photo by J. Henson/ December 16, 1993

## Greenbriar Residents hold Twentieth Anniversary Gala

by James Giese

Greenbriar Condominium held a big twentieth anniversary celebration Sunday, May 1, which was attended by more than 100 residents, friends and guests. The festivities were dampened, however, by the absence of Mike

Vaccaro, president of the Greenbriar Community Association, who was recovering from a heart attack at Holy Cross Hospital. Persons attending the celebration signed a giant get-well card for Vaccaro.

May 26, 1994



- photo courtesy of Louis Berger & Associates Inc./ February 25, 1993

Some of the many arrowheads found in a prehistoric campsite near Indian Creek. The measurement in millimeters is shown at the bottom.

## Prehistoric Campsite Found At Site Along Indian Creek

by Betty Likowski

Evidence of some of the Greenbelt area's earliest residents was found in the form of a prehistoric campsite used between 8000 and 1000 B.C. Located near Indian Creek, the campsite was found during planning for the service yard for the Greenbelt Metro station in 1989.

Who were the people who used this campsite near Indian Creek so long ago? The period between 8000 and 1000 B.C. is referred to as the Archaic period and at that time the peoples in the eastern part of what is now the United States lived in small bands of up to 100 people. They moved among a series of campsites throughout the year depending where foods were available. They hunted, fished, and collected plants for food. The early

peoples visited the site near Indian Creek most frequently between 3000 and 1900 B.C.

At the Indian Creek campsite there were different areas for cooking, tool making, and hide working. Clusters of rocks in the central area of the site are thought to have been the cooking area. Most of the activity at the campsite would have taken place at the cooking area. Some tool-making was done away from the cooking area.

Thousands of stone tools were found at the site. The stream bed rocks would have been used to make tools. The rocks used to make some of the tools have been traced to other areas in the region, such as South Mountain near Hagerstown and a quarry near Wilmington, Delaware....

February 25, 1993.

*A Personal Saga*

## Tour de Greenbelt Biking to Metro

by David Morse

Consider the bicycle, the Rodney Dangerfield of surface transportation. Bicycles don't get no respect.

A bike signifies the immature, the underripe, the slightly dotty. It's openly used as a term of opprobrium. George Wallace, the segregationist presidential candidate, used to vilify his opponents as "pointy-headed intellectuals who can't park their bicycles straight." And then there's the feminist bumper sticker slogan: "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

That reputation didn't seem to slow down the Greenbelt Bicycle

Coalition last Saturday, however, in their tour through Greenbelt to the new Metro station opening to campaign for commuter bikeways.

**The Cyclists**

It's a sparkling but frigid day. Two dozen bicyclists have gathered in the parking lot at St. Hugh's, most of them having just ridden from Schrom Hills Park. With their helmets and their splendid, multi-colored outfits, the scene resembles a medieval joust. Bicyclists tend to dress on the flashy side. This is not, as in the animal kingdom, to attract mates. (Well, maybe sometimes it is.) It's so they won't get killed. They have to be seen....

December 16, 1993

### Letters

#### Yeah, GBC

I wish to commend the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition (GBC) for their recent advocacy on behalf of the fellow bikers within our community. Their approach was a model of grassroots democracy, political action at its best....

December 1993

#### Our Neighbors

Catherine Cissel celebrated her 104th birthday on May 11. That morning her birthday was announced on the "Today Show."

May 25, 1995

#### Best Laugh

Thanks for the best laugh I've had in ages. Your "April Fool" issue was absolutely priceless.

April 15, 1995

**Happy Birthday**  
**Greenbelt News Review**  
from  
**BELTWAY PLAZA**  
**HARDWARE**  
**Beltway Plaza Mall**

Congratulations to the  
**Greenbelt News Review**  
For 60 years of  
distinguished service to the community.

From  
**Gasch's Funeral Home**

We understand the value of lasting service.  
Proud of serving Greenbelt from the beginning,  
and Prince George's County since 1859.

**301-927-6100**

4639 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

# A Walk Through the Fourth of July

by David Morse

A man with expanding middle and contracting hair, a fortyish man, is grumbling, "How come I gotta carry everything?" His fist grips the loops of a weighty plastic grocery sack. A slender, bounding boy, a nine-ish boy, responds authoritatively, "Cause you got the strongest arms." They are on the long trek down the thickly forested path that runs around Greenbelt Lake. This little colloquy explains much of what is to come. The Fourth of July is under the secret governance of children. Adults are brought along to do the heavy lifting.

The conspirators are skipping back and forth along the lake path, hosts of them. They have been waiting quietly for this time, as cockroaches await lights out in the kitchen. They are out in force, picking up rocks, chasing the ducks leaping down the embankment into the creek bed, sauntering off into the brush, ignoring the cries of consternation in their wake. Their voices squeak with anticipation. They stream forward exultantly like an army that has put the enemy to rout. Their parents groan under their burdens like refugees ...

Some of the smaller children are being conveyed like sultans in strollers and little red wagons. The wheels rumble deeply like oxcarts. Occasionally the oxen low softly on the steeper slopes. Beyond the smoke and the children swarming on the playground equipment, people are standing on line for the portable toilets. They look nervous. There are only emergencies here. Occasionally the air crackles with protests as a new arrival fails to notice the queue and heads straight for the cubicles. Nobody wants to be here, but each strenuously holds his place.

The meadow's transformation at first shocks the eye. But the Fourth of July is a transforming event. It turns the whole gritty, incessant world of time clocks and bus transfers and mortgages into a theme park. Here is where the American Dream is dreamed. The theme of this park is the hope and future of America. And indeed, everywhere in the park the hope and future of America are chasing dogs, tossing frisbees, playing boomboxes, flashing valorously down the wide direct pathway on bikes. Or lolling on the shoulders and in the laps of their perspiring custodians.

And then the storm breaks.

"I am encamped with thousands of others. What are we all doing here? Suddenly there is raucous booming overhead, like the heavens cracking open. We're being shelled! Mayday! Mayday! Get down you idiots! What do you think this is, the Fourth of July."

There is a pause. Two boys of eight or nine are leaning back in their beach chairs. One says to the other, with palpable relish. "Y'ever see one o'them things blow up all over the platform, Lance?" One can almost hear their neurons fizzing like sparklers, completing the thought: "Wouldn't that be great? The fireworks get out of control — blow everybody up, bodies flying everywhere? Cool!" In the questioner's lap is nestled a small grey terrier, wheezing contentedly, its snout poking out of the crook of its master's arm. In the dark silence between explosions, the contrast between the tender scene and the grisly idea shimmers eerily.

### The Homeward Procession

The fireworks are over quickly. The sated crowd quickly disperses and pours down the lake path. The only illumination under the tree-darkened sky is provided by florescent tubes, thin lines of brilliant color in an omnivorous blackness. Amazingly, the toys seem to have been transformed, like other objects under the influence of the Fourth of July, from commercial flotsam to powerful talismans. The surrounding darkness and preternatural light from the tubes induces a sense of disorientation. The crowd seems to proceed down a tunnel which spans the ages, protected only by these small shafts of light, stretching out endlessly in time and space. They press closer together, stepping carefully.

At the fork in the path, they break ranks and scatter. The rest of the way seems more perilous, the amulets somehow having lost their charm. Families wander in the voice like planets released from solar gravity. People call out for their children, clutching at them nervously. Finally, they reach the end of the trail.

The rule of the elders is restored. The Lords of the Fourth, many of them, are slung across their bearers' backs, wheezing contentedly, perhaps dreaming the American Dream. Yet the bearers feel light on their feet, almost aerodynamic. The air has cooled a bit. All the lost children, uncanny mixtures of chaos and grace, have been found.

July 8, 1993



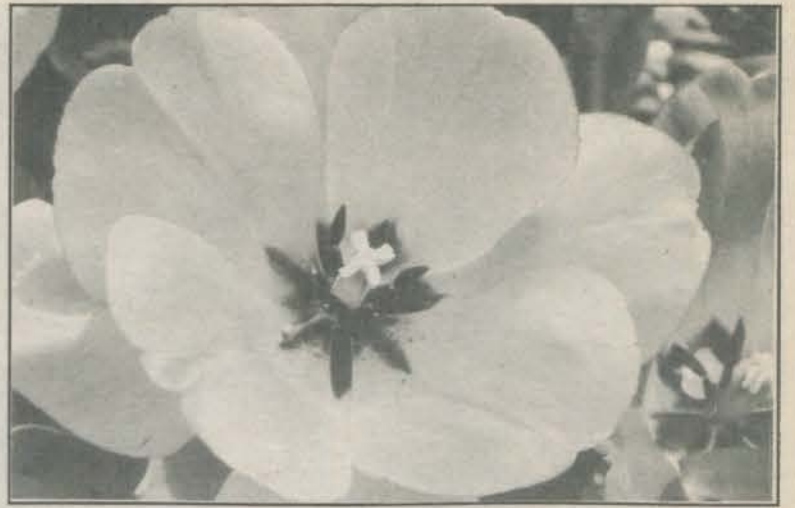
- photo by Matt Elliott, July 10, 1997

## Webelos Weather Winter

by the Wolverines and the Dragons

On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 28 and 29, the Webelos Scouts of Greenbelt Pack 202 went to the Klondike Derby, a Camporee at Cedarville State Forest. We went to have fun and to learn winter survival skills. First we built our own sled at our den meetings. Then we practiced sleeping outside in Greenbelt (it froze). We went prepared — we took dry tinder, and we started our fire with one match. We used logs, ropes and teamwork to drag our sled over a ravine. We demonstrated first aid and did other things, too. It got cold and it snowed. Some of us got wet, but some of us slept in tents anyway. Our wet gear froze inside the tent. Mostly it was fun.

February 16, 1995



- photo by Thelma Loret de Mola/March 24, 1996

## Spring's Sweet Assault

First it crept up on us, deceptively timid, a crocus here, a narcissus there, breathlessly awaited by Greenbelters weary of the long, harsh winter. A false alarm or two by the weatherman threatened to freeze the buds on the cherry trees, and foolhardy gardeners who had planted their annuals too early rushed outside to cover them with towels.

But by now, throwing restraint to the warm, pollen-heavy winds, spring has sprung upon us with all the subtlety of a blaring trumpet. Tan-ta-ra! A parade of hot gold-and-orange tulips marches down Southway, clashing brazenly with a battalion of lavender azaleas. Ta-ra! A blizzard of petals sweeps through Roosevelt Center, mocking us with a reminder of winter.

Redbuds batter the air with tiny pink fists, daffodils mass to invade woodland paths, and parking lots pretend to be gardens. A heavy warmth, more of summer than spring, forces from each flower its maximum sweetness. A wandering breeze murmurs, not quite loud enough for us to hear but urgently enough to stir our blood, "Fall in love... fall in love..."

March 24, 1996

## Cranky Mother Nature

by David Morse

Global warming, anyone? Mother Nature was in a cranky mood last week, pounding Greenbelters with a rich mix of snow, freezing rain, and days on end of sub-zero temperatures, which yielded frozen pipes, power failures, "Brown-outs," "rolling blackouts,"

treacherous sidewalks, undelivered mail, and stupendous heating bills.

Many people, taking advantage of liberal leave policies, stayed inside and prayerfully awaited spring. Some people, however, responded creatively.

January 27, 1994

## Curry States All Libraries Will Remain Open In 1996

by Dorothy Sucher

Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry came to Greenbelt on Tuesday morning May 16, bringing good news. At a news conference held in the Greenbelt library, Curry announced that all libraries in the county, including the Greenbelt branch, will remain open — at least through 1996. Six had been threatened with closure due to the county's bud-

get crisis.

### Efforts Paid Off

Stating that he had "traveled to Annapolis many times, and lobbied for additional funding from the state," Curry added, "I was impressed with the rallying cry you stirred in support of the library system. He noted that library supporters had collected over 30,000 signatures on petitions."

May 18, 1995



Frosted trees are framed by the opening of the underpass beneath Hillside Road. Tim Farris is on the far right.

- photo by John Norden, February 3, 1994

**Happy Birthday to the News Review**  
 Thanks for 60 years of Excellent Service from the staff at Greenbelt Service Center/Mobil

**Shell**  
 Beltsville Shell  
 Congratulates  
 the  
**Greenbelt News Review**  
 on **60 Years**  
 of High Octane Service to the community