

# GREENBELT News Review

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### Public Safety Bludge

## More COPS? If So, Who Pays? Council Reviews Police Funding

by Diane Oberg

The Public Safety budget accounts for roughly 37 percent of total city expenditures under City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000 (FY2000). This percentage is virtually unchanged from its share in the current year's budget, although expenditures have increased. The budget was reviewed at an April 19 worksession of the Greenbelt City Council. Councilmember Thomas White was not present.

The \$5.6 million public safety budget proposed for FY2000 is 1.7 percent over the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year, and 8.2 percent over this year's estimated expenditures. Most of these funds (\$5.4 million) would go to the police department, \$41,500 for animal control and \$54,200 for the reserve for equipment for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

### Police

The \$5.4 million in police expenditures proposed by McLaughlin represent a 2.1 percent increase over the current year's budget (8.2 percent over estimated expenditures). Current expenditures are running behind budget in part due to the four officers authorized for the current fiscal year but not yet hired. McLaughlin did not propose add-

ing any additional police officers beyond these four, but that could change.

The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) has proposed partially funding a city police officer to patrol their community. Under this proposal, which would only take effect if the city obtained a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant,

**Why not have 10 officers and "no one does anything but pay taxes?" - Mayor Judith Davis facetiously suggested.**

the GCA would enter into an agreement with the city to fund at least part of the remaining cost of an officer to be assigned specifically to Greenbriar. The grant would cover 75 percent of the salary and benefits costs of a police officer, which City Manager Michael McLaughlin estimates would be roughly half of the \$71,850 annual cost of an officer once equipment costs are added. (This calculation distributes the \$28,000 cost of each officer's vehicle, and mobile and portable radios over their 7-year estimated lifespan.) The GCA would provide a place for the officer to meet with residents. Angela But-

ler, president of Greenbriar Phase III, said that the community has problems with a small number of residents and nonresidents and would benefit from having an officer who could become familiar with the locals and the community. McLaughlin told the News Review that specific details of an agreement had not been discussed. Dorothy Pyles asked whether the GCA would have to pay the officer's salary while in training, or only once assigned to Greenbriar. But that may be a moot point. Councilmember Edward Putens did not feel that citizens should have to pay anything, beyond what they already pay in taxes, for police protection. He liked the idea of having COPS officers assigned to specific areas of the city and suggested expanding the program, though without payment by homeowners, to Windsor Green, Hunting Ridge and Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

### Three Year Grants

Mayor Judith Davis pointed out that the city would be responsible for the full cost of the officers after three years. As the discussion expanded to cover more areas of the city, she suggested doing 10 officers and "no one does anything but pay taxes."

Councilmembers Rodney Rob-  
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Fran Herling sits on the sculpted stone bench "Al's Place" rededicated on April 24 to the memory of her husband, Al Herling, at its new location in front of the Greenbelt Library. The bench was sculpted by M. C. Carolyn. - photo by Judy Nelson

## Herling Bench Dedicated Amid Friends, Dignitaries

by Barbara Simon

Under a blue and sunny sky on Saturday morning, April 24, on the lawn in front of the Greenbelt Library, some 80 friends of the late Al Herling joined his wife, Fran Herling, and their son, Konrad, daughters Erica Kropp and Karene Lagronde and grandchildren Sheila Robinson and Bryan Magrum in rededicating "Al's Place," the unique sculpture-bench created in tribute to Al's efforts on behalf of the arts. Also attending were all five members of the Greenbelt City Council and State Delegate James Hubbard. As Barbara Simon, president of the Friends of Prince George's County Libraries, explained in her opening remarks, Al Herling himself wanted the sculpture to be placed where it has found its home, in

front of the library "he loved and served so well."

Simon expressed thanks to the Prince George's Arts Council, and Executive Director Albert Maitland, for commissioning the sculpture and then giving it to Greenbelt, to the city administrative, Community Center, and public works staffs for arranging for the rededication, and to the Friends of the Greenbelt Library for the reception which followed the ceremony.

Mayor Judith Davis then spoke of how much she derived from Al's strength, courage, and "joy in living every second to the fullest," and how she could imagine him sitting here "giving us all much-needed advice, encouragement and every now and then a wake-up call." She reflected that

See AL'S PLACE, page 5

## Library Celebrates Sixtieth

by Eileen Peterson

To celebrate 60 years of the Greenbelt Library, families are invited to an afternoon of varied arts activities on the lawn in front of the library on Saturday, May 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Greenbelt town library opened in 1939 in Greenbelt Center Elementary School, which doubled as a community center. Much later when the school closed, the building became the Community Center.

### Site Painting

Mike McMullin, a resident studio artist at the Greenbelt Community Center, will direct a community-created site painting which will be donated by Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) and hung in the Greenbelt Library. Everyone is welcome to join in and paint a part of the picture, comments Barbara Simon, chair of the F.O.G.L. Steering Committee, which is organizing the event.

Paintings will be done on covers of discarded hard-back books. McMullin will later take the covers and compose them into a collage.

### Other Activities

Other activities will include face painting and story telling. Professional story-weavers Candace Wolf of Takoma Park and Bill Mayhew of Beltsville are scheduled. Many may recall Mayhew as a former librarian at Greenbelt Center School.

Children will create bookmarks to take home or to leave - temporarily - for a competition. F.O.G.L. will reproduce the winning bookmark designs to give away in the Novel Endings Bookstore this summer. Friends of the Greenbelt Library will have an information table and will display F.O.G.L. book bags.

Rain date is May 22. If in doubt, call Greenbelt Library at 301-345-5800 after 10 a.m. that Saturday morning.

### Public Works Budget

## Purchase of Street Sweeper, Playground Problems Debated

by Drew Clark

The Greenbelt City Department of Public Works presented a proposed fiscal year 2000 budget of \$1,688,200 at the Greenbelt City Council work session dominated by concerns about the possible purchase of a sweeper and the maintenance of playgrounds at city parks.

The total budget proposal for next year represents a 7% increase over the estimated total budget to be used this fiscal year and a 4% decrease over the amount the department was funded for this fiscal year. Last year the Council allotted the department \$1,767,600 for fiscal year 1999, \$1,583,400 of which is expected to be spent by the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Kenny Hall, acting head of the Department of Public Works, touted the fact that the proposed budget met the Council's objective of "no increase in operating budget," and he highlighted the department's extensive work renovating the Roosevelt Center without resorting to contracting out the bulk of the work. Proposed operating expenses—about one-third of the budget—increased 3% over the

total budget to be used this year but decreased 2% over the FY1999 amount allocated.

### Major Purchase?

But a major focus of the work session on Wednesday, April 28, was devoted to the possibility of a major capital purchase—a street sweeper that would be jointly purchased by Greenbelt, College Park, and Berwyn Heights.

At least two of the three council members present also expressed their concern about the lack of consultation before changes were made to playgrounds in city parks that removed children's play equipment and modified certain play areas. Other areas of especially close scrutiny during the worksession included how to finance construction of a new building for the Public Works department and whether a contract with Fleetpro to service city vehicles was worth the cost.

Hall proposed the tri-city purchase of a \$95,000 street sweeper as preferable to contracting for an outside vendor to clean the streets on a periodic basis. Based on the miles of streets in each of the three cities, Greenbelt's would pay 29%—or \$27,550—of the cost of

purchasing the sweeper.

The department also offered to house and maintain the vehicle, particularly because "College Park admits we have better mechanics than they do," Hall said.

### Trouble?

But some on the council pointed out that trying to share such a major expenditure with another jurisdiction could lead to trouble.

"I am reluctant to support the purchase of a sweeper," said council member Rodney Roberts. "If you don't have really good

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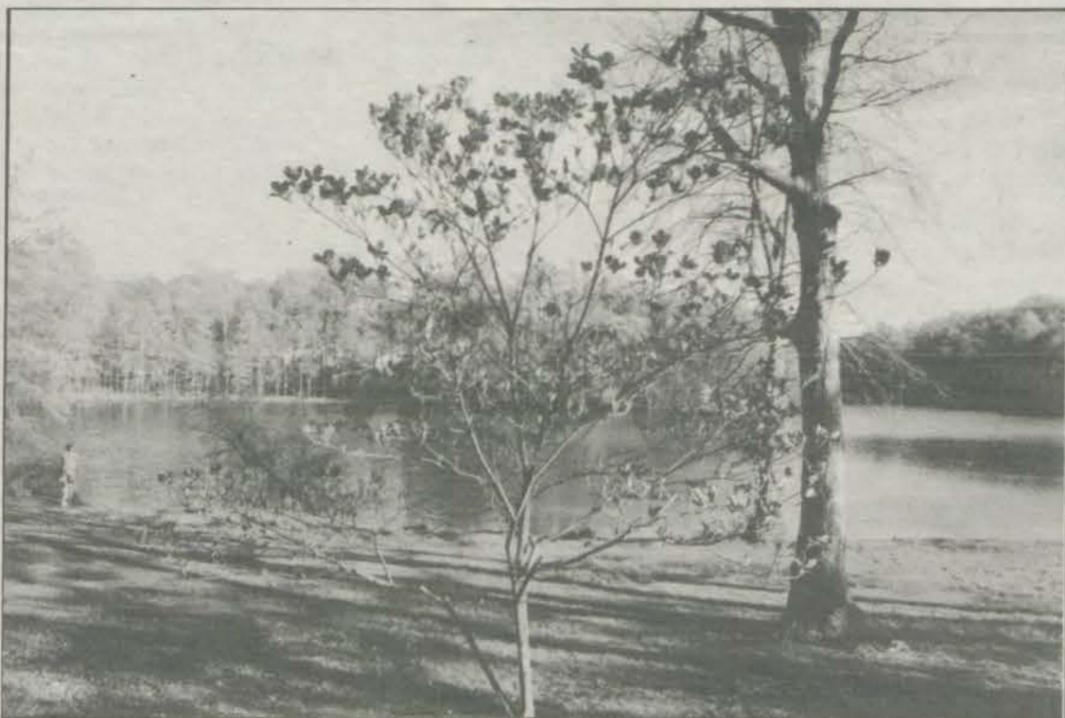
### What Goes On

Mon., May 10, 7:30 p.m. A.C.E. Awards reception  
Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building  
Tues., May 11, 7:30 p.m. GHI Candidates Night,  
Municipal Building

Wed., May 12, 8 p.m. Council Budget Worksession on Recreation, Community Center

Thurs., May 13, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board meeting.



A pink dogwood blooms at Buddy Attick Lake Park.

- photo by Frederique Schmuelling

### Notice

The Answering service for the News Review is currently not working. If you left a message last week, please call again during office hours on Monday or Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. We're sorry if we missed your important call.

### New Program Offers Healthy Detectors

City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin has announced a new city program called "The Healthy Smoke Detector Program." Under this program, city property inspectors will now replace batteries in inoperative smoke detectors.

McLaughlin says this will provide immediate protection for the residents, rather than their having to do without protection until they get around to replacing the battery. Second, it makes the inspection process more efficient because the inspectors do not have to return to reinspect the property for the smoke detector violation. In this way, the city is achieving compliance and doing the inspection work in a most efficient manner.

### Greenbrook Village Elects Officers

The Greenbrook Village Homeowners Association Annual Homeowners' Meeting elected its Board of Directors on April 12. The directors/officers for the coming year are: Muriel J. Yilmazetin, president; Benjamin E. Boyd, vice president/grounds; Veronica Davis, vice president/architectural; Pravina Mattoo, secretary; and Joyce Gladstone, treasurer.

Board meetings are held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on the second Monday of the month. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

 Board of Appeals  
Thursday, May 13, 1999  
7:30 PM  
Senior/Conference/Gallery

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review Board Procedures for Hearing Variances
4. Public Hearing—Variance Application #99-0001-V

If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact the Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417.

### CCRIC's Spencer To Speak to Councils

by Barbara Young

At the May 2 meeting of CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek), attorney Jeff Nelson from the Georgetown Law Center's Institute for Public Representation introduced new student attorney Erin Sokol, who with Nelson will advise and assist CCRIC.

Guest Kristin Forsyth, program manager for the privately-funded "Thousand Friends of Maryland" group, spoke of the need to combat sprawl by focusing on regional land use. She noted that a College Park meeting of the Washington Regional Network will be held in July (place and date to be announced).

CCRIC Chair Kate Spencer said that she was planning to lead a stream walk at the Indian Creek Metro site with WMATA real estate personnel on Monday evening, May 3, and also that she would speak before the College Park City Council at 8 p.m., May 4, and before the Greenbelt City Council at 8 p.m. on May 6.

The meeting concluded after discussion of the best land use at the Indian Creek site. The next meeting of CCRIC will be held at 5 p.m. (changed from 4 p.m.) on Sunday, May 9, in the Greenbelt Community Center. Concerned citizens are invited to attend.

### Bar Assoc. Holds Free Trusts Seminar

The Prince George's County Bar Association Estates and Trusts sub-committee will present a free seminar on revocable liv-

### Career and College Conference at UMD

The University of Maryland will hold a free multicultural college and career conference for high school juniors and their parents at the Stamp Student Union on Saturday, May 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The purpose of the conference is to help students and parents through an important period. Specialists from a wide range of fields will offer information and advice.

There is no cost for the conference, and breakfast and lunch will be served free of charge, but reservations are required. Call 1-800-423-5867.

### Professional Clothes Needed for Program

Large size professional women's outfits (sizes 20 and up) are needed for a Welfare to Work program, R.I.S.E. This program provides professional attire for both men and women seeking employment or re-entering the job market. The program is coordinated by the Prince George's County Department of Social Services, R.I.S.E. Apparel Centers. For more information call the Office of Volunteer Services at 301-209-5018.

ing trusts at Prince George's Community College on Saturday, May 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The seminar will be held in room 1104, Marlboro Hall. To register call 301-982-0275.

### L. Hailey Advances In NHD Competition

by Nelda Young

Greenbelt was well represented this year at the state National History Day competition on April 17. LaTasha Hailey, a native of Greenbelt and an Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior, won first place in the senior performance division. Navin Mahadevan, a sophomore at ERHS, placed second for his historical paper.

LaTasha won with her depiction of Margaret Sanger in her crusade to make birth control available to the public. In addition to her ten minute monologue, LaTasha wrote a process paper with a bibliography including significant primary sources. Her mentor at ERHS is Joan Magin and LaTasha also receives encouragement from her tutor at the National Archives in College Park, where she works as an intern.

Navin was selected for his paper on the "Discovery of DNA." He was encouraged to enter by his world history teacher, Rick Renyor.

This is the second year that the University of Baltimore has hosted the state NHD competition, where students set up museum-type exhibits, give dramatic performances, offer research papers, and present documentaries, all on the topic of "Science, Technology and Invention in History." State winners across the nation advanced to the nationals, to be held at the University of Maryland June 13-17.

Anne Cherry is the teacher coordinator for social studies at ERHS and the school's National History Day coordinator. Jill Cohen is the Social Studies Instructional Assistant for Prince George's County and coordinator of participation in National History Day.

### Crisis Hotline Offers Training

The Crisis and Family Stress Hotline offers free communication skills training. Those who want to help others by providing telephone counseling and referrals to those in need, call 202-223-0020. Training starts May 11.

### Council to Present Student ACE Awards

Students who exemplify the "spirit of Greenbelt" – the spirit of giving to one's community, whether the school or the community at large – will be recognized on Monday, May 10. On that day, the Greenbelt City Council will present the fifth annual ACE Awards for students, at a city council meeting. A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 25 Crescent Road. Awards will be presented at 8 p.m. All students will receive gifts from area businesses and dignitaries. In addition, the high school students will receive a scholarship.

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) sponsors the award to spotlight the outstanding educational programs of the schools Greenbelt children attend and the people who make it happen. Based on the recommendations of their schools, students from Greenbelt Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School, Robert Goddard Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, and St. Hugh's School will be honored.

The city council established ACE in 1994 as a community-based advisory committee. Composed of up to nine Greenbelt residents, ACE works to ensure that the schools Greenbelt children attend are of the highest quality.

### Greenwood Village Elects Officers

The Greenwood Village homeowners elected its Board of Directors at the association's annual meeting on April 14. The directors/officers for the coming year are: Warren C. Wilcox, president; Marth Smith-Cross, vice president; John C. Bradley, treasurer; and Diann Howland, secretary.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m.



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on May 13, 1999 at 8:00 PM in the Greenbelt Community Center (Senior Classroom/Gallery/Conference Room), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Mr. TAI LA for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 6807 Green Crescent Ct. The applicant is requesting permission to encroach 13 feet into the 20 foot rear yard setback requirement for the purpose of constructing a 13'x19' deck. For more information call 301-345-5417.

### Explore Presidential Scandals on Friday

On Friday, May 14, Explorations Unlimited presents "White House Scandals," a talk by Dr. Maurine H. Beasley, professor of journalism at the University of Maryland. Beasley is the co-editor of the forthcoming Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia. She is also a former staff writer for The Washington Post.

The presentation will compare the media attention given to the intimate affairs of six twentieth-century presidents: Harding, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Clinton. It will start with a "quiz" on knowledge of White House affairs. The speaker will then compare and contrast the way the affairs of these six presidents came to public attention and the audience will be asked to put itself in the place of news media executives faced with the decision of what kind of coverage to give to these episodes. The speaker will provide an insider's look at the ethical decision-making that goes into decisions about what to cover.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. in the senior classroom of the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For more information, call 301-397-2208.

### GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Nominations and Elections Committee will present Candidates Night May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Room. Members are invited to attend.

The Woodlands Committee will meet May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

May Board of Directors meetings will be on May 13 and 27. Members are encouraged to attend.

A reception for all committees will be held May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

### Greens Will Meet

Kate Spencer will speak at the next meeting of the Greenbelt Greens, Monday May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the police station at Crescent and Ridge Roads.

With a degree in biology, Spencer is a volunteer with Frogwatch and is working hard to preserve Indian Creek and the 130 acres of wetlands near Greenbelt Metro Station. This area is known as "Greenbelt Station" and is slated to be a huge multi-use project.

Refreshments will be served. For further information, call 301-474-1998.

## Community Events

### Police Offer Class In Pet First Aid

Pet owners may need to know how to wrap an injured cat's paw... or treat a dog with heat stroke... or give a cat CPR. These emergency care basics and more will be covered at the Greenbelt Police Department's pet first-aid course on Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Police Department training room.

Participants will learn how to assess and treat common emergencies from allergic reactions to burns. They will also learn how to perform CPR, treat shock and choking, and bandage an injury.

The cost for the class is \$38, which includes the book "Pet First Aid," developed by the Humane Society of the United States and the American Red Cross.

The instructor is Gustavo Becce, professional firefighter and paramedic, who has taught EMT for the state of Maryland and has been teaching human CPR and first aid for eight years through the American Heart Association. He has been involved in several dramatic pet rescues. Most notable was the March 1998 rescue and resuscitation of "Gigi," a schnauzer trapped in a house fire in Takoma Park, an act that earned him a local humanitarian award.

To learn more about the pet first aid course or to register for the class, call Gustavo Becce at 301-694-5090.

### Group for Hearing Impaired Has Social

The May meeting of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, with an end-of-year social preceded by a review of programs presented this year. People are invited to come share their gripes and/or solutions. The social will be Thursday, May 13, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For information or directions call 301-474-0345. Newcomers are welcome.

### At the Library

Wednesday, May 12, 4 p.m. BookKids Discussion Group for ages 8 - 12.

7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, May 13, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two year olds and parent or caregiver.

Saturday, May 15, 1 p.m. Greenbelt Library 60th anniversary celebration with family activities on the lawn.

### Spelling Bees Build Confidence and Pride

by Barbara Likowski

When the children in first through sixth grade in Greenbelt Elementary School's After School Program first heard about the planned spelling bees, some children were hesitant about participating. But as they practiced spelling about 50 words, chosen from their grade's spelling book, many became more confident and, in the end, most did participate in the bees. And it paid off. Besides determination and perseverance, a sense of pride was obvious among losers and winners alike. They had not only been able to do it, they had done it!

For all that hard work, all participants were treated to a pizza party. Each child received a ribbon for participating. There really were no losers.

#### Top winners were:

First grade: first place, Olatobi Iguade; second, Precious Williams; and third, Jene Washington.

Second grade: first place, Brittany Tabor; second, Kwame Carrian; and third, Keyonia Holland.

Third grade: first place, Houston Manley; second, Joel Eley; and third, Donovan Bailey.

Fourth grade: first place, Mark Manley; second, Terrance Davis; and third, Stephen Glover.

Grades 5/6: first place, Travis Levius; second, Farone Williams; and third, Adebukola Oni.

### Panthers Meet On Health Care

New health care provisions recently signed into law by the Governor will be the topic of discussion when Greenbelt Gray Panthers meet Saturday, May 15 at 1 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station. Of special interest will be legislation concerning referrals to specialists.

The Gray Panthers, an age, race, and gender neutral organization of social activists, are exponents of health care for all and are interested in hearing from persons who have had difficulty in getting necessary referrals from their primary care physicians and/or health insurance companies in order to maintain good health. Whether or not one is old enough to be covered by Medicare is not pertinent.

For more information, call Janet Parker at 301-474-6668 or Esther Webb at 301-474-6890.

### Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

At the Golden Age Club meeting on May 12 there will be a group presentation, with pictures, on the recent Panama Canal cruise.

The next Golden Age trip will be held on Tuesday, May 11, to the National Arboretum. Last week's column included an in-depth description by John Taylor of what is planned. Departure time is 8:30 a.m. and an Oriental lunch will be part of the trip.

Last week's speaker, Ellen Searcy, was very interesting. She had many good ideas and tools for those who want to prepare for the worst scenario at the turn of the century, should computers cause widespread disaster.

Get-well wishes go to Marge Feeney, who had surgery after an

auto accident. She is at Takoma Park Adventist Hospital. It was good to see Bernie Giese with her husband, Jim, at the Golden Age luncheon, after a recent hospital stay for surgery. Pearl Keeney is also at home now. Good luck to all others who are ill.

Flash! Golden Agers maternal grandmother Irene Hensel and paternal granddad Jack Taylor welcome twins Maranda and Michael. (Mom and Dad are Jean and Frank Taylor.)

The Golden Age annual Yard Sale is scheduled for June 12. The location is still being discussed. Donations are accepted from everyone - no clothes, shoes, or books. Bring items to the Senior Lounge in the Community Center. If it is closed, inquire in the office.

### Flags at Half Staff Honor Fallen Heroes

Governor Parris N. Glendening has ordered that the Maryland state flag be flown at half staff from sunrise to sunset on May 7. This action is taken in honor of the 14th annual "Fallen Heroes Day" to honor the police officers and firefighters who have lost their lives protecting the citizens of Maryland.

The United States flag and the Maryland state flag will also be flown at half staff from sunrise to sunset on May 15, to honor the memory of fallen law enforcement officers who lost their lives while performing their duty.

and sounds of the beach and boardwalk. Registration deadline is May 14.

For additional information about either program, call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

### Recreation Review

#### Aerobic Kickboxing

The hottest fitness trend going is Aerobic Kickboxing, and it's at the Youth Center. This high energy fitness class is instructed by Greenbelt's own Rob McConnell. The class is available as a drop in, so come and give it a try. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

#### X-Treks

X-Treks are one-day adventures designed especially for Generation X-ers. Teens, age 13 - 17 years old and "up" for a good time, will want to join the Recreation Department on the next X-Trek venture, to Ocean City. Get a jump start on the beach for the summer on this journey, scheduled for May 22. The bus will leave the Youth Center at 11 a.m. and return at 11 p.m., so there will be a full day to enjoy the sights



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 13, 1999

7:30 P.M.

GHI Board Room

#### Key Agenda Items

- Member Request for Exception—2-D Woodland Way Action
- Pet Policy Discussion
- Playground Committee Recommendation Action
- 1998 Unallocated Funds Action
- Historic District Designation—Referendum Results Discussion
- Underground Utility Contract Action
- Oil Tank Removal Contract Action
- Warehouse Roof Replacement Contract Action

Board meetings are open to members.

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

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Monday, May 10 at 8pm  
City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
GHI Candidates' Night "live"

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show-Independence Now"
- 6:30 p.m. "It's Municipal Government 1999"
- 7:15 p.m. "GHI Candidates' Night" (replay)
- 8:30 p.m. "City Council Meeting of May 10th"

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING 301-507-6581

Wednesday, May 12

- 7:00 p.m. "Rededication of Al's Place"
- 7:30 p.m. "For Safety's Sake"

**New Deal Cafe**

Open Fri & Sat, 7-11 pm

Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday, May 7  
Rob Hinkal and Friends

Saturday, May 8  
The White's Ferry Boys—Classic Bluegrass  
with Matt Levine, Eddie Goldbetter, Mark Delaney and Jeff King.

Donations for Musicians Encouraged  
Sunday Brunch 10 to 2  
Greenbelt Community Center  
(301) 474-5642

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### Children's Ceramics In Library Display

Sculpture and pottery made in ceramics classes at Greenbelt Elementary School will be on display at the Greenbelt Library on the lower level during the month of May. The works were made by Carolyn Anderson's and Tom Lenhart's second grade classes. The teacher for the ceramics program is Barbara Simon, Greenbelt artist and teacher.

The ceramics program is funded by an Educational Alliance Grant with Mobil Corporation and by contributions from Greenbelt Mobil Service Center through its Fuel for Schools Program, which also funds the arts at St. Hugh's School in Greenbelt.

### Health Fair To Be At Laurel Hospital

Laurel Regional Hospital will hold a free health fair for the community on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The hospital is located at 7300 Van Dusen Road in Laurel.

All available services are free to the public and aimed to increase health awareness and knowledge. Screenings will include blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, depression, anxiety, glaucoma, vision, lung function, bone density, body fat, and skin cancer (1 p.m.-3 p.m.). There will be car seat safety inspections, fire safety, child identifications including fingerprinting, as well as door prizes and other fun activities. Informational literature will be available, along with experts to answer questions and offer advice.

For further information, call 301-497-7914.

### Chorale Presents Pops Concert

The University of Maryland Chorale will hold its Pops Concert on Sunday, May 9, at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall. The Annual Pops Concert will feature a Jerry Herman tune, "Kiss Her Now," along with Mulholland's "A Red, Red Rose," and "This Nearly Was Mine" from Richard Rodgers' South Pacific. Music Director Jesse Parker, will conduct the Chorale; HoChung Kim will accompany on the piano and student soloists will be featured. The featured "Pops" presentation of the evening will be a medley from the popular Broadway smash hit "The Phantom of the Opera." Admission is free. For additional information call 301-405-1150.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
**May 9, 1999**  
 Annual Spring Music Service  
 Daniel Abraham, Music Director  
 (Intergenerational Service)  
 John Burciaga  
 Interim Minister



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
 Municipal Building Sundays 10 A.M.

### New Law Benefits Lens Wearers

A new state law gives contact lens wearers the right to obtain their prescriptions from their eye doctors for the purpose of buying replacement lenses.

The doctor must now provide a copy of the prescription to the patient or someone the patient designates — a mail-order lens supplier, for example — within seven days after the patient's request, and at no charge. The prescription may be transmitted by mail, telephone, fax, or e-mail.

The prescription must include all the information necessary for the prescription to be filled, including the name of the lens manufacturer, the type of lens, the power, base curve, lens size, the patient's name, the doctor's name, and the expiration date.

The prescription should be valid for two years from the time the patient was first examined. The doctor must give the patient a valid clinical reason if the prescription is written for a shorter period.

Consumers with questions about the new law may call the Attorney General's Health Education and Advocacy Unit at 410-528-1840.

### Jazz Concert At U. of Maryland

Bring a lawn chair and picnic supper and swing with the University of Maryland Jazz Ensembles at the annual Finale Courtyard Concert on Monday, May 10, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the North Loggia of the Tawes Building. The program includes big band music from all eras such as works by



A Spring Festival brought 500 people to Holy Cross Lutheran church on Saturday afternoon to listen to a Christian rock concert, enjoy food and a puppet show. The giant red hot air balloon finally rose after 6 p.m. High winds had compromised its safety most of the day.

-photo by Leigh Catterton

### Volunteer Wanted

The Prince George's County Health Department is seeking a volunteer to assist with filing two days per week for one or two months any days Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30. New volunteer orientation will be held Tuesday, May 18, 5:30 to 7. For more information call 301-883-7802.

Ellington, Davis, and Coltrane. Admission is free. For more information call 301-405-5519.

### Devotional Gathering

Saturday May 8 at 7:30 PM  
 Selections from the Baha'i Holy Writings, prayers, and music followed by refreshments and a social period.

The public is welcome  
 Greenbelt Community Center  
 Multi-purpose room.  
 No donations accepted.

**Baha'i Faith**  
 Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Tune in Baha'i Radio every Saturday at 11AM on WUST 1120 on the AM dial

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.bahai.org/>



**You're Welcome Here**  
**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
 Episcopal/Anglican  
 Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, Just South of Greenbelt Rd (MD193), Glenn Dale  
 301-262-3285  
<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>

**Sunday Services**  
 9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)  
 10 am Education for all ages  
 11 am Sung Service

*New beginnings, start with God's love!*  
 Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads  
**Morning Worship Service (Sunday) 8:35 & 11:00 AM**  
**Bible Study for all ages (Sunday) 9:45 AM**  
**Evening Worship and Small Groups (Sunday) 6:00 PM**  
**Prayer (Wednesday) 7:00 PM**  
 For transportation or more information call 474-4212 or contact us on the Internet at [GrnBaptist@aol.com](mailto:GrnBaptist@aol.com)  
**Greenbelt Baptist Church**

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

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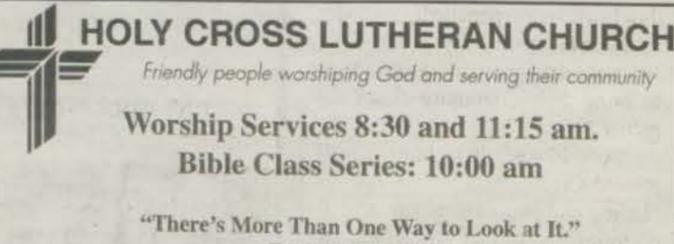
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 Childrens and Adults  
 Bible Study 9:30 am  
 Worship Service 11:00 am  
**Rev. Guillermo Chavez, Pastor**  
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 All persons from all races and cultural backgrounds are welcome. Together we learn to serve Christ.

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
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 Hillside & Crescent Roads  
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**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15 a.m.**  
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*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

**FAITH MINISTRIES**  
**40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt (301) 441-4935**  
 Saturday 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.: Prayer Meeting  
 Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.: Worship Service  
**1. TOPIC: GOD ORDERS THE STEPS OF THE RIGHTEOUS**  
**2. DELIVERANCE SERVICE**  
**3. HEALING SERVICE**  
**YOU ARE WELCOME Pastor Francis Gyemfi**  
 Tune in to our radio broadcast on WFAZ 1220 AM at 2:45 pm on Sundays

**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  
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**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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 Friendly people worshipping God and serving their community  
 Worship Services 8:30 and 11:15 am.  
 Bible Class Series: 10:00 am  
 "There's More Than One Way to Look at It."  
 Taught by Pastor Mentz  
 "Teaching your child About God" -  
 Taught by Wendy Linstrom  
 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

# AL'S PLACE The Greenbelt Grab Bag

(Continued from page 1)

"as long as his bench is here, Al will be a part of the life and soul of Greenbelt."

### Contributions

Albert Maitland, executive director of the Prince George's Arts Council, spoke about Al Herling's contributions to the arts to the whole community of the county. He told how the council had originally commissioned the sculptor, M. C. Carolyn, to create the work, which is made of Tennessee black marble, to honor Al Herling as the council's founder. The sculptor was inspired to use the motif of music, which Al loved so much. The resulting work is reminiscent of a grand piano, the instrument which he played as a devoted amateur, both to bring pleasure to himself and his friends, and to raise funds for the arts.

Betty Allen, who served

by Punchin' Judy

The Orson Welles Festival at the Greenbelt Theatre brought back such memories! As a young teenager I had an overwhelming crush on the actor. I would listen to his radio program with my cheek against the radio, listening to that deep, melodic voice intoning: "Good evening; this is Orson Welles." I can almost feel the thrill now.

Then the unimaginable happened - the Mercury Theatre was coming to my home town of Boston, with Welles, its young director, appearing on stage in Shakespearean plays. Not that I could conceivably afford a ticket to a performance, but the idea of breathing the same city air was a heady thought.

Fate wasn't through with me yet. Amazingly, my English teacher instructed me to partici-

pate in an interview with my idol, which was to be held the following day. I'm not certain that I slept that night.

Sure enough, the next morning found me in a back room of the theater, and there was the man of my dreams! But dreams are made of delicate stuff and mine suffered a severe collapse. My Prince Charming was certainly tall and young, but he was more than pleasingly plump, and not at all as he appeared in his publicity pictures. The eyes and the voice, however, were unmistakable.

Along with other seventh and eighth graders, I asked Mr. Welles some questions. They were not very clever, and he answered them without enthusiasm. I suspect he considered us a waste of time, and we probably were. My interview never appeared in the school publication. But, hey, here it finally is, half a century and more later.

In spite of my romantic disappointment, I never stopped thinking of Welles as a genius, and his voice still sends shivers through me. It will do the same for you, so go see the shows.

Incidentally, I did get my hero's autograph, which I still have and keep in a very safe place.



Speaking at the dedication of "Al's Place" were: Konrad Herling, Al Herling's son and founder of the Greenbelt Arts Center; Betty Allen, librarian at the Greenbelt Library from 1961 - 1995; Albert Maitland, executive director of the Prince George's County Arts Council; Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis; and Master of Ceremonies Barbara Simon, president of Friends of the Prince George's County Libraries.

-photo by Judy Nelson

Greenbelt Library as a librarian from 1961 - 1995, referred to those, who, along with Herling, were responsible for helping to get a new library building constructed, replacing the town's original library in what is now the Greenbelt Community Center. Two of these, Bruce Bowman and Jim Cassels, were present in the audience. Allen reminded everyone how important it was for a community to remember its history, and of a library's vital role in preserving that history.

Konrad Herling, Al's son and a founder of the Greenbelt Arts Center, quoted his father's words at the library building's dedication 29 years ago - that the library would become a "center for stimulation of mind and heart" and "revered as the repository of much wisdom and beauty."

The younger Herling closed the celebration by asking what his father would think today. He would wish, Herling said, "that the loftier ideals of this library, this sculpture, this town be perpetuated. In order to achieve those lofty goals, he'd advocate that we work doubly hard to bring this community closer together."

"Al's Place," it is hoped, will remind Greenbelters not only of Al Herling and his contributions to our community, but of his hope, as

Konrad expressed it, that "future generations of Greenbelters" would "benefit from its history" and the "continual, sustained effort to improve the city's quality of life" that he and his contemporaries had made.

### A Review

## Cookie's Fortune: A Winner

by Dennis Jelalian

Last week's News Review ran a brief summary of the movie "Cookie's Fortune" playing at the Greenbelt Theatre this week. The summary was surprisingly accurate. It only remains to add a few comments.

Patricia Neal is an accomplished actress who is always worth watching. Her portrayal of the suicidal, offbeat, and possibly senile Cookie Orcutt is sensitive and believable. Charles S. Dutton plays Cookie's friend Willis, the only normal person in this town full of kooks and screwballs.

Glenn Close plays the posturing Camille, who isn't happy unless she's giving orders and directing other people's lives. She especially enjoys pushing around her younger sister Cora (Julianne Moore). Camille directs Cora to tell the police Cookie's death is a murder not suicide.

Camille also directs Cora in the town's Easter production of Salome, with Cora in the title role. It's an unlikely production for Easter (death but no resurrection).

The cast is unlikely too. Cora, for example, lacks the sexy panache one might expect of a Salome. She has all the sex appeal of a wet dishrag.

Donald Moffatt, who plays the meek town lawyer, is delightfully miscast as Herod Antipas. Chris O'Donald, the bumbling rookie sheriff's deputy, parodies a Roman soldier.

The offbeat production parallels the offbeat life of the town. Willis is arrested for Cookie Orcutt's "murder," but the sheriff knows he didn't do it; "I've been fishing with him."

Cookie's grand niece Emma (Liv Taylor) voluntarily goes to jail nominally over unpaid parking tickets but, in reality, in sympathy for her pal Willis. She's put in the same cell with Willis.

They don't bother to lock the cell, since no one's going anywhere.

Willis, the sheriffs and Emma wind up playing Scrabble in the open cell. Emma walks out of the cell to get coffee for Willis (which she laces with Wild Turkey, Willis' favorite), or a Coke for the sheriff. Each time, though, she is waylaid by the amorous advances of the bumbling rookie deputy. Droll and amusing scenes.

In the end ... Come find out! It's not often that a movie lives up to its publicity, but this one does.

### Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center 1999 Summer Prices

Greenbelt Resident Summer\*  
May 29, 1999 - September 6, 1999

Family \$165  
Adult \$80  
Youth \$40  
Senior \$45

Greenbelt Resident Daily Admission  
May 29, 1999 - September 6, 1999

Adult \$4.00  
Youth \$2.00  
Senior \$2.50

All residents are required to show a valid license or current lease to receive resident prices.

\*Memberships go on sale May 10, 1999

Call 301-397-2204 for more information.

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### An Evening with Thomas Pandolfi

Friday, May 14th, 1999, 8 PM  
at the  
Greenbelt Community Center

Classical Music performed on the piano  
featuring pieces by  
Liszt, Tchaikovsky, Barber and Scriabin

Tickets: \$5 until May 9th,  
May 10-May 14 \$10/\$7 for students & seniors  
For reservations, call (301) 441-8770.

### Celebrate Spring.....Will's Decorating Sale

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Up to 65% To OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">BLINDS &amp; SHADES by Hunter Douglas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luminettes</li> <li>• Duettes</li> <li>• Wood Blinds</li> <li>• Mini Blinds</li> <li>• Shades</li> <li>• Silhouettes</li> <li>• Vignettes</li> <li>• Pleated Shades</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Installation Available thru 5/28/99</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">30-50% OFF</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Wallpapers &amp; Borders Special Order Collections Select Books, Catalogs</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Choose from Birge, Sanitas, Mirage, Andover, Parkview Essex thru 5/28/99</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Floor Covering Sale 10% OFF Armstrong Mannington &amp; Turket Vinyl Floors</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">thru 5/28/99 Installation Available With this ad only On materials only</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Best Service Best Selection Best prices</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Visit Will's and see why since 1966 Greenbelt residents choose us first!</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Will's Decorating 10508 Baltimore Ave. Beltsville (301) 937-6100 Open 7 days Credit cards accepted</p>
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Greenbelt Center's Zelkova trees being planted.

-photo by Frederique Schmuelling

## A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

May is the month for planting the summer garden. Get prepared to plant vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and squash and flowers such as zinnia, marigold and cosmos. The several experienced gardeners I have talked with agree that the garden still seems on the cool side and annuals should not be planted just yet. For now prepare the garden for planting and check out sources of plants and seeds.

The dogwood trees and azalea shrubs are now in bloom and they are a beautiful sight when planted together. These plants do well in this area. Azaleas come in a variety of colors and dogwood in white or pink.

A little jewel of a spring garden is right on the other side of Centerway from the Roosevelt Center Mall. Before you get to the underpass are a number of shade loving plants planted by the city's horticulturalist. The dominant players in this garden are young dogwood trees and azalea shrubs. Two fine bleeding heart plants (*Dicentra spectabilis*) are covered with rows of hearts. The bluebells have many common names including wood hyacinth and Spanish squill, and are very hardy. (They can be seen all over the oldest part of the city and also come in pink and white.)

The blue and white flowers growing close to the ground are the groundcover plants *phlox stolonifera* and *phlox divaricata*. Plant enthusiasts should notice the white bells on the stems of the Solomon Seal (*Polygonatum*) located next to the bleeding heart.

These are a hybrid of native wildflowers that can be seen even in our woods.

This garden is a striking display of how beautiful the spring garden can be when a little planning is done. These plants come back every year so that you would have color in your yard without having to buy spring annuals every year. Spring flowering bulbs are especially hardy and pest free.

This garden is a great example of what can be done in a shade garden. Many bulbs, shrubs and groundcovers bloom in the spring in the shade. With planning there can be blooms for many weeks. There are also plants that will bloom in the summer. I see oak leaf hydrangea and hosta starting to leaf out. They will bloom this summer.



## Maryland Program Honors Volunteers

The "Maryland You are Beautiful" Program, with the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Governor's Office, has announced nominations are being accepted for the 13th annual "Maryland's Most Beautiful People" Volunteer Awards. The award recognizes selfless individuals who have touched many and improved the quality of life for citizens or Maryland visitors.

The volunteer might be a tour guide at a museum or historic landmark, the person who organizes a local fair, festival or parade, or one who assists at hospices, hospitals, youth and other social service agencies. Nomination forms are available in many public libraries, by calling 410-767-6332, or at [www.dnr.state.md.us/myab](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/myab). The nomination deadline is August 13.

## Y2K News

**Tip:** Get a first aid kit. Include prescription medications. Learn first aid and CPR.



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification program Week of May 10th - 14th

The fifth week of the 1999 Community Beautification Program will start on May 10th. The units scheduled for the fifth week of the program will include the following:

- > 2 court of Westway
- > 1 thru 7 courts of Crescent Road
- > 1 thru 8 courts of Ridge Road

Further updates will be posted weekly in the News Review. All questions, comments, or suggestions should be directed to Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-4161 ext. 132. When possible, calls will be answered within 24 hours.



## INVITATION TO BID

### Greenbelt Lake Water Quality Improvements, Phase IV, Part I Bid No. 1999-03

The City of Greenbelt will accept bids from general contractors for two small scale water quality improvement projects including the construction of a rip-rapped step down channel to address a failed headwall and the construction of a level spreader until 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read at the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1886.

Bid packages may be obtained in the Offices of the Department of Planning and Community Development at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland, starting Monday, May 10, 1999, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The cost of drawings and specifications is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) non-refundable. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 1999 at 2:00 PM in the Council Room, Municipal Building, at the address above. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is recommended, but not mandatory. Anyone needing additional information may contact Terri Hruby at the Department of Planning and Community Development at (301) 345-5417.



## ACE STUDENT AWARDS RECEPTION MUNICIPAL BUILDING - SECOND FLOOR May 10, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL & PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2000 BUDGET MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM May 10, 1999 - 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

-ACE Student Awards  
-Legislative Wrap-Up - 23rd District Delegation  
-Proclamation "40th Anniversary of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center"  
-Oath of Office - New Police Officer Andrew William Powell  
-Proclamation "Police Week"  
-Proclamation "Public Works Week"

7. Public Hearing on FY 2000 Budget

8. 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.)*

- Request from Greenbelt American Legion

9. Minutes of Meetings

10. Administrative Reports

- \* 11. Committee Reports

- CRAB Report  
- PRAB Report

### III. LEGISLATION

12. An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland to Contract with Crestar Bank, N.A. to Borrow Not More Than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the Public Purpose of Acquiring Additional Computer Software for Financial Reporting Purposes Described Herein, Pursuant to the Authority of Section 59, Contracts over One Year, of the City Charter  
- 2nd Reading

13. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Section 11-39 "Prohibited in Certain Locations" of the Greenbelt City Code  
- 2nd Reading

14. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Making a Technical Correction to Ordinance 1180  
- 1st Reading

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

15. National Capital Planning Commission Federal Capital Improvements Program

16. Approval of Cooperation Agreement with Prince George's County for CDBG and HOME Programs

17. Proposal for Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) Funding

- \* 18. Approval of Ballot - Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Board of Trustees

- \* 19. Proposal from Asia Vision Inc. for Television Commercial.

### V. MEETINGS

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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. Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)

David E. Moran, CMC  
City Clerk

# Recreation Groups Seek Funding From Council for Programming

by Luci Gorman

City Council heard requests for funds from volunteer recreation organizations at a budget worksession on April 21. Greenbelt provides assistance to organizations within the city that provide recreational activities and opportunities for Greenbelt youth and citizens. Requests had been previously evaluated by Greenbelt's Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) in an effort to study each program's effectiveness to the community and attainment of stated goals. Council learned about each organization's planned events for fiscal year 2000.

### Aquatic Boosters

The Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters asked for a \$300 increase over last year's budget. Representatives Leslie Hilliard and David Matthews explained that the purpose of the increase is to help defray coaches' salaries in the fall and winter months. The Aquatic Boosters will hold fundraising activities including a Swim-a-thon, a car wash, and food and t-shirt sales this year.

### Labor Day Festival

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, volunteers who organize and manage the city's four-day festival in September, was represented by Rick and Barbara Ransom. They requested only to receive the same amount of support as they have in previous years. Council members commended them on all their hard work.

### Greenbelt Arts Center

Representing the Greenbelt Arts Center, Mary Lou Fisher, Ginny Zanner, and Steve Cox explained to council that a \$500 increase is needed due to new rates and the necessity of saving money for their upcoming Shakespeare play, "In the Park." In commemoration of their 20th anniversary this September, the Arts Center will be performing shows from the past. They have a "quite ambitious" season lined up, said Zanner.

### GAVA

The Greenbelt Association of Visual Arts (GAVA) has asked city council to renew its contract in September for two more years, rather than incorporate the program into the Recreation Department. Representatives Barbara Simon and Jessica Gitlis informed council that they support the addition of a full-time Arts Coordinator. Their request for a \$19,000 increase over last year's budget will be used in part to "increase its outreach programs with the expanded participation of public schools, the handicapped population, and the Girl and Boy Scout troops. GAVA also hopes to develop a program for teenagers similar to its drop-in programs for elementary school age children and pre-school children." GAVA will be doing another Labor Day booth and is planning to sell pottery from the New Deal Cafe this year.

### Boys & Girls Club

Representing the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, James Green and Mel Scites fielded questions from Councilmember Tom White about the city's soccer program. They hope to reduce problems with uniform and ball sizes in the upcoming year. The Boys and Girls Club looks forward to a lighted sports field so darkness will not shorten its

practice time.

### Babe Ruth League

The Greenbelt Babe Ruth League, represented by Bob Sonneveldt and Kelley Ivy, requested an increase of \$3,600 over last year's budget to fund the addition of a 13-year old Prep Babe Ruth team. City council granted the league additional money last fiscal year to implement a Junior Babe Ruth Baseball team that was very successful. Sonneveldt and Ivy believe this team will be successful as well. They aim to create a baseball organization in Greenbelt starting from Little League up to 18 years old, keeping kids off the street. They "want 'em from the cradle up," Ivy said. Fund raising activities for this year include a Washington Redskins ticket raffle, Bay Sox Stadium Game

Day, and a Fourth of July concession trailer.

### Senior Softball

The Greenbelt Senior Softball Team, for male and female seniors 60 years and older, is looking for more players. Burt Kerr represented the team.

### Concert Band

Tom Cherrix represented the Greenbelt Concert Band, a volunteer band that provides quality music programs for the citizens of Greenbelt and neighboring areas as well as a musical outlet for its members. With 93% of the members being non-residents, Councilmember Ed Putens suggested Cherrix put more effort into publicity to attract a larger amount of Greenbelt residents who "enjoy playing in groups."

### Double Dutch League

Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch

League representative, Austin Gibbs, informed council that they will be going to the World Invitational Double Dutch Competition in Connecticut this June. They were last year's Maryland State Double Dutch Champions and are getting increasing requests for demonstrations at local events.

### Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club, which provides Greenbelt's senior citizens with travel opportunities and social activities, was represented by Bill Souser and Shep Odom. The club, which held its annual luncheon that week, will probably have another Flea Market this summer.

**To all former customers of  
GREENBELT PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY**

**If you were a customer of above named pharmacy,  
formerly located at: 6201 Greenbelt Road,  
(Science Park Bldg), directly opposite Beltway Plaza**

**PLEASE, READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:**

"As you all know, on July 20th, 1995, the above named pharmacy was intentionally and maliciously destroyed by the landlord. All your prescription records were also destroyed by the landlord, in violation of your rights. Several lawsuits are pending against the landlord in both state and federal courts. If you would like to be a witness, or join in a class action lawsuit on behalf of all former customers, please contact the former owner immediately at:

**Greenbelt Professional Pharmacy, 6006 Greenbelt Road, #334,  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 or email: Greenbelt@justicemail.com."**

**THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ADVANCE.**

## SPRING CLASSES — MINI SESSION

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will offer a spring mini session All classes will start the week of May 17 and will end the week of June 7 (4 weeks).



Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time Location/cost	Instructor	Description
245201-2	Alexander Technique	M/7:30-8:30pm CC-Rehearsal R:\$20;NR:\$25	Chris Cherry	Discover naturally good coordination & posture by learning to set aside your habits.
252203-2	Fit-N-Fun 16+	M/W/F 9:30-10:45am CC-Gym Free Promo.	Judy Cocchiario	Bring mats & weights to CC-gym. High/low aerobics. Babysitting available \$1.
232202-2	Beginning Karate 5-12 yrs.	Th/5:30-6:30pm CC-Dance R:\$20;NR:\$24	Arturo Oliva	Self-Defense and confidence thru the use of karate. Uniform \$35.
224224-3	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Th/8:30-9:30pm CC-Dance R:\$20;NR:\$24 Drop in: R:\$6;NR:\$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate & kick boxing movements. If you sign up for this class, attend the Saturday class FREE.
224224-4	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Sa/8:30-9:30am CC-Dance R:\$20;NR:\$24 Drop in: R:\$6;NR:\$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate & kick boxing movements. If you sign up for this class, attend the Thursday class FREE.
232201-2	Intermediate/ Advanced Karate 5-12yrs.	Th/5:30-6:30pm CC-Rehearsal R:\$20;NR:\$24	Marcela Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Yellow belt L-2 or higher.
242201-2	Karate Shotokan 13+	Th/6:30-7:30pm CC-Rehearsal R:\$20;NR:\$24	Arturo Oliva	Learn Self-defense, improve confidence and muscle tone thru karate.
N/A	Tone/ Strengthen 16+	T/Th 9:30-10:45p CC-Dance Free Promo.	Judy Cocchiario	Bring mats/weights. Babysitting is not available.
252204-2	Vishwayatan Yoga 16+	Tu/6:00-7:00pm CC-Dance R:\$20;NR:\$25	Manju Shukla	Focus on Yoga exercises, yoga therapy and breathing techniques to reduce weight and improve circulation.
252202-3	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm CC-Dance R:\$15;NR:\$20	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, Hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
252202-4	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm CC-Dance R:\$15;NR:\$20	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, Hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
252206-3	T'ai Chi- Continuing 16+	Sa/8:30-9:30am CC-Rehearsal R:\$18;NR:\$22 Drop in: R:\$6;NR:\$7	Larry Fleming	Must have completed beginning T'ai Chi movements.
252206-4	T'ai Chi-Beginning 16+	Sa/8:30-9:30am CC-Rehearsal R:\$18;NR:\$22 Drop in: R:\$6;NR:\$7	Larry Fleming	Learn Basic T'ai Chi movements.
252201-2	Morning Yoga 16+	M/T/Th/F 7-8:30a CC-Dance R:\$50;NR:\$62.50 (For 10 classes) Drop in: R:\$6;NR:\$7	Mary Wirick	This class suitable for beginners or experienced. Drop in welcome. Mary also offers private yoga work for body, peace of mind & personal growth. This is an on going class.

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**Greenhorne & O'Mara Names Curtis to Staff**

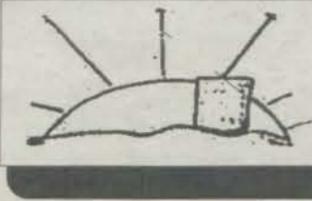
Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., announced that Thomas W. Curtis has joined the staff of the corporate headquarters in Greenbelt, as the director of the Greenbelt Surveying Department. In this capacity Curtis will be responsible for overseeing the company's land surveying division and providing land development consulting services for various projects.

Curtis has over 28 years of experience in land surveying and the land development process, with extensive knowledge of boundary, topographic, and construction stake-out surveying as well as zoning, development approvals, and subdivision issues. Some of his significant projects in the Baltimore/Washington area include Landover Mall, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Mount Airy Estates, McDonald's Corporation, and Shell Oil Company.

Curtis is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a bachelor of science degree in life sciences and is an active member of the Maryland Society of Surveyors, Southern Maryland Home Builders Association, Suburban Engineers Society of Maryland, and Prince George's Chamber of Commerce. He is also registered as a professional surveyor in Maryland.

**Lavender Joins Coldwell Realtors**

Thomas M. Stevens, president of Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors, and Greenbelt Manager Adele Lewis announce that Adeane Lavender has joined the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Banker Stevens as a sales associate.



**Greenbelt's Business**



**Coldwell Sponsors Sweepstakes**

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**Coldwell Realtors Offer Free Book**

Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors is offering potential homebuyers free copies of "Finding Home — Buying the House That's Right for You," a book written by the nationally acclaimed author of "Dress Your House for Success," Martha Webb. The book explains that through an organized four-step program, a buyer can save time and money with clearer directions to the home of their dreams. "Finding Home" books are available at no cost while supplies last. To receive a free copy, contact Kathy Waters, at 703-281-6014, ext. 193.

**Tax Information For Contractors**

Are contractors' labor charges taxable? What kind of records should they keep? How and when can a contractor make tax-free purchases? What licenses does a contractor need? These and other tax-related questions of concern to contractors are addressed in the State Comptroller's business tax tip #18, Contractors and Maryland Taxes. The free brochure is being sent statewide to contractors recently licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission.

Contractors wishing to receive additional copies of the brochure can stop by any one of the Comptroller's local taxpayer service offices or request a copy from the Forms-by-Fax system at 410-974-FAXX (410-974-3299). A free copy can also be downloaded from the comptroller's website at <www.marylandtaxes.com>.

**Clifton Gunderson Has New Employees**

Clifton Gunderson L.L.C. announced that several new employees recently joined its Greenbelt office.

Flora Milans, CPA, joined the firm as a supervisor, and Emrah Celebi joined as a financial analyst.

Clifton Gunderson L.L.C. is the twelfth largest CPA and consulting firm in the United States, with 49 offices in 11 states, providing tax, audit, accounting and advisory services to its individual and business clients.

**Today's Man to Open Internet Web Site**

Today's Man, Inc., the menswear firm, announced that it has entered into an agreement with Qwest Communications International Inc. to develop an online retailing capability. Today's Man plans to sell menswear, the first phase of the Company's e-commerce strategy, at an Internet store at the Today's Man web site, www.todaysman.com in time for the 1999 holiday selling season.

**Clifton Gunderson Joins HLB**

Greenbelt-based Clifton Gunderson L.L.C. public accounting firm has announced it will become a member firm of HLB International, a worldwide organization of professional accounting firms and business advisors with members and correspondents in over 90 countries. HLB International has world headquarters in London. Clifton Gunderson recently received the highest level of peer review acceptance conferred upon CPAs.

**Counselors Needed To Aid Businesses**

SCORE (Service Corps Of Retired Executives), a national volunteer service organization loosely affiliated with the Small Business Administration (SBA), provides free counseling services to small businesses and entrepreneurs in how to start and manage a business, get funding, and the marketing, financial and other operations necessary for a small business to become successful.

SCORE is currently looking for experienced business people to join the organization and become counselors to small businesses. Counselors in the Northern Prince George's County location, in the Laurel area, are especially needed. Counselors will become members of a volunteer organization with 13,000 members in almost 400 locations nationwide. Retired or semi-retired people who have some time available one day a week for performing such a service should call Brian McCrane at 202-606-4000, extension 287.

**Coldwell Realtors Greet New Staff**

Kevin Johns, Robert Day, Lord Moses, and Anthony Davis have joined the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Baker Stevens, Realtors as sales associates.

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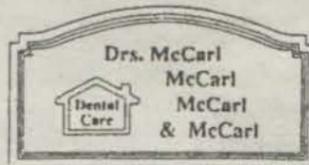
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# POLICE BUDGET

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Roberts and Alan Turnbull, like Putens, believed that citizens should not have to pay extra for police protection. Roberts said that the idea of working out special deals for additional police protection for some parts of the city scared him. Roberts also raised the issue of whether it would be proper for all city taxpayers to fund COPS officers to provide a higher level of service to a specific part of the city. The four officers the city will be hiring with last year's COPS grant will be concentrating on Springhill Lake, Craze noted, but that was based upon crime statistics and reflected putting resources into a problem area. In response to questions, Craze said that no matter how an officer was funded, in an emergency situation that officer could be pulled from the assigned area.

Craze said that homeowners associations contracting with cities for additional officers to be assigned to their community is becoming increasingly common across the nation, but said that it raises a moral issue as to whether those able to pay for additional protection should get better service than those who cannot.

Craze said that the patrol division officers each patrol specific beats, so that they become familiar with the area they are responsible for. However, under the GCA proposal, the new officer, if approved, would spend more time out of the cruiser getting to know residents, although Craze noted that the department is modifying its performance standards to increase the incentives for officers to contact citizens and businesses on their beats.

### Staffing Shortages

The department is facing some unusual staffing difficulties, according to Craze. Two officers have recently left the department (one to work for the county, one for the Secret Service). In addition, he said, there has been an unusual amount of absenteeism this year with 14 officers unavailable for long stretches due to maternity and paternity leave, sick leave, and injury leave. These absences, he noted, have had a significant impact on police presence in the city.

Craze said that officers from the street crimes unit were shifted to other duties to cover for the absent officers, leading to a reduced presence and more public nuisance complaints in the Roosevelt Center. The department is currently interviewing for the vacancies and a number of experienced officers are applying. Such officers would require less or no training depending on whether or not they were already certified police officers in Maryland. Revitalizing the street crimes unit is one of his top priorities, said Craze.

Roberts wanted more consistent bike patrols. (The street crimes unit does many of the bike patrols.) Craze suggested dedicating some overtime funds for bike patrols. Roberts suggested a permanent bike patrol unit with higher pay to serve as an incentive. Craze cautioned

that this would generate requests from other specialized units in the department for equal treatment, but Roberts felt that the physical demands and the increased exposure to inclement weather justified the benefit.

### Equipment Problems

Craze reported that the department is having "vendor problems" with the mobile data terminal system being installed in police cruisers as part of the department's automation effort. The city is currently about four months behind its schedule for converting to this system.

In a sense, that delay is not a problem because the state police currently are refusing to allow access through mobile data terminals to their databases—the main reason why officers need the units. These units communicate through cellular telephone signals, (which is causing a significant increase in the department's telephone bills) and the state police are finding that their system cannot handle the volume of calls and that there have also been some unexpected security issues. The chief is working with the governor's office to try to get access earlier than the mid-summer target set by the state police.

### Other Issues

Craze is proposing to study whether to "civilianize" any of the positions currently held by sworn officers. As presented, this would involve hiring civilians for certain positions now filled by sworn officers and putting those officers "on the street." He noted that he would include the Fraternal Order of Police in this study. The positions he would study are evidence technician, crime prevention officer and two administrative positions. Federal grants are available as part of the effort to put more officers on the street. He made clear that at this point he is only recommending that civilianization be studied, not that any positions be civilianized. Many departments that have civilianized positions have hired retired police officers for the jobs.

There are issues other than cost and the merits of having sworn officers in these positions. Craze said that in a small department such as Greenbelt's, where there is relatively little upward mobility, having these positions available to sworn officers provides some lateral mobility.

One issue raised by Craze, turning over major investigations, such as murders, to the county for investigation, was taken off the table before he could even state anything (in-

cluding what he was talking about) other than that he did not support it. He felt that he should bring that option before council. Councilmembers made clear that they also opposed city police not handling their own investigations. Craze noted that the city's rate for solving such crimes was significantly higher than the county's rate.

### Unmet Needs

Craze also presented a list of items not funded under McLaughlin's budget including a voice mail system to handle non-emergency calls (\$12,000), seven new Pentium computers to replace the department's remaining 486 machines (\$8,400), a multimedia projector (\$4,500), a Juvenile Detective PFC (\$71,850), and a more advanced fingerprint detection device (\$7,000). Craze joked that the last item was becoming like the covered truck bill that appeared before the state legislature for 25 years before being approved, but McLaughlin pointed out that it was also Craze's lowest priority unmet need.

### Animal Control

The city is currently depending upon the county government for animal control as the city's animal control officer is on light duty due to disability. McLaughlin said that his office is not receiving calls saying that the service is unacceptable, but Councilmember Alan Turnbull said that he is getting complaints.

### Fire and Rescue

Greenbelt Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department President Jay Reminick briefly discussed the need for an additional \$82,000 for firehouse renovations. In addition to the \$150,000 in renovations currently authorized, he said that a sprinkler and alarm system is needed, the apparatus room floor should be refinished and improved lighting is needed in the apparatus room. This request will be discussed further when council looks at the capital improvements budget in more detail.

Reminick also reported that the department has been unable to get funding for a new ambulance, which traditionally has been paid for by the county, rather than by the volunteer departments.

### Garden Maintenance At Aquatic Gardens

Saturday, May 15, 8:30 a.m. - noon is garden maintenance day at National Parks-East/Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. Learn to identify weeds that become a problem in native garden areas. Bring gloves and help with non-native plant removal in a historic azalea bed and native plant bog garden. For information call 202-426-6905...

### City Notes

The city has installed two beaver exclusion gates. One is below the dam at Buddy Attick Park on the swale which takes water flowing down the spillway from Greenbelt Lake. The other is in Greenbelt East on a stream that collects water runoff from several ponds and small lakes.

The city has been advised that migrating beavers will follow stream channels to new habitats. The beaver exclusion gates are essentially barriers across the stream channels with gates that open to accommodate water flow. While the gates can be walked around, the beavers apparently lack the sense to do so and the gates impede their migration.

Kenneth Hall, acting director of Public Works, advises that there is still beaver activity at Greenbelt Lake. It is expected, however, that the present family will eventually die out or move out.

In other activities, the Public Works crews:

- installed two new pedestrian crossing signs on Hanover Parkway
- painted over graffiti on the Crescent Road underpass near Gardenway
- installed two new signs at the Recycling Center.
- completed the repair of erosion damage on the stream adjacent to Braden Field.
- Removed a dead maple tree on Gardenway, 2 dead beech trees at Roosevelt Center, and three maple trees in Lakewood in preparation for the installation of storm drain pipe by a contractor.
- removed the last of the "zero exit" slides at a city playground in order to be consistent with new

Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines

The Horticulture Crew. They applied 1,000 pounds of gypsum to landscaped beds to correct salt damage from this winter's storms, they cleaned, pruned and mulched landscaped areas at the Cemetery and the entrance to Buddy Attick Park, and they removed a large, dead oak tree on the north shore of the Lake Park.

The Building Maintenance Crew repaired the school crossing light at St. Hugh's and ordered a light pole and fixture for the batting cage. They began rewiring for electric service at Roosevelt Center.

The Special Operations Crew replaced the faded Stop and All Way signs at Ridge and Research and aided with the excavation of dirt at Roosevelt Center.

Welcome to the new employees of Public Works. Rahn Rufus is the new City electrician. Working with the Streets Crew are Michael Justin and Thomas Ray. Thomas Jackson, who has been with the Department as a "temp" for some time, has been hired for the Parks Crew effective March 15.

The Streets Crew continued reconstruction of Roosevelt Center, assisting in pouring concrete for the light pole base and removed two concrete bases that failed city standards.

The Horticulture Crew untied branches of new trees at Roosevelt Center, prepared plants for the annual plant sale, installed new landscaping around the Stream Valley Park sign, installed mountain laurels and azaleas in an extension of beds at the entrance to Boxwood and planted trees ordered through the Adopt-A-Tree program.

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# BUDGET

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operations, they can break down every time you use them. They are very intricate with lots of moving parts." He also expressed concern about finger-pointing between the cities should the sweeper break down.

"The investment outweighs the cost," replied Hall, adding that he had a good working relationship with the public works department heads in both College Park and Berwyn Heights.

"Street sweeping is something you should get in a city," added council member Alan Turnbull, who said he had gotten several flat bicycles tires because of inadequate street cleaning. "I am in favor of thinking about how to do it with more than one or two passes a year, but I am concerned about the mechanics of a joint approach."

### Playgrounds

Another controversial question was children's playgrounds. Council member Edward Putens, who chaired the meeting in Greenbelt Community Center in the absence of Major Judith Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Thomas White, began the meeting by questioning the changes in many of the city's and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. public play-areas.

Some of the most immediate changes included removal of so-called "zero-exit slides" because their lack of compliance with regulations established by the Consumer Products Safety Commission, the Americans with Disability Act, and other federal regulations, said City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

"Minimally prudent was a good description of the things we needed to do," he said.

Putens said he had received four phone calls over the removal of slides and Turnbull said that he had received more calls over the matter than any measure other than the failed initiative to annex Parkside.

### Fleetpro

With regard to the Fleetpro service contract, Hall defended the \$14,000 expenditure as justified for providing "another set of eyes" to examine city cars and trucks on a regular basis. But as some city workers expressed their view that Fleetpro was "being sloppy," Council member Putens chimed in that "you're not making me feel better at all" about renewing the contract.

But Hall did have an opportunity to note favorable highlights of the past fiscal year, and all three council members expressed their support and confidence in him, his department, and the city manager. Among the accomplishments of FY1999 included resurfacing Breezewood Drive, Westway, Hillside, Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway, installing safety signs at local school crossings, and implementing a plan to protect the trees at Buddy Attick Park from beavers.

McLaughlin said he viewed his priority for the Public Works Department as "maintaining the quality of service that Greenbelt residents have come to expect, citing well-maintained parks and streets with a lack of potholes.

Besides the proposed street-sweeper expenditure, another large proposed increase in the department's budget includes em-

ployee benefits, proposed to rise to \$311,800, a 28% increase over the estimated FY1999 amount and an 8% increase in the amount budgeted for FY1999. In total, the Public Works budget accounts for 11.2% of proposed FY2000 Greenbelt City expenditures of \$15 million.

## Discover Culinary Herbs this Weekend

Discover a medley of herbs for jazzing up a favorite dish at a free informal, outdoor, drop-in session for all ages. The session will be held Saturday and Sunday May 8 - 9, 1 - 3 p.m. at the National Herb Garden at the U. S. Arboretum.



Tree Blooming in Front of Community Center

- photo by Frederique Schmuelling

# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents

### Armed Robbery

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 25, 8:46 p.m., two people were walking toward the rear of the mall and were approached from behind by a young man who grabbed the purse of one of the two. He then fled on foot to a car that was parked in the parking lot of the Shell Food Mart. The vehicle fled onto Cherrywood Lane.

Greenbelt Metro station, April 27, 10:21 p.m., a person was walking from the station toward the parking lot and was approached by a group of people. One of the people displayed a hunting knife and then took the victim's cellular telephone. The group fled on foot toward Cherrywood Lane.

### Possible Carjacking

Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, April 23, 1:40 p.m., a man reported that several people took his vehicle by force. Further investigation revealed that the victim had allegedly purchased the vehicle from one of the suspects. At the time of the report, the victim could provide no documentation to support his story. Investigation is continuing.

### Assault

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 26,

11:40 a.m., a woman reported being assaulted by people she knew. The assailants searched her but took nothing. She received minor injuries during the incident and was treated and released from Prince George's General Hospital. Investigation is continuing.

### Drugs

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 28, 9:04 a.m., a school resource officer arrested a 14-year-old male nonresident for possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, after he was found to be in possession of a substantial amount of currency and suspected marijuana in sufficient quantity to indicate distribution. The juvenile was released to the custody of a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

### Theft

Greenway Shopping Center, April 28, 1:44 p.m., an unattended purse was reported stolen from a shopping cart.

6100 block of Breezewood Court, April 28, 7:22 p.m., home electronic equipment and jewelry were reported stolen.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 1980 Honda

Civic with Maryland tags FLE 527, April 25, from the 8100 block of Mandan Terrace; a maroon 1991 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags 78576HD, April 26, from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway; a maroon 1989 Toyota Camry four-door with Maryland tags 745 ASM, April 28, from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway; and a green Mitsubishi Galant with Maryland tags CZX 159, April 29, from the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive.

Thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, Roosevelt Center, 44 court of Ridge Road, 6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, and 9000 block of Edmonston Road.

### Pharmacy Topics By Sajida Qayumi, Rph.



Transplant recipients are living longer, some 80 and 90 percent surviving the organ rejection and/or postsurgical infections that used to claim lives in the first year. Longterm survival rates are improving too, especially for those who get a new kidney or pancreas.

Early research indicates that one dose of experimental drugs, injected directly into the heart, can relieve or even eliminate angina pain, the journal *Circulation* reported. The drugs encourage the growth of new blood vessels.

In a Japanese study of people with hypertension, magnesium supplements caused a significant drop in both systolic and diastolic pressure.

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# Our Neighbors

Marine Major James F. McGrath, son of Mary Ann Winslow, of Hanover Parkway, recently participated in a NATO exercise during a deployment to Norway with the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, homebased in Camp Lejeune, NC.

McGrath was one of 5,000 Marines, who participated in Exercise Battle Griffin 1999, a cold-weather training exercise held with Norway's Air-Landed Marine Air Ground Task Force. McGrath's unit conducted cold weather operations, communications, force integration and various war fighting skills, reinforcing Norway during military conflicts.

Navy Fireman Maurice S. Waller, son of Vanessa A. Waller of Edmonston Court, recently graduated from the Gas Turbine Systems Technician Mechanical Course.

During the course at Navy Service School Command, Great Lakes, IL, Waller received training in the operation and maintenance of gas turbine engines and support systems.

Local artist and teacher Nancy DePlatchett will receive two certificates for continued professional development in the arts at an awards dinner on Saturday, May 15. DePlatchett teaches at the Thomas Pullen Arts Magnet School, Prince George's County Public Schools.

## Odyssey Winners Raise Trip Funds

by Jill Lau

Glenarden Woods Elementary School students are going to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, May 26 to 29. The elementary school first made it to the state competition. How did they get there? By competing and using creativity, of course! OM is an international competition for teams around the world. Teams are given problems to solve by using creativity, using the theme given, and creating a skit showing a solution to the problem. There are many rules to follow, for example, there is a \$100 spending limit, an eight minute time period to show the solution, and other rules for competition.

Two Prince George's County teams won first place at state competitions. They will represent Maryland, along with the 11 other teams at the World Finals. The following students from Glenarden Woods Elementary will be representing Maryland at the World Finals. From Division I are Susie Reed, Elliot Morris, James Edwards, Tariq Ugdah, Sarah Gafar, Yang Shan, and the coaches are Stanley Edwards and Teresa Jackson. The team from Division 2 includes Jill Lau, Maia McWilliams, Brisha Wright, Felecia Armwood, Will Timson, Zev Gurman and Thomas Allen. Their coaches are Jeannie Allen and Peggy Geotz.

A "Silent Auction" to help raise the funds needed for the trip to Tennessee is going to be held at the school, Glenarden Woods Elementary, on May 19.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to long time Greenbelt resident and activist Eunice Coxon, who celebrated her 87th birthday April 13. Friend of many years, Elizabeth Maffay was there to help Eunice celebrate the happy occasion.

Congratulations to Jeanne and Frank Taylor of Silver Spring on the birth of twins born on May 3. Maranda Irene and Michael Matthias weighed 3 pounds, 4 ounces and 3 pounds, 7 ounces respectively. The twins join big brother Jack, 18 months. Irene and Richard Hensel and Jack Taylor are the proud grandparents and they all live in Greenbelt.

Regina Nelson of Lakeview Circle, is among 1,250 St. Olaf College students who will be recognized for academic achievement at the college's annual Honors Day Convocation on May 7. Students must attain a GPA of 3.3 or higher for this honor.

Sean Cullinan of the Ice Hockey Club was recently nominated for Outstanding Student Organization President at Salisbury State University.

Navy Seaman Recruit Conan K. Morgan, son of Glynis L. Morgan of Hanover Parkway, recently completed basic training at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Former Greenbelters Roy and Tami (Bond) Chernikoff welcomed daughter, Sara Eve, into their family on April 23. She joins brother Joshua, 4, and grandparents Ruth and Carl Bond, and uncles Todd and Keith Chernikoff and Steve Bond.

Psycho-biology and psychology major Benjamin Skolnik, son of Lola and Steve Skolnik, has

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been awarded an internship under the Davis International Fellows Program at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Mass. He will travel to Hermosillo, Mexico this summer for the internship. His internship and community service project is based at Los Horcones, a communitarian society working toward nonviolence and exploring self-governance.

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## The Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra

The New Deal Café had a first two weeks ago. Chameleon performed in public for the first time. Who or what is Chameleon you say? It's a musical group made up of Bob Garber on clarinet, Dennis Jelalian playing bass guitar, Jim Kennedy on guitar, Amy Kraft with electric keyboard, and Suzanne Luft doing vocals. Dennis and Jim also provided their voices on a couple of numbers. What is their style? You could say it is a little bit of this, a little bit of that.

They performed Broadway show tunes, big band numbers, the Beatles, and a Joni Mitchell folk song for good measure. Their instrumentation is a bit out of the ordinary. Not much is written exclusively for clarinet, keyboard, guitar, and bass. To a packed New Deal, they played songs like "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Somebody Loves Me," "All of Me," and "Hard Days Night."

Suzanne Luft was a music major in college and her voice showed it. For the April 23 performance, she was miked, but really didn't need it at all because

of her training and ability to project. Ballads like "My Funny Valentine" and up-tempo "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey" are her cup of tea. "A Hard Days Night" was an example of a style really not suited to her. The same for Joni Mitchell's "Circle Game." Ballads and Broadway show tunes are her forte.

Jim Kennedy is a good guitar player and his style lends itself to folk and Rock 'n' Roll. Some of the music was written on charts, some of it was simply chords written on a sheet of paper. "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" showed off Bob Garber's good technique on the clarinet. The instrumental number "How High the Moon" was rough in spots. It could be they just didn't get much of a chance to rehearse it, or maybe they didn't have complete sheet music and had to do some ad-libbing.

Overall, they did a good job. Bob, Jim, Amy, and Dennis can play their instruments. A woodwind or brass player more, new arrangements, and time to practice and I will look forward to hearing Chameleon again at the New Deal Café.

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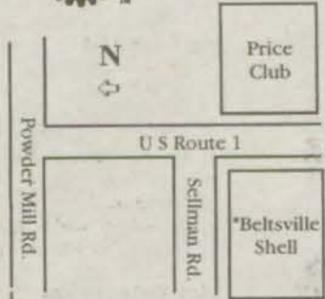


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## Democratic Club Hears School Board Member

by Mary Moien

Cathy Smith, newly-elected Prince George's County School Board member, spoke at the April 16 meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. Smith, who represents the 4th district, was a last-minute stand-in for Jim Henderson, Greenbelt's new school board member. Henderson was unable to attend due to a class that he was teaching. Smith briefed those present on school board issues and then fielded a number of questions from the audience including questions on funds, test scores, and student attitudes.

Although Smith does not represent Greenbelt on the school board, she spoke knowledgeably about the learning curve of new school board members. She indicated that she was "tired of friends in Montgomery County looking down their noses at us" and when asked to run, agreed. She represents areas to the southeast of Greenbelt, including Colmar Manor, New Carrollton, and Cheverly. Until taking office, Smith did not realize how "political" the position was, with many residents wanting actions taken or having an axe to grind.

### New Members Fight for Teachers

Smith, Henderson, and Robert Callahan — all new members — formed an alliance to fight for funds for additional teachers in next year's budget. Smith mentioned that the county is "bleeding teachers", losing thousands of good teachers every year to neighboring counties who pay substantially more. The proposed budget passed with more money for teachers, but that means that there will need to be cuts in other crucial areas such as teacher mentoring and a reading recovery

## Greenbelt Schools Receive Grants

Two Greenbelt-area schools are among eleven recipients of the first round of grants awarded by the Prince George's Educational Foundation, created in 1997.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School was awarded \$1,000 so that eighth-grade students may participate in a two-week program to increase the math and verbal scores on the Science and Technology Entrance Exam for those students selected for the traditional under-representation in the Science and Technology Program. (Coordinator: Reginald McNeill.)

Greenbelt Elementary School was awarded \$464 so 12 teachers will receive training and materials to implement Literature Circles within their schools. Literature Circles are tools teachers use to improve reading comprehension. (Coordinator: Kelly Noxon.)

program. She commented that hard decisions must still be made on which programs to fund. A county teacher stated that in her opinion new teachers are not moving out of county schools due to low salaries but due to the behavior and attitude of many students. She referred to "antisocial behavior" among many students and a "street culture" which does not value education. In response to a question about the possibility of an appointed versus elected school board, Smith stated that elected boards all over the country are under attack. She referred to the vast sums of money that a county controls for education, second only to health care in the United States. Control of the money is a substantial issue.

On the issue of low standardized test scores, Smith described the gap in minority achievement, income disparities and test scores as occurring nation-wide, not just in the county. Her aim is to re-focus on student achievement and teacher development. Teachers must be updated in their skills. Janet Parker commented that she is a volunteer at Greenbelt Elementary and sees many problem areas such as children who fall asleep during tests and children who are enrolled in numerous schools due to frequent moves.

## Volunteers Needed For Asthma Camp

Volunteers are needed June 19 through 25 for Camp Superkids, an overnight camp for children with asthma sponsored by the American Lung Association of Maryland. Camp Superkids will be held at the Camp Friendship (pronounced "rytonsville," located in Montgomery County). The following residential volunteer opportunities are available: medical background volunteers and volunteers to serve as counselors. Especially needed are individuals with expertise or interest in arts and crafts, outdoor education, other camping activities, and those with a medical background. Counselors are assigned to groups of children teaching teamwork, motivational skills, and more. They are provided with meals and air-conditioned accommodations, situated on breathtaking grounds. Volunteer opportunities requiring only daytime attendance, such as certified lifeguards, pool operator, and activity instructors, are also available.

Camp Superkids is designed to involve children with asthma, ages 7 to 12, in traditional camp activities ranging from swimming and canoeing to arts and crafts.

For additional information call Ava Barbry-Crawford at the American Lung Association of Maryland, 410-560-2120, ext. 224 or 800-492-7527.

## Friends Downstairs

by Nelda Young

"Are we going to visit our friends downstairs today?" the three, four, and five-year-olds at Greenbelt Nursery School ask excitedly. When Patty Bell reads to her preschoolers about the old woman and young boy from Mem Fox's book, "Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge," they pick up the hint that this is the day to visit the seniors. They have been seeing their friends at the Adult Care Center regularly since the Community Center opened in October 1994.

During their visits the children sometimes perform for the adults. Recently they sang "The More We Get Together" and "Mares Eat Oats and Does Eat Oats..." to entertain the old folks. But most of the time the children just bring their puzzles, games, art projects, Lincoln Logs, Legos, or Play-dough. A former pastry chef may demonstrate how to make leaves and flowers with Play-dough.

The old and the young sit together and play together and talk together. When the 30 or 45 minute visit ends, everyone who is able joins hands in a circle and sings along with a well-worn recording of the "Together Song" by Hap Palmer.

On special occasions the adults are invited to visit the preschoolers. The eighteen little ones may serve homemade lemonade that they made themselves or perhaps ice cream.

The children held two Thanksgiving parties last year to accommodate all forty seniors.

The intergenerational program creates a bond between the old and the young. The children learn about memory loss, walking canes, walkers, and blindness. The seniors relive their childhood. The kids lose their biases and fears of old folks. The octogenarians experience the exuberance and joy of youth.

## Tourism Website Has Student Webpage

Information for book reports about Maryland is now just a "point and click" away. The Maryland Office of Tourism Development recently added a Student Webpage to the Kids' Corner of its popular website to provide on-line help to the nearly 10,000 students who study the state each year.

The Student Webpage is a colorful guide to Maryland that includes information about the state's topography, history and symbols, along with facts about each county and Baltimore City.

To find the Student Webpage, go to the Maryland Tourism web address, <http://www.mdifun.org>, click on the Kids' Corner option and then click on Maryland History and Facts. For more information, call 800-719-5900.



### OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a

## PUBLIC HEARING

for

Monday, May 10, 1999 at 8:00 p.m.

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1999/00 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 1999/00

#### REVENUES

Taxes	\$11,095,200
Licenses & Permits	497,500
Revenue from other Agencies	773,600
Service Charges for Current Services	1,732,700
Fines & Forfeitures	143,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	255,600

TOTAL REVENUES \$14,497,600

Appropriation of Fund Balance \$559,800

TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE \$15,057,400

#### EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$1,235,900
Planning and Community Development	513,200
Public Safety	5,558,200
Public Works	1,688,200
Social Services	280,400
Recreation and Parks	3,409,800
Miscellaneous	74,400
Non-Departmental	410,000
Fund Transfers	1,887,300

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$15,057,400

#### PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Cemetery	\$0
Debt Service Fund	1,452,000
Replacement Fund	408,300
Temporary Disability Fund	45,000
Unemployment Compensation Fund	5,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS \$1,910,300

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,099,700
Community Development Block Grant Fund	100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$1,199,700

#### ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House \$1,018,701

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Public attendance and participation are encouraged and all citizens of Greenbelt shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments, and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.

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

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

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NOTE: THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CABLECAST LIVE ON CHANNEL B-10.

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