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Variety of Views Vex Planners' Vision for Metroland Proposal

by Virginia Beauchamp

Depending upon where you sit, possibilities for future change for the Greenbelt Metro area-A. H. Smith properties are fraught with hope or anxiety. From the perspective of the developers, the changes projected will carry out a "vision." Indeed the word has become almost a mantra for Richard "Chip" Reed, attorney for the Smith owners and advocate for Metroland, the team of developers who hope to create what they call Greenbelt Station.

Both verbally and in written responses to the draft materials prepared by the staff of the Prince George's County Planning Department and which reflect the more than two-year Focus Group process, Reed urges participants not to think too small. The team of developers of which he is a part envision Greenbelt Station as an upscale retail mall and mixed-use residential and office complex.

This prospect gained support a year ago from the Prince George's County Council when they passed CB-35, a bill to expedite its realization.

Another set of participants, with a more recently organized interest in both properties, is CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek). Their vision is quite different. As expressed in an article published recently in the News Review, in their proposal, "the devastated land [of the Smith tract gravel operations] could become the centerpiece of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area."

They envisage a nature center and "a wetland restoration ecology laboratory." Author Kate Spencer speaks in her article of "indications" that "the landowner may be willing to sell the intact floodplain forest to a land steward."

J Davis Is First to File For Reelection to Council

Judith F. Davis filed this week for election to the city council. She is the first person to file, although all incumbents and some challengers are expected to run.

Known as just "J," Davis has served on the Greenbelt City Council for three terms. Currently she serves as mayor. Prior to her election to the council in 1993, she was a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) for 10 years and was elected chair by that board's members for five straight years from 1988 to 1992.

Presently Davis is council liaison to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum as well as the council's representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. Davis was appointed to COG's Strategic Planning Committee and Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee and to the En-

Worries Expressed

Others among the Focus Group participants who, with planning department staff members, have been working to prepare a Sectional Map Amendment for the area encompassing the two properties, take a more cautious view of the first of these two visions. They include representatives of the three adjacent municipalities—Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, and College Park—as well as individual citizens. All are nearby residents or stakeholders who can imagine less than positive impacts on their own properties and quality of life from what has been proposed by the Metroland developers.

Among this group in particular are residents of the Hollywood section of North College Park. That became clear at a previous meeting of the Focus Group on July 13, when John Krouse expressed concerns about building height suggestions for the Metro property.

Since that meeting an ad hoc subcommittee group convened at his home. From his backyard, which abuts the CSX railroad tracks and the Metro rail line near the Greenbelt Metro station, the group could get a visual impression of how the changing landscape might look to Hollywood residents if Greenbelt Station is constructed as planned.

To aid the process of visualizing that future landscape, planning department staff prepared a map and a side view profile as the stretch from the railroad track to Cherrywood might look from the south. A staff photographer also took pictures from fixed positions, to which were added computer-generated components, such as highrise buildings as they would appear to a person standing at those positions. For example, it became clear that,

from Krouse's backyard, because of the lay of the land one would see only the top five or six stories of a projected 15-story building in the center of the Metro tract.

At this time of year, his yard is also buffered by a stand of trees. But in the winter, when the leaves have fallen, this visual buffer would no longer close off the view of a development across the way. Thus, staff members recommended the planting of fast-growing evergreen trees to form a year-round visual barrier.

They also recommend varying building heights, the lowest on both the east and west ends serving as transitional zones from the current residential housing of Springhill Lake and Hollywood. Building heights would then gradually rise toward the tallest structures in the center of the projected development—to possibly 12, or even 15, stories.

At a Focus Group meeting on August 12, which was held at the College Park city hall and where the findings of the ad hoc committee were reported, Krouse nevertheless strongly expressed his worry about "ideas of building height creeping up and up. The sky's the limit," he said, "on the whole block of property."

Developers' Interest

Jennifer Smith, urban planner of the county's staff team, cautioned that Metro's purpose in seeking development is, after all, to increase ridership. Currently most of the site is a vast parking lot, with no infrastructure and no streets. Much of this, she said, will remain open space. Nevertheless, planners must be flexible to be able to support "the developer who's going to come in there." She also suggested that visually interesting architectural design, including terracing and high quality building materials, with varieties of textures and colors, could result in an attractive development.

Elisa Hill, who represents the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, agreed about the issue of economic viability. Currently 3500 parking spaces support the station, she pointed out. Those spaces, in the event of any development project, must be replaced with a parking structure.

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Rena Voigt Hull receiving the 1999 Outstanding Citizen award certificate from Ed Evans, Greenbelt Rotary Club president, sponsors of the award, with Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Ed Birner looking on. - photo by Prospero Zevallos

Greenbelt Native, Rena Hull, Named Outstanding Citizen

by James Giese

Rena Voigt Hull was invited by Ed Birner to the stage at the opening ceremonies of this year's Labor Day Festival to be recognized as the Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt for 1999. This was after Birner, chair of the Outstanding Citizen Committee of the Labor Day Festival Committee, read off a long list of credentials justifying her recognition as a volunteer who has helped to make Greenbelt great.

Joining Hull on the platform were two of her three daughters, Rena and Katerie, and her husband, Larry. Lynn, her eldest, is away at college in Massachusetts. Hull also mentioned "her son of this year," Felix Pflieger, a foreign student staying with the family.

Hull is the daughter of Otto and Evelyn Voigt, pioneer residents of original Greenbelt. In accepting the award, Hull told the approving audience, "I was born here and raised here, and the thing I kept hearing growing up is that you volunteer... It just sort of got ingrained in me."

And volunteer she has — with the Greenbelt Community Church, the Greenbelt Combined Choir, the Labor Day Festival, the Girl Scouts and Brownies, the Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night, the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt Nursery School, the PTAs of the schools her children attended, and the Greenbelt New Year's Eve celebration.

For the Labor Day Festival, she served as elected president from 1987 to 1989, but also served as acting president in 1982, 1985 and 1986 when the

presidents had to step down for one reason or another. Upon accepting the award, Hull speculated on how many Labor Day Festivals she had missed, and realized that she hadn't missed any.

For Grad Night, she has been chair of the parents committee in 1996, 1998 and is currently chair for Grad Night 2000. Describing her role there, a nominee told the Outstanding Citizen Committee, "Because of her vast body of volunteer work in Greenbelt, [she] was able to tap into an incredible network of volunteers who were ready, willing and able to work with her on this activity... Throughout the year, [she] exhibited the qualities of a true leader — she gave the various committees autonomy to do their work; yet she provided the back-up resources (usually herself) to help those in need."

At Greenbelt Community Church, she has held nearly every post to be held. In 1978 and 1979 she served as church moderator, the congregational leader of the church. On the Sunday following her award, she assumed her usual place in the church choir, and after service she was busy as chair of the cole slaw committee, chopping cabbage for the salad to be served at the church's Labor Day Luncheon on the Lawn. When the award was announced to the congregation by the church's pastor, Dan Hamlin, Hull received a lengthy standing ovation.

She has been a swim team parent since 1986, where she serves as clerk of court, a job that involves keeping track of swimmer times and scheduling swimmers for the meets. In this job she has been described as

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Judith F. Davis -photo by Prospero Zevallos

What Goes On

Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Recycling and Environment Committee meeting, Community Center.

7:30 p.m. Assisted Living Task Force, Community Center.

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center.

7 p.m. Greenbelt Metro Sector Planning Meeting, Community Center.

DAVIS

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Davis was elected to the Maryland Municipal League's Board of Directors and was chosen to serve on its Executive Committee.

Davis recently retired after 30 years as a sixth grade teacher employed by the Prince George's County Board of Education. An educator for 35 years, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Chester State University in West Chester, PA. She has served the Prince George's County Educators' Association as board member and treasurer and chaired host subcommittees of the National Education Association for three national conventions.

A condominium owner in the Greenbriar subdivision, Davis moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and immediately became active in local affairs. She was elected to the Board of Directors of Greenbriar Phase I from 1979 to 1993. She served as carnival chair for the Labor Day Festival Committee from 1981 to 1997. Davis was a member of the Project Design Committee which formed GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, of which she is a charter member, and was elected to the GIVES board of directors for a third term as vice president in June 1999.

She maintains active membership in civic organizations such as Citizens for Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Arts Center, the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, and the New Deal Café. She is also a member of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Friends of the National Zoo, and the Sierra Club.

(As a service to voters, the News Review will publish each candidate's biography at the time of filing and again the week prior to the election. Biographies are prepared by the candidates.)

Letters to the Editor

Terrific Job!

The Labor Day Festival went on in spite of tropical storm Dennis.

Given an unpredictable mix of clear skies and torrential rains with a tornado watch thrown in for bad measure, the Festival Committee did a terrific job adapting to changing conditions. Many events were moved indoors. They weren't canceled. The organizations and their volunteers deserve praise for keeping booths open and maintaining a sense of humor while getting thoroughly drenched. Our city's Police and Public Works Departments provided invaluable services before, during, and after the Festival. Crowds were smaller. The amazing thing is that there were crowds at all! Many people made a point of coming out in the rain to support groups which depend on the Festival as their major fund raiser of the year. Difficult times test individuals and communities. Greenbelt is great!

Dan Hamlin

Editor's Note: We couldn't agree more. And don't forget the Community Center and its staff.

Thank You

The Greenbelt Swim Team would like to thank Ken Bunis and E.J. Randolph of Six Flags of America for graciously loaning us twenty inner tubes. These inner tubes were used in a water polo contest held during the Labor Day weekend. Participants were from the Greenbelt Swim Team, the Boy Scouts, the Boys and Girls Club, and the CYO. The Swim Team also used the inner tubes in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade to perform their inner tube ballet.

Thanks again, Mr. Bunis and Mr. Randolph, for helping us have a great time over the Labor Day Holiday.

Gilbert and Ellen Lee,
The Greenbelt Swim Team

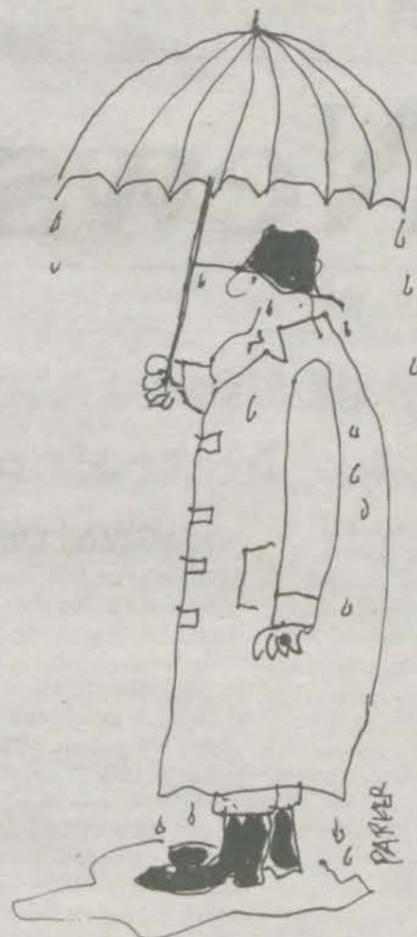
Greenline Development For People

Forget the current development plans. The Beltway is stop and go during evening rush hour. Since November 1998, I have seen four major automobile accidents at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Metro Drive. All four were during the morning commute. During evening rush hour, the Metro access road often backs up to the parking lot exit. Meanwhile, the parking lot backs up so it is much easier to go out the Beltway exit, get off at Route 1 and take Route 1 to Greenbelt Road. I have taken this way four times in the past month and a half. The parking lot fills up Monday through Thursday mornings. Any permanent reduction in the number of parking spaces would aggravate the current problems.

Here is a plan for people. Tie the Greenbelt Regional Park, Greenbelt Lake Park, Hollywood Park, Indian Creek Park, and other existing parks together with hiking and bike paths. Add benches and trees for relaxing along the paths. Add picnic areas for family outings. Add basketball and tennis courts for recreation. Add soccer and baseball fields for team sports. Turn the current parks and remaining undeveloped areas into a continuous park. To some degree this has already been started. Now is the time to complete the connections. This would improve the quality of life in Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt. It would make Prince George's County a better place to live.

Dennis Griffin

The Old Curmudgeon



"Who invited Dennis to the Greenbelt Festival...?"



Department of Recreation
City of Greenbelt
301-397-2200

GREENBELT MOVING AHEAD PROGRAM

Where: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
When: Starts Saturday, September 18, 1999, and following Saturdays During the School Year 1999-2000
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Eligibility: All Greenbelt teenagers who attend Greenbelt Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School or other area schools (private or public) are eligible.

Services Provided by the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA)

1. Tutoring in Math, Science, Reading, and Study Skills
2. SAT Preparation
3. Information on Community and 4 year Colleges
4. Information on financial aid
5. Assistance in filling out college applications and applications for financial aid

These services will be provided by experts from the private and public sectors and from members of the "Returning to College Athletes" from the University of Maryland.

If you did not register for (GMA) at the Greenbelt Teenage Fair, contact: Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 after 2:30 pm for more information.

NOTICE

Public Information Meeting

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (P.R.A.B.) is holding a meeting on Wednesday, September 29th at 8pm. The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather information on proposed additional athletic field lighting to be installed at Braden Field. A presentation will be held. Your view on this matter is welcome. For any additional information call the Recreation Department business office at (301) 397-2200.

Advisory Planning Board

Wednesday, September 15, 1999
7:00 PM
Greenbelt Community Center
Senior Conference/Gallery

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Sign Request-Belle Point Commercial
4. Initiate Review of Potential Local Historic District Design Guidelines

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

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Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Maryland State Treasurer Richard N. Dixon a member of the Board of Public Works will be the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting

Friday, September 17 - 8 p.m.

Terrace Room of Greenbriar Community Building
Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway
The public is invited.
and
The club will hold a "Bring-and-Buy" flea market sale in Roosevelt Center
Sat., Sept. 18 - 10 am to 2 pm

Board Meets: Sun. 9/12, 7:30, 6N Ridge

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Rec. Dept. Shows The King and I

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will present a free screening of *The King and I* on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. in the gym of the Community Center. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and join in this family-style event.

Learn about "Advance Directives" at Seminar

by **Gerald M. Madison**
With the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee presenting on September 18 its "Not for Seniors Only" seminar on health care advance directives, permit me to share my own related experiences. First I would like to explain what these directives are. They consist of two parts: the living will and the assignment of a health care agent.

The advance directives come into play when you cannot express your wishes yourself. This happens when you have become too weak, are in a coma, or have become irrational.

Too often people think that this only happens at the end of one's life. I can hear it now. "I don't need these things. I am young, strong, healthy, and I am going to live forever." Let me tell you some of my personal history. When I was 24, I thought I was coming down with a cold. Four days later the doctors did not know if I would live another day or not. I had Legionnaires Disease. I lived — some of the people I was with in the hospital did not.

Three years ago I woke up with a sore back, two days later I was paralyzed from the waist down. I was 41; this was totally unexpected. I have gotten better, but my point is that we are all human and sickness, injury, and accidents happen every day. No one is exempt. A woman recently was hanging curtains in her own house when she was shot through a window, people rollerblading and riding bikes have been run over. Car, plane, train and bus accidents... Just stop to realize for one moment that things happen; it can happen to anyone at any time! And remember: the September 18 seminar is "Not for Seniors Only"!

We want our health care agent to be a person who shares our life, knows and loves us. Times have changed and so have relationships. Under normal legal channels, if something happens to us and we cannot speak for ourselves, the authorities will go to parents, a spouse, adult children, adult brother or sister, other adult relatives well before they will turn to a friend or a partner. For some people that is wonderful, but maybe not for everyone. By appointing a health care agent you can be sure the person of your choice represents you.

Completing your advance directives is not a difficult process. Once you have your completed document, don't keep it a secret. Let the people you would like to know — partners, parents, doctors, family, friends — know you have advance directives and where you keep them. But first: all of you, young and old, come to the September 18 seminar, get your form, listen to the guidelines, have your questions answered and complete your document. Hope to see you there!

Community Events

Singing the Oldies

Take a trip down musical lane with Chris Cherry and Stefan Brodd on Friday, September 17, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center gym. Songs like *Always*, *True Love*, and *It's Only a Paper Moon* will be remembered and sung with Cherry in the lead and Brodd providing live accompaniment. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free program and all are encouraged to attend.

Free E-Mail Class

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative, and the Greenbelt Library will hold their next class on Wednesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. in the library.

The class, taught by Gilbert Lee, will teach participants advanced features of e-mail using Microsoft Outlook Express, and is a continuation of last month's class. Class participants will review how to send a simple message, and learn how to use provided stationery, create an address book and use the MSN Messenger Service. For further information, call 301-345-8135.

Golden Age Club

by **Ruth Huggins**
At the September 1 business meeting, President Bill Souser welcomed guest Ken Keaney.

Lucky winners of the 50/50 drawing were Dolores Capotosto and Vita Pergola.

The object of the Golden Age Club is to promote the well-being of men and women of Greenbelt who have attained the age of sixty years or more, and to develop their common interests, provide sociability, entertainment, and cultural and educational programs for its members. All are invited to attend. The Club is affiliated with the Greenbelt Recreation Department, subject to its regulations, and is also affiliated with the Prince

At the Library

Children's Programs
Tuesday, September 14, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime, for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, September 16, 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.

Adult Programs
Monday, September 13, 7 p.m., "Budgeting Your Personal Finances." Learn to plan spending to control the use of credit and pay off debts, presented by Sheila Watson of Powerlight, Inc.

Wednesday, September 15, 2 p.m., Adult Book Discussion: Dominique Lapierre's "The City of Joy."

Greens to Meet

The Greenbelt Greens will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the police station, located at the corner of Crescent and Ridge Roads.

The meeting will center around the coming City Council election. Discussion will be concerned with local environmental issues such as ICC and CCRIC and the promotion of music and the arts in Greenbelt.

George's Council of Clubs.

At the September 8 meeting, half of the video on Jerusalem was shown. The other half will be shown at a later date. On September 13 the movie "Picnic" will be shown at 1 p.m.; on September 15, birthdays will be celebrated.

On September 16 the Prince George's County Senior Picnic will be held at Watkins Regional Park. (See Louise Champagne for sign-up sheet.) On September 18 there will be a Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on advance directives from 1-3 p.m. at the Community Center. Pearl Siegel urged Golden Age members to attend this meeting.

Come Folk Dance At Free Party

The public is invited to join the Greenbelt Folk Dancers for a free party and dance at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 17 at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Roland Forbes will teach and lead simple dances from many parts of the world, and beginners or experienced dancers and singles or couples are all welcome. Mark the calendar for a fun evening of music, dance, socializing and exercise. Refreshments will be served. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

Atlantic City Trip

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks is sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City on Saturday, September 18. The fully equipped bus will leave Greenbriar at 7:30 a.m., arrive at the Taj Mahal at 11:30 a.m. and will return to Greenbriar at approximately 8:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served on the bus with a movie shown going up and coming back. A stop will be made at the Delaware House each way. There will also be a door prize drawing and a 50/50 raffle. To purchase tickets or for further information, please call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

Join the Stargazers

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be holding a star gazing party on Saturday, September 11 at the Thomas N. Wolfe ball field (Northway Fields) at the end of Northway extended. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Local amateur and professional astronomers will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, globular star clusters, constellations, double stars, nebula and more. The event is free and open to the public. In case of hopelessly cloudy skies or high winds, this event will be canceled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be Thursday,

Writers Group Meets

Looking for a little excitement? Come to the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) where creative minds are always cooking up something new.

GWG's September 17 meeting will feature a cold reading of a portion of Dennis Jelalian's play in progress about Edgar Allan Poe. Various members of the group will read the actors' parts. November's group discussion has yet to be decided. Anyone who has ideas that will benefit writers, and that they would like to see explored, should come to the meeting. The public is welcome to come to the open readings and they don't have to read. For info call 301-982-0365.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Fete New Residents

Greenbriar & Glen Oaks will host a reception for new residents on Tuesday, September 14 in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. A representative will be on hand to answer questions. Residents are encouraged to welcome new members of the community. Refreshments will be served. Contact Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096 for additional information.

Ranger Scouts

The Greenbelt Ranger Scouts will travel to Patuxent Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, Sept. 18, for a morning of hiking, learning, and fun. This is the first of four Ranger Scout events scheduled this fall for young people ages 12 to 15 who are interested in conservation projects and outdoor fun. Greenbelt City Park Rangers will lead the events. For more information, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office at 301-397-2200.

September 30, 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center. The special guest will be Dr. Paul Lowman from Goddard Space Flight Center, speaking on "The new Technology Lunar Astronomy Mission." The public is invited to attend.

ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 16th at 7:30 pm
in the Greenbelt Community Center



The agenda includes discussions on the Community Center's darkroom and the Arts Policy for the City. A "chart on the arts" will be presented, reviewed, and discussed. Citizens of Greenbelt are encouraged to attend.

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to extend a sincere



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Your generous donations help to support Labor Day traditions that help make our city a special place to live, work and play.

Greenbelt Recreation Department presents:

FAMILY FLICKS

Upcoming feature at the Greenbelt Community Center gym:
Saturday, September 11 - "The King and I"



Bring a lawnchair or picnic blanket and join us for this free, family style event!

For additional information, call (301) 397-2208
ALL SHOWS AT 7:00 PM

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000
Tuesday & Thursday, September 14 & September 16
6:00 p.m. Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Ceremony
7:00 pm Miss Greenbelt Pageant- Friday evening ceremony

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING-301-507-6581
Wednesday & Friday, September 15 & September 17
(Call for schedule)

Department of Recreation City of Greenbelt 301-397-2200



FREE TUTORING	HOMEWORK CLUB
WHAT: Tutoring in all subjects	WHAT: Services provided by the private and public sector for those students desiring help with their homework.
WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6111 Cherrywood Lane	WHERE: Springhill Lake Recreation Center
WHEN: Wednesdays starting September 15th	WHEN: Wednesdays starting September 15th
TIME: 2:30 - 4:30 pm	TIME: 2:30 - 4:30 pm
WHO: Students in grades 1 thru 12	WHO: Students in grades 1 thru 12

For more information call Janet Goldberg, Recreation Department, 301-397-2212 or Judy Hering, Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660.

OBITUARIES

Helen Runyan

Helen Patterson Runyan, a 35-year resident of Greenbelt, died on September 1, 1999. She was a retired Prince George's County teacher.

The wife of the late Robert L. Runyan, she is survived by her daughter Tonia R. Fike, son-in-law John E. Fike, and grandchildren Robert L. Fike and Chalice F. Glaeser.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Prince George's County Scholarship Fund, 11 Battersea Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744.

Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Bernice Kastner and family on the death of her husband and their father, Sid.

Condolences to News Review staffer Lucille Howell on the death of her sister, Nellie Iagulli, in Hampton, Virginia.

Sympathy to Tonia R. Fike and family on the death of her mother, Helen Patterson Runyan.

Congratulations and a nice round of applause for News Review staffer Jessamyn Goshorn, now known as Miss Greenbelt. In addition to many other activities, Jessie labors at the keyboard for this paper every Tuesday night until her University of Maryland studies or an early class call her home.

Karyl and Zach Brewster-Geisz announced the birth of Andrew Ferenc Brewster-Geisz, born Friday, August 20 at 8:22 p.m. at Holy Cross Hospital. Drew weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. Mother and baby are fine.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

September 12, 1999 - 10:30 a.m.
"Ingathering of Water"

by Barbara Wells & Jacob B. ten Hove
 Co-ministers



Baha'i Faith

"Nothing can be effected in the world, not even conceivably, without unity and agreement, and the perfect means for engendering fellowship and union is true religion."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings
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Sunday Services
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 10 am Education for all ages
 11 am Sung Service

Greek Festival Opens Friday

St. Theodore's Greek Orthodox Church will be holding its annual Fall Greek Festival on Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12. Admission is free and the festival is open all three days from noon to 10 p.m. Greek food specialties will be served including gyro and souvlaki sandwiches, grilled lamb, chicken rotisserie, baklava, other Greek pastries, and Greek beer and wines.

The festival also features a live band with traditional Greek folk dancing starting at 5 p.m. There will be a moon bounce, face painting, and other arts and crafts for children. Articles from a Greek grocery store, music, books and jewelry are also available for sale. The church is located at 7101 Cipriano Road just behind the K-Mart.

Celebrate Goethe

Come to a free celebration of Goethe in poetry and song on Sunday, September 12 at 3 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall at the University of Maryland. Featured performers include Peter Balkan, Germanic studies; Martha Randall, Regina McConnell, Linda Mabbs, sopranos; Dominic Cassa, baritone; Francois Loup, bass. The performers will be accompanied by Rita Sloane and Robert McCoy, pianists.

Donation Drop-Off

The September Donation Drop-Off cosponsored with the American Rescue Workers will be held this Saturday, September 11 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be reused by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Remember - Donation Drop-Off is the second Saturday of every month.

Amateur Radio Club Offers Training Class

The Central Maryland Amateur Radio Club (CMARC) will conduct an entry-level Amateur Radio training class leading to an FCC Novice and/or Technician class license. The class will be held Saturday mornings at Doctors Community Hospital starting Sept. 18, and will continue through mid-December. Class will start at 9:30 a.m. with Morse code practice and continue at 10 a.m. with lectures on amateur radio theory and regulations. While there is no charge for the class, students will be required to purchase their own study materials. To register and find out about materials call Jim Tilton at 301-286-9510

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 Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

Tutoring Offered At Springhill Lake

The Greenbelt Recreation Department at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will again offer two free assistance programs for Greenbelt area students:

The first, the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA), for middle school and high school students, offers tutoring in math, science, reading and study skills; SAT preparation; information about college admission and financial aid; and assistance in filling out job applications. GMA starts on Saturday, Sept. 18, and will meet every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon during the 1999-2000 school year, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The second program is a tutoring and homework club for students in grades K-12. It will meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center starting Wednesday, Sept. 15, and will meet every Wednesday during the school year from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For further information about

these two programs call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 after 2:30 p.m.

Canoe Tour Planned For Lake Artemesia

Adults are invited to join an evening canoe tour at Lake Artemesia on Tuesday, September 14, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. There is a fee and reservations are required. For information, call 301-927-2163.


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

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 Greenbelt, MD
301-474-9410
When: Saturday, September 11
Pot Luck Supper 6:00 P.M.
Service 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, September 12
Service 11:00 A.M.

HULL

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"calm, organized, accessible, solution oriented, peace-mak[er]... never pushy or intrusive."

Many Awards

Hull received the traditional accolades at the Opening Ceremony. The Outstanding Citizen award certificate was presented to her by Ed Evans, president of the Greenbelt Rotary Club, a sponsor of the Outstanding Citizen program. Her name was added to the plaque at the Greenbelt Community Center that lists all 28 recipients of the award.

Mayor Judith Davis presented a Resolution of the Greenbelt City Council declaring that Hull exemplifies "those qualities that, in turn, make Greenbelt an excellent place in which to live and, as such, truly deserving of this honor." The mayor also announced that a replica statue of the Mother and Child Statue in Roosevelt Center would be presented to Hull at the reception for outstanding citizens following the opening ceremonies.

Former Mayor Richard Castaldi, now liaison to local governments for Governor Parris Glendening, presented the Governor's citation and commended Hull "for an outstanding job of making Greenbelt really the greatest place to live." Citations were also presented by Delegates Joan Pitkin, James Hubbard and Mary Conroy for the Maryland House of Delegates, and by Emory Harman, standing in for Senator Leo Green, on behalf of the Maryland Senate. County Councilmember Audrey Scott presented official citations from the Prince George's County Council and County Executive Wayne Curry. James Henderson appeared on behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

Birner announced a number of gifts to the new outstanding citizen: dinner for two at the Hard Times Cafe, gift certificates from Pleasant Touch, Sir Walter Raleigh, Domino's Pizza and Laurel Centre Mall, and breakfast and a night's lodging for two at the Greenbelt Marriott.

Following another tradition, Rena Hull served as the Parade Marshal for this year's Labor Day Parade.

New Deal Moving

by Dennis Jelalian

The New Deal Café will be moving to the Roosevelt Center in the Old Collective Marketplace at 113 Centerway on November 1. Pat Brent, as president of the New Deal, signed the two-year lease on Friday. "He made an offer, we countered, and we settled in the middle," she said.

When asked what her plans were she stated, "While nothing is cast in stone, we plan to do what we've always done: serve good food and offer an assortment of music to the public."

"We expect to operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. to midnight during the weekend. We'll be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We'll have fresh bagels, cinnamon rolls, two kinds of soup, two entrees, and subs and sandwiches. All the meals will be healthy except for breakfast," she joked.

"The New Deal has no money to make renovations, no capital to purchase equipment. So, our first step will be to seek 100 donors to give \$250 cash each."

George Christakos, owner of two original buildings in the commercial center, has been generous to the New Deal. He has given them free rent for two months while they make the necessary renovations.

They will have their work cut out for them, however. Neither Pat Brent nor Peggy Barrott, her assistant, will be devoting full time to the effort. They both plan to keep their present jobs for the time being. "In September we'll have volunteer work sessions to rehabilitate the space, a business meeting, and another of those popular outdoor concerts as a fund-raiser."

"The city has spent a great deal of money on the renovations of the Roosevelt Center. I see us as an asset."

New Deal Cafe
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 Music 8:30 pm
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GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

1999 FALL SESSION

In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. All classes have a limit on enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!! All registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic & fitness classes.

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-senior classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in city elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 301-397-2204.

All registrants registering as a resident non-passholder must show proof to receive Greenbelt resident status. **Acceptable Proof: Valid license or current lease.**

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

GAFC Class & Registration Dates

Fall Session: September 27, 1999 - November 20, 1999

Passholders & Residents register: Monday, September 13 & Tuesday, September 14

Non-Residents register: Wednesday, September 15 - Friday, September 17

Register in person at the GAFC between 6:00am and 10:00pm for all dates noted above.

Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times.

Class rates have been pro-rated for Thursday, November 11, Veterans Day.

Activity	Day/Time	Pass Holders	Res-NonPass Holders	NonRes-NonPass Holders
Land Aerobics Classes (16 years+)				
Rise & Shine	M/W/F 6:30am-7:15am	\$65	\$70	\$75
Step I	M/W/F 6:30pm-7:15pm	65	70	75
Step It Up	T/TH 7:30pm-8:15pm	48	52	57
Tighten & Tone	M/W/F 9:00am-9:45am	65	70	75
Tighten & Tone	T/TH 6:30pm-7:15pm	48	52	57
Water Aerobics Classes (16 years+)				
Aquacize	M/W/F 8:00am-8:45am	\$65	\$70	\$75
Aquacize	M/W/F 10:00am-10:45am	65	70	75
Aquacize	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	50	55	60
Aquacize	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	48	52	57
Aquacize (drop-in)	F 6:00pm-6:45pm	2	5	5
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F 2:00pm-2:45pm	65	70	75
Deep Water Aerobics	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	50	55	60
Deep Water Aerobics	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	48	52	57
Deep Water Arthritis	M/W/F 3:00pm-3:45pm	65	70	75
Seniorcize	T/TH 10:00am-10:45am	44	48	52
Water Interval Training	M/W 6:00pm-6:45pm	50	55	60
Water Interval Training	T/TH 8:00pm-8:45pm	48	52	57
Adult Swim Classes (16 years+)				
Adult Beginner	TU 7:00pm-7:45pm	\$40	\$45	\$50
Adult Adv. Beginner	TH 7:00pm-7:45pm	36	41	45
Lifeguard Training	M/W 7:00pm-10:00pm	125	125	125
Children's Swim Lessons (6 Mo.+)				
Water Babies A	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	\$17.50	\$20	\$22.50
Water Babies B	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	17.50	20	22.50
Aqua Tots I	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
Aqua Tots II	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
Beginner for 4's	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
Beginner I	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
Beginner II	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
Advanced Beginner	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
Intermediate	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
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Fresh Lean Pork Shoulder Blade Steak \$1⁴⁹ lb.	Chef's Choice Skillet Stirfry Entrees \$4⁹⁹ 24 oz.
Johnsonville Sausage Grillers All Varieties \$2⁹⁹ 19.7 oz.	Weaver Frozen Chicken Croquettes \$2⁵⁹ 23oz.
Jamestown Sliced Bacon \$1¹⁹ 16 oz	Chung's Heat & Eat Spicy Chicken Entrees Asst. \$2⁶⁹ 14 oz. min.

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Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix 29¢ 8.5 oz.	Campbell's Original Tomato Soup 69¢ 10.7 oz.
Quaker Oats Regular-Quick \$1⁸⁹ 42 oz.	General Mills Cheerios Cereal Original - Honey Nut \$1⁷⁹ 14-15 oz.
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Best Yet Plastic Sandwich Bags 59¢ 80 pk	Arm & Hammer Fabric Softener Sheets 89¢ 40 pk.
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Pompeii Extra Virgin Olive Oil \$1⁴⁹ 8 oz.	General Mills Golden Grahams Cereal \$1⁷⁹ 13 oz.
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General Mills Tuna -or- Chicken Helpers Asst. \$1¹⁹ 6-8 oz.	Eagle Disposable Vinyl Gloves 99¢ 10 pk.
Northern Double Size Rolls Bathroom Tissue \$1⁸⁹ 4 roll pack	Sylvania Soft White Reading 3-Way Light Bulb 50-200-250 \$2²⁹ each
New! Back to School Handisnack 3 Pack Snack Box Drink-Pudding-Crackers \$1¹⁹ 4.4 oz.	

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Best Yet Grape Juice Concentrate 59¢ 12 oz.	Foster's Beer \$9⁹⁹ 12 pk. - 12 oz. NR's
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METROLAND

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That alone would demand an upfront expenditure of \$35 million. "A plan would be unrealistic if it does not contain a high enough density for profit for the developers," she said. "If Greenbelt limits revenues, other parts of the Metro system would have to pay." By implication she meant taxpayers from other jurisdictions.

Darryl Lofgren of the Berwyn Heights City Council immediately challenged her assertion. He pointed out that on the Green Line, Metro "came out ahead by following the railroad tracks and not going underground." In other words, Green Line construction was less costly than portions of the Metro which required tunneling.

Springhill Lake Issues

On papers handed out at the August 12 meeting, City of Greenbelt planning staff gave particular attention to the wording of sections of the SMA draft referring to redevelopment of Springhill Lake. Querying assumptions that redevelopment would require home ownership and would increase diversity, they also questioned the argument for greater population density. "Why not recommend that Historic Greenbelt be used as the model for future development within Springhill Lake?" their response asked. They also objected to the idea of creating more than one town center for the area.

In reply, the county planning staff suggested new, more specific wording: "Springhill Lake, properly redeveloped, would also achieve several Maryland Smart Growth policy objectives by providing diverse, financially stable housing served by a multi-modal transit connections [sic] and conveniently located near a large number of high-quality employment possibilities."

On the issue of a neighborhood center, the language was also revised: "Most non-residential uses should be sited in the heart of the community ... and should include retail and office uses, public uses such as day care and churches, and civic activity spaces. Parks and schools should be considered as potential uses in this center also. Retail and office uses should not

be located anywhere other than the Neighborhood Center...."

Beltway Plaza

Another Focus Group member interested in Springhill Lake was Kap Kapastin, representative of Beltway Plaza. He approved of the concept that in a revitalization process the rear of Beltway Plaza should be redesigned for better access to the adjacent apartment development. But he insisted that such redesign be "concurrent" with any redevelopment of Springhill Lake.

He also objected strongly to wording which he found negative and "biased" in descriptions of Beltway Plaza. In response, the staff team suggested new, more concrete wording citing improvements carried out in recent years.

As to the future, the new language reads: "There is a need to establish and enhance a strong relationship and linkage between Beltway Plaza and the Springhill Lake Apartment complex."

Since the plaza fronts on Greenbelt Road, it would be affected as well by efforts to improve the general appearance of properties along that thoroughfare—another concern of the Focus Group process. Staff comments had been directed specifically to several free-standing, or "trademark," buildings at the front of the plaza which use "contrasting architectural styles, materials and color schemes." To this comment Kapastin answered that "individuality and uniqueness add interest and value."

Responding to his criticism, proposed new language softened, but did not change, the concept: "While some of the free-standing buildings in Beltway plaza have incorporated block and color scheme design features, it is important that the individual business owners of these buildings should continue to make an effort to work on the uniformity of architectural styles, building materials, and color schemes, wherever possible. Also, the facades of trademark buildings should be consistent with the character of the whole development/redevelopment."

West of Cherrywood

Everyone at the August 12 meeting was surprised, however, when Kapastin did an about-face concerning the property along Greenbelt Road and the west side

of Cherrywood Lane, which also belongs to Beltway Plaza. He had previously spoken in favor of low-rise buildings at that site, consonant with the Metroland idea of placing a senior housing facility at the south end of the Smith tract.

However, in the meantime he had spoken, he said, with "earlier folks" involved in Beltway Plaza planning and learned of their interest in buildings suitable for high-tech businesses—especially on the vacant property across Cherrywood from the Giant supermarket. Thus he was now expressing interest in highrise buildings there and desiring to separate that corner from plans for the Smith property.

Level of Detail

Throughout the August 12 meeting, planning staff kept trying

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to modify concerns expressed about specific building heights and similar issues or, as county planner Monty Kolste put it in a document he passed out at the end of the meeting, "regarding the level of detail appropriate for sector plan guidelines." Individual developers, as they present design plans, must argue their justification for specific heights or any other concrete design features. At that time, through public hearings, officials and local citizens can approve or disapprove.

An SMA is different, Kolste insisted. It is basically a statement

of goals and objectives, or of visions and principles. It should form a guide to decision making; but it is not the plan.

NARFE Has Luncheon

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2146 will have a luncheon meeting at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant on Wednesday, Sept. 15 starting at 11:30 a.m. Members and friends are urged to attend. Call 301-577-1174 for reservations.



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM September 13, 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
7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)

8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports

- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2000
- 2nd Reading, Adoption
12. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Street Sweeper
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Report from School Resource Officers
14. Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission Budget Hearings
15. Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds
16. Adoption of Y2K Compliance Plan
17. Interest in NLC Committees
18. Support of New Carrollton Legislative Initiatives
19. Support of Extended Metrorail Hours on Weekends
- * 20. Designation of Voting and Alternate Voting Delegates to NLC Congress of Cities
- * 21. Approval of Reclassifications
- * 22. Appointments to City Advisory Groups
- * 23. Removals from City Advisory Groups

V. MEETINGS

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

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Assault

5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive, Aug. 27, a man reported that on Aug. 26, approximately 6:55 a.m., a man had followed him into the Greenbelt Metro lot after a minor traffic altercation on I-95. The two became involved in a verbal altercation, during which the second man twice attempted to strike the first. The aggressor left when the victim said he was going to call the police. The suspect is described as a white male in his 50's, 6', with a medium build and gray hair. He had a government I.D. card and was wearing dark pants. The vehicle is described as a white Acura Legend with Maryland tags.

Drugs

Beltway Plaza Mall, Aug. 27, 9:35 p.m., two male nonresidents, 18 and 21 years old, were observed on security cameras smoking a blunt cigar while seated in a vehicle parked to the rear of the mall. There was a strong odor of marijuana inside the vehicle when officers responded to investigate. Both men were charged on citation and released from the scene pending trial.

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Aug. 31, 11:41 p.m., a 42-year-old male resident was arrested after an officer observed him acting in a suspicious manner. Investigation revealed him to have a quantity of crack cocaine in his possession. He was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Alcohol

Roosevelt Center, Aug. 27, 4:51 p.m., a 28-year-old male

resident was arrested and charged on citation with consuming open alcohol in a prohibited place after an officer observed him drinking a beer in a wooded area at the center. He was released on citation pending trial.

Driving while Intoxicated

Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive, Aug. 30, 12:09 a.m., a 23-year-old male nonresident was ar-



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Pictured above is a composite rendering depicting the suspect wanted for an armed robbery on August 18 at about 10 p.m. in the parking lot at 6207 Springhill Court. In that incident, the suspect opened the door of a car occupied by a woman and her two children, pointed a gun at the woman and demanded money. He then shot her in the ankle and robbed her of her purse and pocket cash before fleeing on foot with a second suspect who had acted as a lookout.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Holland, 301-507-6530.

rested after he struck another vehicle while driving under the influence of alcohol. He was released on traffic citations.

Counterfeit Currency

6400 block of Capitol Drive, Aug. 28, 1:11 a.m., a 31-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with uttering counterfeit currency after he attempted to pay his bill with several counterfeit \$20 bills. He was left with the Department of Corrections for presentation before a district court commissioner for a hearing.

Today's Man in Greenway Shopping Center, Aug. 31, 6:57 p.m., a citizen unknowingly used a counterfeit \$100 bill to make a clothing purchase.

Peeping Tom

18 court of Laurel Hill Road, Sept. 1, 8:25 p.m., a 41-year-old male nonresident was arrested after an officer observed him peeping into the rear windows of a residence. He was released after charge pending trial.

Burglary and Theft

200 block of Lakeside Drive, Aug. 28, 12:02 p.m., a woman reported that between 6 and 6:15 a.m. she had felt someone touch her back while she was asleep. She awoke and observed a man flee the bedroom. Entry was gained after the screen was removed from an unlocked kitchen window.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Aug. 29, 7:29 a.m., a man was observed on a security camera pushing against a chain gate securing a closed record store. He reached through the gate and removed several pairs of sunglasses from a display with a rolled-up newspaper. A mall security officer attempted to stop him, but the robber kicked him in the leg and fled the mall toward the Springhill Lake apartments. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 30, 5'7" and 160 lbs., with black hair in short dreadlocks and wearing blue jean

Rogers Cleared of Assault Charge in School Incident

by Chief James Craze

Pfc. John Rogers, a veteran city patrol officer of eleven years, was acquitted of a charge of second-degree assault in Prince George's Circuit Court on September 2, in a case stemming from an incident involving a WRC-TV (Channel 4) news crew on June 15, 1998.

On that date, television reporter Jim Handly and Channel 4 cameraman James Kizer were filming an overflow crowd of angry people attending a Greenbelt Middle School promotion ceremony at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The crowd, estimated to be approximately 1,200 people by Prince George's County Fire Department officials and police, exceeded the auditorium's capacity of 850, necessitating the removal of people from aisles and stairways.

shorts but no shirt.

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, Aug. 26, 6:13 p.m., photography equipment, currency, jewelry, a safe, and home electronic equipment were stolen. Entry was gained by unknown means.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Aug. 27, 7:32 a.m., two paint sprayers were taken. Entry was gained by knocking out a wooden bar securing a ground floor window.

6900 block of Hanover Parkway, Aug. 27, 1:11 p.m., a storage area was entered via an unsecured window and a boy's black and red 16-inch bicycle was stolen.

Greenway Shopping Center, Sept. 1, 6:22 a.m., an empty safe and two dollars in nickels were taken.

The news crew, summoned by a parent of one of the students, had been asked more than four times to leave the building and its entranceways by Greenbelt police and Prince George's County Deputy Sheriffs. When Kizer did not respond to the officers' requests, Rogers testified that he placed his hand on the cameraman to move him a safe distance from a doorway. Rogers and Kizer became entangled and fell to the pavement. Earlier testimony from other witnesses described Kizer pulling away from Rogers, losing his balance, and falling. Kizer suffered a broken collarbone in the fall.

The charge of second-degree assault had been brought by the State's Attorney's Office after a criminal investigation by the Greenbelt police found no criminal wrongdoing by Rogers.

In his verdict, Circuit Court Judge Joseph S. Casula stated that there was no evidence that Rogers had acted with an intent to do harm, a necessary element to prove that a crime had been committed, thereby validating the investigation by the police department. Judge Casula commended the officers present during the near-riot situation for the manner in which they handled the incident. "It is remarkable that there was only one casualty, unfortunate as it was," he stated.

Rogers had been assigned to administrative duty since the filing of criminal charges. He was placed back on full duty immediately following the verdict. Kizer has filed a \$3.4 million lawsuit against Rogers and Chief James R. Craze as a result of the injury he suffered during the fall.

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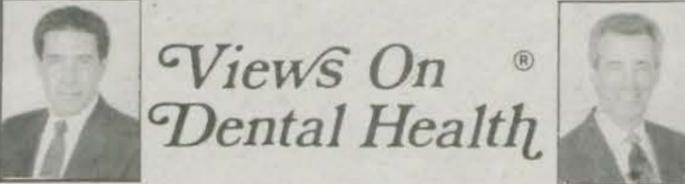
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Pie Contest Becomes Riot; Police Assault Minister



Mayor pro tem Tom White, City Manager Mike McLaughlin and Police Chief Jim Craze finally have to admit to "pie-in-their-face" as they assess damages after the New Deal Cafe Second Annual Pie Eating Contest.

- photos by James Giese



Self-proclaimed King of the Pie Eaters, Dan Hamlin, stands in his robe and crown with his face covered with chocolate cream pie. The second "crown" is a carnival ride in the background.

by James Giese

The Second Annual Pie Eating Contest sponsored by the New Deal Cafe may become the last one as the event quickly disintegrated into a wild melee involving the Greenbelt police, city councilmembers, the city manager and a local minister. The riot would still be continuing, unquelled, if the contestants hadn't run out of pies.

An air of disquietude permeated the already humid Saturday afternoon atmosphere on Septem-

ber 4 even before the event began. Participant Greenbelt Mayor pro tem Thomas White demanded a "senior discount" without success. Program committee officials ruled Greenbelt Chief of Police James Craze out-of-order for wearing a paper tablecloth as a bib, and made him remove it.

Greenbelt Community Church Minister Dan Hamlin, dressed in a clerical robe with a clown and balloon stole, declared that he had been "cheated" from being named winner last year simply because a young fireman had eaten more pie. This year he brought with him three mean-looking assistants to make sure "everything was on the up-and-up." While he was standing to make this strong declaration, Craze slipped a pie onto the minister's chair, but was caught doing so, causing Hamlin to prematurely declare police brutality.

Greenbelt City Councilmember Rodney Roberts claimed unfair treatment because his pie was loaded with whipped cream while his neighbor's, Hamlin's, was not. Officials Peggy Barott and Pat Brent brought out more cream for Hamlin's pies.

After Master of Ceremonies Richard McMullin got the six contestants settled at the ready, the contest began. Five put their faces into their work, hands not being permitted. Hamlin, after checking to make sure his competitors weren't looking, opened his robe, revealed a large plastic bag and surreptitiously dumped three pies in a row into the bag. He then rose, declaring himself the winner by first eating three pies, and demanded his reward, telling all that his winning was a "miracle," an "immaculate con-

sumption."

Hamlin turned to his rear to look for the trophy, a gold crown.

At this point, Greenbelt Police Sergeant Doug Sappington stepped forward. By prearrangement, Hamlin expected the officer to arrest him for cheating, place him in handcuffs, and take him away, banning him from pie eating contests for 364 days. Instead, Sappington pulled a pie out from behind his back and mashed it into the right reverend's face. So much for immaculate consumption.

While Hamlin was trying to regain his vision, Roberts picked up a pie and slipped it to the minister. He began a windup to hit the police officer, who was dressed in full uniform, with the pie, but somehow it flipped across Hamlin's back and hit Chief Craze in the face. Craze, in turn, picked up a pie and smashed it into Mayor pro tem White. At this point total chaos occurred, except that Roberts sat serenely and innocently in his seat until he was hit with two pies at once, directed at him by White and City Manager Mike McLaughlin. Even McMullin got a pie in his face. (Sappington, however, tactfully retreated, uniform still clean.)

Somehow, Hamlin obtained the gold crown. Most believe that, like Napoleon, he crowned himself. He stood amongst the melee, alternately declaring him-

Democratic Doings

by Pat Unger

September is shaping up to be a busy month for Greenbelt's Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. The first regular monthly meeting for 1999-2000 will be held on Friday, September 17 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

Program committee chair, Judith "J" Davis, has arranged for the evening's speaker to be Maryland State Treasurer Richard N. Dixon. In addition to his regular fiscal duties, Dixon sits on the powerful state Board of Public Works with Governor Parris N. Glendening, and Comptroller William Donald Schaefer. In addition to his remarks, Dixon will answer questions from the audience. The public is invited, and light refreshments will be served.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Dennis's recent visit dampened expectations that ways and means chair Kurt Walter had for the annual funnel cake fund-raiser at the Labor Day Festival. Conse-

self the winner and crying out "police brutality." The man of the pie-covered cloth was last seen chasing after little kids to hug them, like a scene out of "Friday the 13th."



quently, an additional fund-raiser, a "Bring-and-Buy" sale, will be held in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, September 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members and friends of the club, as well as the general public, are asked to bring an item or items for donation and to buy an item or items to take away. For early pick up of donations, call president Jim Inzeo at 301-441-2426, or drop off items at the sale site after 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

The current officers and board members of the club will meet on Sunday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 6 N Ridge Road. They should RSVP to Janet Parker at 301-474-6668. Additional plans will be made for the meetings of October 15 and November 19.

Two More Pick Up Filing Papers

Alan Turnbull and Bob Auerbach picked up candidate packets this week for the November City Council election. Turnbull is currently serving his first term on the council.

The petition signatures submitted by Judith F. Davis were verified, making her candidacy official.

Tea and Tour For New Mothers

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FEBRILE CONVULSIONS

A convulsing baby is a frightening event in the life of a family. It can be a true emergency which requires immediate attention.

In this pamphlet I will talk about one type of convulsion (or seizure) called a febrile seizure.

The usual sequence of events are as follows: A baby or toddler, under four years, develops a high fever from a simple viral infection such as a cold. The parents may even be unaware that the child is ill! Suddenly his eyes roll back, and he becomes unconscious. He begins to move all his limbs in rhythmic jerks. A short while later the limbs stiffen out. Finally the limbs become limp, and the child falls asleep. All this takes less than five minutes. The child stays drowsy even after he wakes up.

What should parents do if they witness a convulsion? They should remain calm, make sure the child does not hurt himself, or choke by swallowing his tongue. Do not try to stop the seizure, and do not try to pry his mouth open. Call 911, and, if you have time, call your doctor. At the medical facility a doctor will examine your child to make sure that he is in no danger, and that his illness is not caused by some bacterial disease that requires antibiotic treatment. If the convulsion has not stopped, the child will be given appropriate anticonvulsant medication. Lab tests and x-rays may be ordered, and if the child is suspected of having meningitis, a spinal tap may need to be performed.

Febrile convulsions caused by viral illnesses require no extensive workup, and no further treatment. They do not cause death, brain damage, mental retardation or any other lasting problems for the child.

In the "old days" phenobarbital was given to these children for several years to prevent future febrile convulsions, but now we know that this drug can cause behavior problems and learning difficulties, so we have abandoned its use. There is a slightly higher incidence of a second febrile convulsion after one episode, but since the episode is harmless, it is felt that dangerous drugs should be avoided.

The following signs should alert us to the possibility that we are dealing with more than a simple febrile convulsion:

- 1) a seizure that lasts longer than 10 minutes
- 2) a seizure that is not accompanied by a high fever (less than 103 deg.)
- 3) a seizure that is not generalized but local or progressive
- 4) a child who appears very ill, or is comatose
- 5) the presence of a chronic neurological disease
- 6) a family history of epilepsy.

In the presence of one or more of these conditions, further workup is indicated (spinal tap, EEG, CAT scan, etc.)

It is important to emphasize again that simple febrile convulsions are usually caused by viral illnesses, are harmless, and do not cause any lasting effects.

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