

Henderson, City Council Discuss School Overcrowding and Busing

by Nelda Young

Prince George's County Schools Board of Education Chairman James E. Henderson and members of his staff met with the Greenbelt City Council on September 27 to seek remedies to the overcrowding at Greenbelt schools.

Discussion began with Greenbelt Middle School, which is seriously overcrowded at 50% over target capacity compared with Robert Goddard Middle School, which is 46.6% under capacity. William Greene, director of pupil accounting and school boundaries, told the group that an effort is under way to remove from Greenbelt Middle the students who live in noncontiguous neighborhoods. The board's goal is to eliminate all cross-county busing except when necessitated by school construction projects.

Council asked about overlapping boundaries where some students are placed in one school and neighboring students into another, a cause of public puzzlement. Susan Miller, director of the Magnet Program, explained that the school board must achieve an equitable racial mix between schools. Another constraint is the enrollment

figures by grade level. Transfers and magnet programs also contribute to the problem.

Mayor Judith Davis spoke of rumored claims of reverse discrimination. Miller said that in an attempt to address this potential problem, Superintendent of Schools Iris T. Metts has approved expanding magnet programs, relaxing racial guidelines, and eliminating busing.

Miller maintains that these proposed changes have been well received by the public; however, citizens still find it unsettling not to know when these changes will occur. She explained that implementation cannot go forward until the plans have been approved by 2002 litigation.

Leta Mach, chair of the Advisory Committee on Education, questioned the transfer of students from Oakcrest Elementary School to Berwyn Heights but not from Springhill Lake Elementary. Greene assured the group that some transfers out of SHL Elementary will occur; boundaries have not been finalized.

Greene added that last year 70 students were taken out of SHL but in the same time

frame 170 students moved into the district for a net gain of 100. He suggested SHL's reputation for affordable housing and good schools attracts new families.

Another factor, according to Greene, is all-day kindergarten, which Superintendent Metts instituted countywide this year. Parents no longer need daycare for their five year olds, encouraging the parents also to enroll their older children in the public schools. Some relief is on the way for SHL in 2001 because Fairmont Elementary School will share the student load when it opens.

Crowding at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) was also discussed. Over a three year period students will be moved from ERHS to Charles Herbert Flowers High School. Students will continue to be transferred at a slower pace thereafter until Flowers reaches capacity.

A moratorium on accepting new outside-boundary students is already in place at ERHS. Exceptions are only being made for students in special programs and

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Re-routing Soil Conservation Rd. Would Unify Goddard Campus

by Virginia Beauchamp

What will the Goddard Space Center campus look like 20 years from now? If the vision currently drawn by the agency's long-range planners becomes reality, what we think of now as its entrances from Soil Conservation Road will be closed off and the road itself closed to north-south traffic. That stretch of Soil Conservation Road now separating the east and west sections of the Goddard facility — from the boundary with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on the north to Greenbelt Road on the

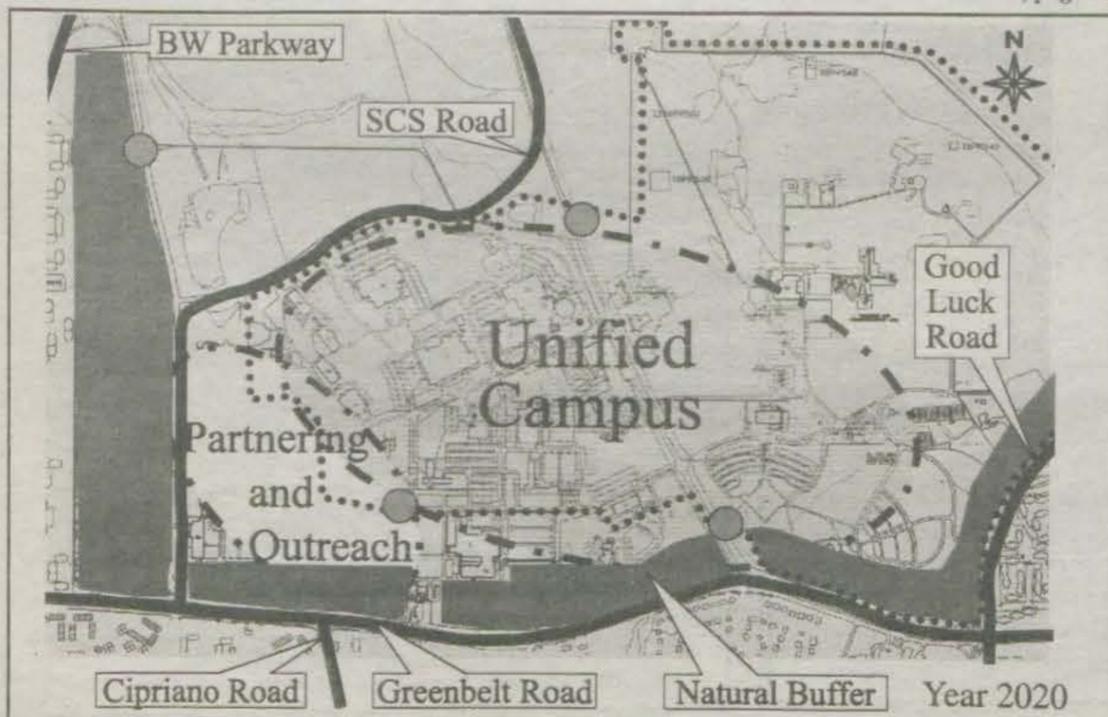
south — will function then only as an internal roadway within the campus; the campus itself will be unified. This was the picture presented by a team of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) planners as they met on Wednesday, September 6 in a work session in the Community Center with the Greenbelt City Council. The meeting, one of several that space center officials are scheduling with nearby municipalities and local citizen groups, was set up to seek community input before a formal plan is finalized.

The big question raised by the potential closing of Soil Conservation Road is, of course, what will happen to local transportation needs now met by that artery. When the idea of closing off the road was first aired some months ago, public outcry against the proposal forced NASA to back off. Now they have an answer for that question.

Alternate Route

In a map presented at the meeting and shown in a four-page brochure dated August 2000, Soil Conservation Road will turn

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Council OK's 2% Pay Raise, Sets Condemnation Hearing

by Diane Oberg

A 2 percent pay raise for city employees was approved by the Greenbelt City Council at its September 25 regular meeting. The raise will be retroactive to July 1. Council also signaled its intention to condemn land in Greenbelt East for U.S. Postal Service use and awarded contracts to two projects in Springhill Lake. A public hearing on the proposals will be held during the Wednesday, October 11 council meeting.

Pay Raise

On a 3-1 vote with Councilmember Alan Turnbull opposed, council approved using the \$125,000 set aside for pay raises in the current budget to give all classified city employees a 2 percent raise. In written comments, Councilmember Thomas White, who was not present, also argued against this action. Both Turnbull and White noted that the city's compensation study showed that the gap between Greenbelt's pay scale and those of other cities varied greatly from position to position. Granting an across the board increase, they felt, would make the problems worse.

Turnbull said that he wanted to give a pay raise to those employees who are "suffering the most" in terms of fairness and

comparability with other jurisdictions. This action uses the entire reserve, leaving no funds to address the more serious problems, he argued.

Councilmember Edward Putens had a different perspective. He agreed that this pay raise would not bring all employees up to parity with other jurisdictions. However, there are really two issues, he said. One is the basic city pay scale, which this action raises. The second issue is classification of employees within the scale, which must be addressed separately, he said. While not solving the entire problem, this action "helps our employees a little bit."

Mayor Judith Davis agreed. The problems are so wide-ranging, she said, that \$125,000 cannot solve them all. Since the study found that almost all employees were paid at least 2 percent less than in other cities, this was an appropriate first step. Council had identified several next steps, such as establishing an advisory group and identifying 10 positions to be studied in more detail. Among other things, this study will try to be sure that similarly named positions do, in fact, have comparable duties and responsibilities.

One of the more difficult areas

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Public Works Expansion Plans Reviewed by Council

by Diane Oberg

Architect Scott Grice presented his proposed plans for expanding the public works facility to the Greenbelt City Council at its August 14 regular meeting. The plan calls for phasing in the improvements, dealing first with safety and code issues. The work is estimated to cost \$1.7 million to \$2 million.

The two largest items to be planned are an addition to the administrative offices (\$410,000 - \$430,000) and a new maintenance building (\$800,000 - \$1 million). Sprinkler systems would be added to all existing buildings and all buildings will be brought up to code.

The existing maintenance facility presents a lot of safety and health issues, Grice told council. There has been a fire in the facility, and workers have passed out from carbon monoxide. The building also does not meet current requirements from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for eliminating exhaust fumes.

Grice's firm has developed a master plan for the site, which calls for dedicating the existing maintenance structure to vehicle maintenance. Other functions, such as landscaping, will be moved to separate buildings.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned this plan, asking

if it wouldn't make more sense to convert the existing facility to vehicle storage with doors on both sides to facilitate moving vehicles in and out. That option had been considered, Grice said, but was ruled out on a cost basis. Moving the equipment and utilities to the new site would be quite expensive, he said.

The project will be completed in phases under Grice's plan. First, the existing maintenance facility would be improved. The second phase would include construction of an addition to the administrative building, which Grice described as very crowded and with inadequate facilities, especially bathrooms. In the third phase, the trailer currently used by crew foremen would be removed and the existing administrative building renovated. The new maintenance building could be included in any phase.

When the renovations are completed, all the public works equipment would be stored inside, no longer subject to damage from the elements.

The plan will be referred for comment to the Advisory Planning Board, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. After that, council will likely discuss the plan in more detail in a worksession.

ERHS Students Earn State Scholarships

Some of Maryland's highest scoring high school seniors have been offered \$3,000 annual scholarships as an incentive to go to college in Maryland next year.

Over 3,600 Maryland students applied as juniors for the Distinguished Scholars grant, which is offered to students with a grade point average of 3.7 or higher or who are nominated by their school on the basis of their accomplishments in the performing or visual arts. National Merit and National Achievement finalists are offered Distinguished Scholar scholarships automatically.

Fewer than one in 10 of those students will receive the highly competitive scholarship. Students who qualify for the Distinguished Scholars scholarship are recruited heavily by out-of-state colleges, but Johnson said the number of finalists accepting the award and going to college in Maryland has been increasing, with more than 200 finalists expected to accept the award next year, up from the 175 finalists in the class of 2000 who decided to attend Maryland institutions.

Scholarships were offered to 366 achievement finalists and 81 talent finalists.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) had the most finalists this year in Prince George's County, 20. They are Rebecca L. Anthony, Ellen C. Baumann, Jonathan N. Beyer, Kai Chen, Christine A. Dwyer, Jessica A. Eby, Matthew R. Gregory, Sibren N. Isaacman, Anupa Kudva, Justin T. Ma, Oni M. Mapp, Andrew T. McDonald, Margaret S. Mitter, Mark P. Nostro, Rachel A. Ramirez, Katherine A. Sorber, Megan E. Stolba, Scott M. Stone, Elisabeth C. Stratton, and Lisa K. Witter.

Other ERHS students did very well. There were 19 semifinalists and 72 students received honorable mention.

Voter Registration At Giant Saturday

In-person voter registration will be conducted at all county Giant Food stores on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will also be held at Motor Vehicle Administration offices in Largo and Beltsville and at all county social service agency locations as well as at the Board of Elections office in Upper Marlboro.

Voter registration books will be open only until 9 p.m., October 13.

VEIP/MVA Closed On Columbus Day

All Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration offices and Vehicle Emission Inspection Program stations will be closed on Monday, October 9 for the Columbus Day holiday. Both will reopen for business on Tuesday, October 10.

Corrections

Oops! The birthday of Oona Veronica Jusem is September 18 and was incorrectly reported last week.

The 800 number listed for Muscular Dystrophy (MDA) free flu shots was incorrect in last week's paper. The correct number is 800-572-1717.

Letters

Where Is Everybody?

I love Roosevelt Center: the place is charming, it's convenient and it's full of non-chain alternatives for just about every suburban consumer need. So it's distressing to hear that the movie theater may have to close for lack of business, and the café is struggling to bring in enough paying customers. Plus, the Greenbelt Arts Center rarely sells out its small auditorium; I've never seen a line in the video store; and I can usually get seated at the Beijing with no wait, even on a Friday night. Where is everybody?

With over 20,000 people in Greenbelt, surely a few more of us could bust loose and do something really wild: patronize our own downtown.

How cool would it be if a line snaked all the way across the plaza every Friday and Saturday night with movie goers, just like at the mall? What if they had to hire more help because the video store was way too busy for the one person behind the counter? Wouldn't it be great if you had to reserve your Greenbelt Arts Center tickets two weeks in advance, like you do at the Bowie Playhouse? Imagine if people from Montgomery County started coming to Roosevelt Center for an evening out because there is absolutely nothing like it on Rockville Pike.

The city government and a small core of faithful volunteers and patrons can only do so much to prop up the business district - and thank goodness they're doing as much as they are. All of us, the residents of Greenbelt, must now put our money where our mouths are, on a regular basis.

Do you like the Roosevelt Center? Do you want the businesses there to stay open? Then stop there. If we don't faithfully patronize our local businesses, they will go away. It's so simple.

Kim Kash

THANKS

Thanks to all of you, helpers and participants alike, for helping Keith and me make the "Greenbelt Labor Day Photo Exhibition & Competition, 2000" such a whopping success.

This was the first year, since 1995 - he ran it for five years - that Prospero Zevallos was not here to run the show. But in May, when Committee President Barbara Ransom had gotten no other person or group to run it, Keith persuaded me that we could do it. It was unthinkable not to have a photography contest: espe-

cially this millennial year, 2000.

Then, in August, the Greenbelt Photo Club offered to help. And on Friday, Sept 1, some more volunteers, both from the community and from ERHS, came in to help. We hope we can do even better during the 2001 Festival.

Finally, we thank Barbara Ransom, president, and all the committee members for all their hard work. It was all voluntary, and they did an outstanding job. Despite the rain, and the "bobbles," my impression is that it was a resounding success.

Keith and Anne Zevallos

Spare the Fish

Margaret Zanin's "Fishing Debris Is Hazard to Ducks" in the September 14 News Review may remind some of you of a petition some years ago to stop killing fish in Greenbelt Lake.

The Park and Recreation Committee's June 2, 1992 Park Master Plan included "preserving wildlife habitat" among its tasks and it probably still does. But here we are eight years later with fish still excluded as wildlife. The pain and horror of a duck with a hook in his/her bill and line around a leg is somehow noteworthy while the fish continue to suffer. Why is the same concern for the duck's right to live freely not extended to the fish?

In my 1992 petition I quoted marine biologist Dr. Frank Hurd: "It's a convenient excuse to think that fish don't feel pain." Fish have rich innervations, or pain receptors, in their mouths, lips and tongue. When a hook punctures these receptors, a fish experiences extreme pain, at the same time s/he is suffocating to death - just as we would if hooked in the mouth and held under water to drown. This is why fish flail about when jerked from the water. The pain increases when the fish is "played" with on the line.

We shouldn't be surprised that people intent on killing one life in the lake are not concerned with another water life. And we must expect our children to continue being confused and angry at adult hypocrisy and selective violence toward some life forms. Compassionate, progressive citizens should petition until all killing at the lake stops for good.

Nancy L. Robinson

The Old Curmudgeon



"It'll take a rocket scientist to figure out how to get anywhere!"

Litter Bugs Invade City

Have you noticed besides mosquitoes, Greenbelt is being invaded by Litter Bugs? Wednesday when I pulled into a parking space at the Greenbelt library, a Litter Bug had opened his or her car door and thrown out their McDonald's trash. Another day in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Community Center, a Litter Bug struck again, throwing out their Wendy's trash. I know both these fast food restaurants have trash containers, as also the Community Center and library have outside trash containers, as I cleaned up both times and placed the trash in the available containers. It's bad enough avoiding mosquitoes but we shouldn't have to avoid Litter Bugs too.

Ruth Huggins

Doggone Mistake

In my Letter to the Editor entitled "Where's Your Sense of Community" (Sept. 14), in which I pointed out the lack of participation from Greenbelt organizations in the Labor Day Parade, I erroneously linked the Greenbelt Dog Park Association and the Greenbelt Dog Training organization as a single group that receives funding from the city. The Greenbelt Dog Park Association is a city sponsored organization. The Greenbelt Dog Training group, run by Allie and Adele Lee, are not funded by the city. Their group has made several contributions to the "Save the Greenbelt" effort, as well as the Greenbelt Fire Department. I apologize for my mistake and hope that it will not deter them from joining in next year's Labor Day Parade.

Leslie Davies-Hilliard

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Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00pm

Greenbelt Arts Center presents:

"Shakespeare on the Green-MacBeth"

Wednesday, October 11th at 8pm

City Council Meeting "Live"

Thursday, October 12th

6:00 p.m. - Greenbelt Arts Center presents:

"Shakespeare on the Green-MacBeth"

7:30 p.m. - Replay of City Council

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

Nick Pergola, first vice-president, presided over the September 27 meeting. Florence Holly led members in prayer and read a poem. Betty Petroff's sunshine report was read. Petroff sent a note of cheer to Katherine Reynolds, who is now home from the hospital. Hilda Orleans reported that Adelaine Hinson is in Rehabilitation at Cherry Lane Nursing Home but cards can be sent to her home address.

John Taylor, travel chair, announced two trips: October 17 to Rockvale Square outlets in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (lunch on own); November 14, Faberge exhibition of jewelry and objets d'art at Riverfront Arts Center, Wilmington, Delaware (lunch on own). See travel committee members to sign up.

The speaker was Annette Taylor from the Prince George's County Office of Public Affairs, who showed a video on fire safety.

The October 4 meeting was the board business meeting. On October 11 the speaker will be Scott LeGendre, whose topic will be the "The Asian Long Horn Eradication Program."

GIAC Will Host A Website Party

The Greenbelt Internet Access Co-op (GIAC) is having a Sweet Website Harvest Party on Saturday, October 14 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom. The party is a website exchange and dessert potluck. Bring a dessert to share and make the party sweet. GIAC will provide liquid refreshments, plates, and napkins.

People can mingle with the other party goers while being entertained on the Internet and visiting some of the helpful, interesting, unique and exotic websites that GIAC members have discovered.

Send the following information to Mary Camp at campm@greenbelt.com by Thursday, October 12: Choice of websites (up to five sites), what kind of site it is (please list only sites that are suitable for a family audience), why it is appealing, willingness to demonstrate this site at the party. If unwilling to demonstrate, approval for GIAC director to demonstrate it as time allows.

Each site will have a maximum of five minutes to be shown after connection to it.

Come join the fun and sample the harvest of websites and desserts.



PERCY THE PET LOVER SAYS:

REGULATION 3:

Persons residing in P.G. County must not allow their pets to become or create a nuisance. They must at all times be in control of their pets.

WHY:

- ☞ Pets will not be a bone of contention between neighbors;
- ☞ Owners will not be at risk of losing their pets due to complaints;
- ☞ Animals are happier when they know the rules

NUISANCE: Any actions that produce annoyance, inconvenience or discomfort to people and/or harm to property e.g. prolonged barking.

CONTROL: A pet shall be at all times under the control of a responsible person who can observe and take effective corrective action to prevent harm to people, animals or property, or actions which create a nuisance.

Community Events

Greens to Meet

The Greenbelt Greens will meet Monday, October 9, in the Greenbelt Police Station at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads at 7:30 p.m.

At the meeting the group will help to make final plans for the remainder of the current election campaign and will organize poll workers for election day, November 7.

Refreshments will be served. For further information phone Bob Auerbach, 301-474-1998.

2nd Webpage Class Free on Wednesday

Doug Love will present the second class of a three-part series on creating a personal webpage on Wednesday October 11, from 6:50 to 9 p.m. This free class, sponsored by Greenbelt Internet Access Co-op will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in Dining Room #2. Reservations to attend the class are not necessary but to reserve a copy of the class handouts, call 301-345-8135 by 9 p.m. Tuesday, October 10. Everyone is welcome.

Medley's Art Exhibit On View into Nov.

Christine Medley's art work is featured in the exhibit, "Processes." Her work will be on view until November 28 at the first floor gallery at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The public is also invited to a reception and gallery talk with the artist on Monday, October 23 from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

Currently Medley is exploring processes to communicate the ideas of time and memory in her work. Her work includes actual found objects or images that are based on these objects, photographs she has taken, and recycled images. Each image Medley uses may go through several transformations but always leaves a trace of its original form. The focus for the exhibit is on work that incorporates traditional printing processes along with digital images, Polaroid transfers, and paper collage to create rich layers reflecting a history of the work.

Exhibit hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to ensure access at 301-474-8000. For additional information, call Nicole DeWald at 301-474-8000 ext. 107.

GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet Tuesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 19. Members are encouraged to attend.

The fall grass seed and bulb sale will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Explore the Natural History of Australia

On Friday, October 13, the Explorations Unlimited speaker will be Dr. Donald H. Messersmith, a retired University of Maryland professor and world traveler. He will present a slide program on eastern Australia. The emphasis will be on the unique and fascinating animal and plant life to be found in this isolated island-continent. Dr. Messersmith has led four nature tours to Australia, the most recent being last February. His specialty is birds, but he will also discuss the marsupials and other animals, the unusual plants and landscapes that vary from barren desert to tropical rain forest, and the friendly people.

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

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, October 11, 4 p.m. BOOKIDS discussion group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, October 12, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

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

Adult Programs

Saturday, October 14, 10:30 a.m., Poetry Plus workshop for adults.

Pokemon 2000 Plays Saturday and Sunday

The Greenbelt Theatre will be showing Pokemon 2000 at 3:30 and 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8. Family movies will be shown on the first weekend of the month, brought by the First Friday Movie Club and P&G Theatre in Old Greenbelt.

The sequel to last fall's hit movie is an adventure about prophetic events that throw the Pokemon universe out of balance, threatening life on earth. The only one who stands a chance of stopping it is a young trainer, Ash Ketchum. Ash sets out to prove that one person can make all the difference when he embarks on the greatest Pokemon adventure yet, saving the world.

Parents must sign a waiver assuming all medical insurance and holding the City of Greenbelt and the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre harmless for any injury that may result from participation in attending the performance.

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Meets

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. in the school's media center. Free babysitting will be provided. Parents, guardians, teachers, and interested people of the community are all invited to attend.

Hispanic Festival At SHL Elementary

Students and family members are invited to an Hispanic festival at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Friday evening, October 13. Hispanic cultural activities, singing, and foods will be featured. For more information contact the school at 301-513-5996.

Learn about Assistive Listening Devices

The feature topic for the October 12 meeting of the Prince George's County group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), is Assistive Listening Devices. ALDs as they are called, are devices that amplify and/or clarify speech or alert a hard of hearing person to sounds such as a doorbell, telephone or fire alarm. People with a mild hearing loss can benefit from these devices, especially in auditorium/theater, church settings. A video will be shown describing these devices. Members are asked to bring devices that have been found to be helpful. If not portable, one can describe the uses for the group.

To learn more about SHHH attend the next meeting October 12, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For directions or information call 301-474-0345.



SchromFest

October 14, 2000
11:00am - 3:00pm

Greenbelt's spectacular, award winning trees and accompanying fall foliage will set the stage for this free, special event for all ages.

Highlights

- Hayride
- Kid Comic
- Petting Zoo
- Face painting
- Obstacle course
- Public Works Trucks
- Rock Wall
- Old Fashioned crafts & games
- Roving Characters
- Country Cookout
- Unicycle Lady
- Weaving Web with Elizabeth Morissette
- Dedication of Schrom Hills Park Memorial Garden
- Greenbelt Lions Club Community Clean-up

Located at Schrom Hills Park
6915 Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301/552-2004

Contact person:
Julie McHale, Recreation Supervisor
301/397-2200

Weather Hotline
301/474-5525



OBITUARIES



Joan Jett

Former Greenbelter Joan Jett, 72, died in Florida on Thursday, September 28, 2000. She had lung cancer.

Mrs. Jett and her family came to Greenbelt in 1948 and lived at 57 Ridge Road. She moved to Florida in June, 1999.

Born in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Jett graduated from McKinley Technical High School. She retired from McKesson Drug Company, Landover, and worked several years after that as a checker at the Greenbelt Co-op supermarket.

Mrs. Jett was a member of Greenbelt Community Church, the Greenbelt Fire Department Auxiliary, the American Legion, Post 136 Auxiliary and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

She is survived by her son, Bill Jett, and his wife, Freda, of Sutton, West Virginia, two grandchildren, two sisters, Frances Nicholson, Riverdale and twin sister, Jean I. Vanderhoof, Florida. Her husband, William (Bud) Jett, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held at Greenbelt Community Church, Crescent and Hillside Roads, on Saturday, October 14 at 2 p.m. A reception will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Martin/St. Lucie, 9174 S. Federal Highway, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952.

Frances Cassady

Former Greenbelter Frances Cassady, age 105, died of congestive heart failure on September 22, 2000 in York, Pa. Mrs. Cassady was a Pioneer Greenbelter who came here in 1938 and lived at 6C Ridge Rd. Although she enjoyed living in Greenbelt, in 1983 she moved to York to be near her daughter.

Born in Clovercourt, Kentucky, she graduated from high school and secretarial school. Mrs. Cassady worked for 35 years for the U.S. Navy Department in Washington, D.C. While there she had an opportunity to travel to Evansville, Indiana where she christened an LST 564 ship.

Mrs. Cassady was a member of Greenbelt Community Church and its Women's Guild and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary C. (Betsie) Wells, York and her son, David Cassady, Washington, D.C. Her husband Oscar M. Cassady died in 1964.

A memorial service was held in York. Burial will be Saturday, October 14 at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads, Greenbelt.

Messages of condolence may be sent to Mrs. Ira J. Wells, 2550 Primrose Lane, York, PA 17404.

Haunting Woodwind Concert at UM

The University of Maryland School of Music will present award-winning clarinetist Esther Lamneck and pianist Rosemary Caviglia in a concert on Monday, October 9 at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall, Tawes Fine Arts Building. Lamneck will headline a program entitled Contemporary Compositions for Clarinet and Piano. The concert will also feature Lamneck playing her own arrangements of folk songs on the Hungarian tarogato, a single reed woodwind instrument unfamiliar to many audiences. Lamneck is one of the few performers who plays this hauntingly beautiful instrument in concert.

Admission and Lot 1 parking are free and tickets are not required. For directions to Ulrich Recital Hall, call 301-405-7847. For performance or artist information call Professor Robert Gibson at 301-405-5611.



Public Can Speak About Transportation

A public meeting on regional transportation issues will be held on Thursday, October 12, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Prince George's Metro Center, 6526 Belcrest Road in Hyattsville. The meeting will be hosted by the Citizens Advisory Committee of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board. Marsha Kaiser of the Maryland Department of Transportation and Prince George's County councilmember Peter Shapiro will be present to answer questions during a public comment session starting at 7:30 p.m. Prior to that the Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m., which is open to the public.

Contact John Swanson of the Transportation Planning Board staff for details at 202-962-3295.

Conifers at Arboretum

Join curator Sue Martin for a free tour of the world's finest collection of dwarf and slow-growing conifers. The tour will be held at the U.S. National Arboretum's Gotelli and Slow-Growing Conifer Collection on October 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn how to choose the right landscape evergreen. A plant source list will be provided. Register by calling 202-245-4523.



Heather Lee Warwick Thompson and Jerome Stanislaw Shai, Jr.

Thompson — Shai

Doctors Judith and Derek Thompson, residents of Windsor Green, are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Heather Lee Warwick Thompson, to Jerome Stanislaw Shai, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Shai, Sr., of Gambrills, MD. The wedding ceremony will take place on October 21 at St. Andrew's Church in College Park.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She later received a

B.B.A. degree from the University of Miami, Florida, and the degree of master of science in human resources management from American University in Washington, D.C. She is employed by COMSYS in Rockville.

Jerome Shai completed course work at Anne Arundel Community College and is employed by the Anne Arundel County Department of Corrections.

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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 10 am Education for all ages
 11 am Sung Service

OVERCROWDING

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for cases of real necessity.

Transportation

Prince George's County Schools Department of Transportation is currently ranked third in size in the nation behind Los Angeles and Montgomery counties.

Though busing has ended in the county, it is not the end of busing, said Mayor Davis. Students are no longer being moved cross-county to achieve desegregation, but magnet schools still exist, and students need rides to local schools.

Edward West, Transportation Operations supervisor, said he is fighting an uphill battle with population growth and the need for additional routes, both of which contribute to tardy pickup and delivery of students. Next year transportation will have computerized routes, which should help.

West says the key to reliable and timely bus service is the pressing need to hire additional drivers. He attributed the shortfall in staffing to low unemployment, low wages, and the split shift. However, he said the drivers do receive a double-digit hourly wage with full benefits. He is even willing to hire drivers for morning or afternoon only shifts. Anyone who is interested in becoming a driver should call 301-952-6574.

Mayor Davis told West of her concern that buses have been seen running stop signs. He said the department has zero tolerance for offenders and uses a point system, which leads quickly to suspensions. He urged residents to note the location and nature of offenses and one or more identifying number (4-digit bus number, 3-digit side window number, or license plate number) on a bus seen violating the law. They are asked to then call transportation at 301-952-6570 and report the incident.

Capital Improvements

Mayor Davis sought written assurance from the board of education that the historic facade of Greenbelt Middle School will be preserved during the proposed renovations of the school.

Councilman Rodney Roberts inquired about plans to upgrade and add lighting to the ballfield behind Greenbelt Middle. Henderson said the board has no plans for the field at this time.

Wildlife Festival At Patuxent Refuge

Celebrate wildlife activities at the free Patuxent Wildlife Festival on Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Take behind the scenes guided tours of Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. See how endangered whooping cranes are raised in captivity for release to the wild and discover the history of this premier research facility.

Explore biodiversity exhibits and meet live animals including cranes. Try activities for all ages and discover how National Wildlife Refuges provide habitat for myriad creatures, great and small, and how all play a role in the web of life.

Scientists from Patuxent Wildlife Research Center will be on hand to talk about their discoveries.

Local Concert Band Honors Late Conductor

by James Giese

The Greenbelt Concert Band once more opened the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival with its Friday evening concert at Roosevelt Mall. The concert this year was dedicated to the memory of Maestro John A. DelHomme, who died on August 3 at age 89. DelHomme had been the band's conductor for 26 years. He retired in 1994.

DelHomme was credited with broadening and expanding the musical foundation of the band and greatly enhancing its musical performance capability. After his retirement as conductor, he still continued to play with the band until he became ill last winter.

Attending the concert were DelHomme's son, Alan, and his wife, Theresa, as well as all members of the Greenbelt City Council. During a brief intermission, Mayor Judith Davis announced that the city would plant a tree in memory of DelHomme near the bandstand at Buddy Attick Park.

Following the ceremony, the band played "Il Maestro," a concert march composed by the current conductor, Tom Cherrix. Written in honor of DelHomme, the piece was first performed the year following DelHomme's retirement as conductor.

The band played well for the many in attendance who sat in formal seating in front of them or gathered in groups around the mall's other benches and chairs. Particularly pleasing to the audience was "Dixieland Jamboree," which featured the band's Dixie Combo, and A Trumpeter's Lullaby featuring cornet soloist Steve Wood.

Luckily, the rain that persisted throughout the weekend stayed away from the opening night, making for a most enjoyable opening event—except for one annoying minor problem. Some kind of ant-like creatures were swarming. While harmless, they managed to get onto people's hair, faces and backs of necks. The members of the band, in particular, are to be commended for not letting these annoying bugs bug them as they played.

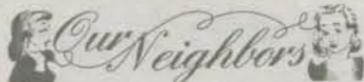
Electra as a Musical Will Be Performed

University Theatre at the University of Maryland will present a modern musical re-telling of Sophocles' classic drama "Electra" Oct. 12 to 21. Performances will be held at the Tawes Theatre Oct. 12 to 14; Oct. 19 to 21 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

Audio description is available Sunday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m., and sign interpretation is available Saturday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. These services are available when reserved three weeks in advance. An infrared listening system is available at all performances. Tawes Theatre is accessible to people with physical disabilities.

There is a fee; special group discount rates are also available for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available by mail order, in person weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, in the Parking Lot 1 lobby of Tawes Theatre, or by phone charge at 301-405-7847.

For additional information, call 301-405-7847.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelters Joan Jett and Pioneer Frances Cassady.

Congratulations to Heather

Norden, daughter of Beth and Arnold Norden, on being named a First Group Scholar and placed on the Smith College Dean's List for 1999-2000. She was elected by her peers to the position of "Student Academic Advisor."



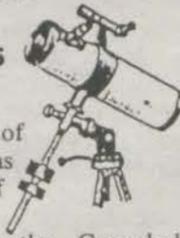
Heather Norden

Christopher Michael Bast, son of Michelle and Michael Bast of Glen Oaks won first place in the Prince George's County Beautiful Baby Contest at the County Fair on September 7. Christopher celebrated his first birthday on August 30. Grandparents are Tina and Wayne Murphy.

Congratulations to J Davis on being named Woman of the Year by the College Park Business and Professional Women's Club. Davis will be entered in the state BPW competitions.

Roper Wins Telescope

Jerry Roper of Lakeside Dr. was the winner of the telescope give away by the Greenbelt Astronomy Club's Labor Day Festival booth. Roper was not present to receive his prize when announced as he was working as a volunteer at the PTA booth. Vice-president Doug Love and President John Settle of the club delivered the scope to Roper and will instruct him on its proper set up and use. Roper will also receive a free one-year membership in the club.



Local CPA Patti Snell Picked for State Board

by Nelda Young

Greenbelt's own Patricia (Patti) Snell, a certified public accountant in Maryland, was recently appointed a member of the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy by Governor Parris Glendening. She was sworn in on July 29.

In his recommendation letter to the governor, Marty Madden, House Minority Leader in the state legislature, mentioned that in the past Snell worked as a volunteer makeup editor for the Greenbelt News Review and that as a boy Madden himself had delivered the paper.

In her late 20s Snell enrolled in the University of Maryland University College with the sole purpose of becoming a CPA. She continued working full-time as the comptroller of a construction company while she attended evening and weekend courses, graduating in four years. Combined with her responsibilities as a wife and mother of three, she was busy. To keep her sanity she gave up watching television and says she has never regretted it.

Snell owns a CPA firm in the office section of Belle Point. In addition, she can be seen on the University of Maryland University College cable television teaching a 3-credit cost accounting course.

Snell served as president of the Maryland Society of Ac-



Patricia Snell with Governor Parris Glendening

countants in 1996-97 and in 1997 received the "National Editorial Award" from the National Society of Accountants in recognition of what was described as "the most outstanding article appearing in a State Society publication." The award-winning article was entitled "Regulation of the Accounting Profession and the Uniform Accountancy Act."

Since 1995 Snell has been director and treasurer of the Maryland Summer Institute for the Creative and Performing Arts (MSICPA). MSICPA works closely with university officials to help plan musical events at the new Maryland Arts Center, University of Maryland.

Subway Riders Are Featured in Exhibit

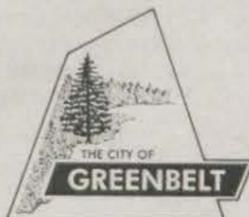
Montpelier Resident Artist Carolyn Dutky Romano will exhibit a series of new monochromes in the Center's Resident Artists' Gallery through October 30. The Gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Romano has created dramatic black and white prints of

riders of the Washington Metro system. The portraits present the wide array of the countenances people put on when in a public space, faces that express excitement, boredom or nonchalance.

For information call 301-953-1993 or TTY 301-490-2329.

Public Hearing on Possible City Acquisition of the Greenbelt Theatre



Wednesday, October 18, 2000, at 8 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Community Center

At its regular meeting of September 11, 2000, the Greenbelt City Council received a report from the City Manager addressing the possible acquisition by the City of the Greenbelt Theatre. The report was undertaken in response to an offer to sell by the owner. Copies of the report are available to the public at the Municipal Building.

It was determined at that meeting that one or more public hearings or work sessions would be scheduled for Council to have the opportunity to talk with the many individuals and groups who hold an interest in the future of the Greenbelt Theatre and Roosevelt Center. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Public attendance and participation are welcomed and encouraged. Interested persons will have the opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions.

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 as soon as possible and no later than Monday, October 16, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

"Inclusion Program" Uses Innovative Techniques

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) has four first-grade classes. All of them are unique classrooms, but one fulfills a special need. It is an "inclusion program" classroom. One third of the children in this class are from the general first grade population, while two thirds are special education students who need extra assistance in one or more areas.

It is the goal of the school system to "include" and teach as many children as possible in general classes. The inclusion program is a way of meeting all students' needs in an environment with a higher adult ratio than in a traditional classroom. The adults in this classroom include three veteran women: Barbara Packer, Mary Mullenix, and Susie Kunst.

Packer and Mullenix are co-teachers of this class. Packer has 22 years in county schools and is starting her fifth year at Greenbelt and her third in the first grade inclusion classroom. She indicated that she "always had the desire to work with young children and see their growth. Each year is different." Mullenix is starting her 16th year as a teacher

as possible. Because three people are working with one class, they are able to begin the day with all children together and then move them into three much smaller groups to learn and review specific topics. All children and teachers form a circle to start the class and each shares a story or problem.

This process helps the children to express themselves;



Mary Mullenix, teacher of first grade inclusion class at Greenbelt Elementary School.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

they must use complete sentences. To help the children learn to read and listen and understand, the teachers read a letter each morning telling the students what they will be learning during the day.

Volunteers are an integral part of the classroom. Last year, a number of friends visited the class to tell the children about "real life" activities. Greenbelter Jacob Novick, son of GES teacher Beth Novick, showed the children how to change a tire. A nurse and a police officer also visited.

Other volunteers are needed to help the students with the many learning activities of a first grader. Volunteers can assist with reading; can help the children learn to write their names; and can aid with number, letter, and color recognition. A great volunteer can be someone who will help a child open his carton of milk at lunch or just visit the class and talk with the students. The children love to talk to adults. Information on contacts for volunteer activities is found in

To Volunteer

To volunteer at Greenbelt Elementary School, call:

PTA Book Booth (Labor Day Festival): Rebecca Roper, 301-474-5382

Kindergarten: Ann Sowers, 301-345-3462

Reading/Writing: Ramona Aquilera, 301-982-7005

Math & Science: Roxanne Boyce-Miller, 240-460-8334 (after 8 p.m. or weekends)

Art projects: Tina Scites, 301-441-8689 (after 5:30 p.m. or weekend)

Computer support: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Office or library support: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Field trips, Multicultural Dinner, Career Day, and other special school programs: Rita Ralph, 301-513-0436

General support: Diane Siegel, 301-345-7569

PTA Membership: Rebecca Roper, 301-474-5382

ACE Sponsors Reading Program, Book Reviews

by Maria Piazzola

Jumpstarting the reading program sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) was the main topic of the committee's monthly meeting on Sept. 26. Chairperson Leta Mach and five other ACE members met to finalize dates and discuss hiring an intern to facilitate the program that starts this month.

The ACE reading program is a voluntary activity for students from pre-school through high school who enjoy reading. Students write short reviews on books of their choice, which they submit on an official review form to the Greenbelt CARES office. If the student has filled out an information/permission form, the report may be placed on the Greenbelt website, or broadcast on local cable access television.

ACE chairperson and Greenbelt's 2000 Outstanding Citizen, Leta Mach, says that website and television publicity should increase participation in the program. "We hope to generate more interest for the program by showing what students have already done," Mach said.

Wendy Wexler, city staff liaison to ACE, and committee member Pamela Moody have promised to play major roles in facilitating the program. This includes hiring

and overseeing an intern to read reviews, organize television shows and choose a program T-shirt from the several student designs submitted at the Labor Day Festival.

ACE received a \$3,865 grant from the Governor's Neighborhood Crime and Substance Abuse Prevention Grants in August, but is currently awaiting approval on additional funding to cover personnel costs, such as the prospective intern's salary.

The idea for the reading program originated at an April committee meeting. Members were discussing the mandatory summer reading program that Virginia schools were undertaking and the complaints from Virginia parents that followed. ACE committee member, Joseph Otterman, expressed to the group his belief that mandatory summer reading was a fundamentally good idea but was probably the wrong approach to sparking students' interest in reading and keeping parents happy.

The committee then discussed a New York Times report that students who read during summer break returned to school more prepared to move ahead and seemed to have retained more than those who had not read. Wexler said the committee

brainstormed and came up with the voluntary reading program as a way to "send the message that reading is fun." The program will run from October to May.

Other topics on the committee's agenda were the upcoming reception for the new principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the annual principals meeting. On Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m., ACE and the Greenbelt city council will co-host a reception for new ERHS Principal, Sylvester Conyers. Conyers replaced retired principal, Gerald Boardman. The short ceremony will precede the city council meeting at 8 p.m.

The annual principals meeting will be held on Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. The committee expects 15-20 people including ACE members and representatives from the seven area schools. ACE plans to distribute flyers about the reading program.

Dates for the ACE annual awards were also set. The ACE educator awards will be made on March 12 and ACE student awards on May 14.

Brookside Azaleas

The Brookside Gardens Chapter of the Azalea Society of America will sponsor an auction of rare and unusual, locally grown azaleas at the U.S. National Arboretum on October 14, noon to 3 p.m. Admission is free.



Barbara Packer, teacher of first grade inclusion class at Greenbelt Elementary School.

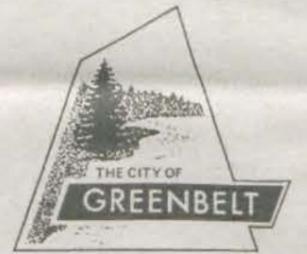
- photo by Leigh Catterton

and her seventh at this school.

Providing further support is Kunst, a paraprofessional, who has been at the school for six years. According to the teachers, Kunst is "an integral part of the program. We couldn't do it without her."

The teachers described some of the techniques they use to help the children learn as much

Public Hearing on Resolution to Condemn Property for Location for U.S. Post Office



Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at 8:00 p.m.
Council Room, Municipal Building

For many years, the location of the current U.S. Post Office facility, in the lower level of the Greenbelt Co-op in the Roosevelt Center, has been deficient as a work space because of its inadequate size. The City has been working with the Postal Service to identify potential sites in the City appropriate for a new postal facility and has held public meetings regarding these sites.

At its regular meeting of September 25, 2000, the City Council introduced for first reading a resolution to condemn certain real property in the City of Greenbelt for the purpose of providing property for the construction of a new U.S. Post Office facility. This property is Lot 2 of the Smith-Ewing subdivision (Plat 126033) located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, containing 5.0 acres of unimproved real estate. It was identified by the citizens at public meetings and also by the City as the best site for the new Post Office. Condemnation of the property is necessary in order to remove a covenant from the property that intends to restrict its use.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Public attendance and participation are welcomed. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions. Subsequent to the Public Hearing, Council anticipates holding a second reading and discussion of the Resolution at a future regular City Council meeting.

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 no later than 10:00 a.m. on October 11, 2000.

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CONDEMNATION

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for council is likely to be how to balance pay and benefits. The compensation study found that while city pay generally lagged that of other jurisdictions, city benefits, mostly due to the deferred compensation program, were more generous. Mayor Judith Davis said she hoped the city would not make employees choose between better benefits or higher salaries. It's not an either/or issue, she said. Turnbull and Councilmember Rodney Roberts, on the other hand, called for looking at the entire compensation package.

Roberts said that the compensation study raised more questions than it answered. He suggested that council include, in the motion granting the pay raise, formal directions to staff to establish an employee advisory group, to look at about 10 positions to validate the study, and compile a report on recruitment, retention and turnover. City Manager, Michael McLaughlin expects to have the two reports by mid-October.

Condemnation Proposal

Council introduced a resolution to authorize condemnation of land at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive for a new post office. There will be a public hearing on the proposal during the regular council meeting on Wednesday, October 11. (The meeting was rescheduled from Monday due to Columbus Day and Yom Kippur.)

The resolution states that a new post office is needed "because of the antiquated and inadequate facility presently serving the city and its citizens, which facility cannot be expanded or improved." Normally, the postal service could simply reach agreement with the owners of the property without city involvement. However, there is a covenant on the property that limits its use. This covenant would be removed upon condemnation. In an interview with the News Review, McLaughlin explained why the city rather than the federal government would condemn the land. It is the city's understanding, he said, that while the post office has the authority to condemn property, it does not wish to do so. (McLaughlin said that postal officials are not sure if the postal service has ever condemned land; if it has, it was long ago.)

Before the city would move to condemn the land, it must first work out agreements with the postal service and the Peterson Companies, which owns the land.

According to McLaughlin, the issues in a condemnation suit would be solely whether the city has the right to condemn the land and what the appropriate value of the property is. An adjacent

property owner, who believes removal of the covenant would reduce the value of his property, could then sue for those damages. Such a suit, however, would not reverse the condemnation ruling, but would be limited to monetary damages. The city could be a party to any such suit. The city has not yet reached agreement with the postal service and the Petersen Companies concerning the condemnation. McLaughlin said that the city intended to proceed only when confident that the city is not legally exposed regarding the covenant. Also unresolved is how the suit would be financed, such as whether the city would have to fund it initially, then be reimbursed. McLaughlin said the city's intent is to facilitate the transaction at no or minimal cost to the city.

Police Awards

Police Chief James R. Craze was presented with a City Manager's Award for his calm handling of a potentially dangerous situation. He was nominated for the award by one of his employees, Lt. Thomas Kemp. In March, the Greenbelt office of a nationwide mortgage company was occupied by roughly 400 advocates of affordable housing. The protest was not aimed specifically at the Greenbelt office, but rather was selected for its convenience for protestors attending a demonstration on affordable housing in Washington, D.C.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin praised the chief for his having defused the situation by working with the representatives of the protestors and with the California-based chief executive officer of the mortgage company, rather than using physical crowd control measures.

According to the nomination by Kemp, at the conclusion of the situation, both the employees of the mortgage company and the protest group members praised and thanked Craze and city police for their handling of the situation. Kemp also praised Corporal Carolyn Beck, the first officer on the scene, for her actions.

Craze also reported on other awards recently won by the department. Led by Master Patrol Officer Scott Kaiser, Greenbelt took top honors, along with Rockville, for cities of its size, in the Chief's Challenge sponsored by the Maryland Committee for Seatbelt Use. At checkpoints during April and May, city officers found that 92 percent of those stopped were using their seat belts, exceeding the state's goal of 90 percent. The statewide usage rate is 71 percent.

On lighter note, city officers also competed to see how far they could pull a 747 in the "Plane Pull" to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics. The city team took 18th place out of 51 teams competing. The city's DARE car,

K-Mart Stores Offer Race against Drugs

Coming to this area on Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. the K-Mart Kids Race against Drugs will be held at

whose special paint job was on display in the Labor Day parade, took first place in the competition for specialty vehicles.

Legislation

On a 3-1 vote with Councilmember Alan Turnbull opposed, council approved new memorial guidelines that make the Wall of Honor the only mechanism for recognizing individuals that have made significant contributions to Greenbelt.

Springhill Lake

Laurel Design Alliance, Inc. was selected to provide design services for the expansion and renovation of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Roughly half the cost of the work will be covered by a state grant. The firm was the second-lowest bidder, and was selected based upon having the "best related experience...of any of the interested firms."

Trans Metro Construction was awarded the contract to reconstruct Springhill Lane. The project should be completed by the end of November. McLaughlin said that staff is evaluating whether to incorporate any traffic calming devices.

Be Smoke Free

Interested in a successful way to stop smoking and stay smoke free? Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park), is offering a free introductory class beginning on Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. For information call 1-800-542-

National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building Council Room
Wednesday, October 11, 2000
Regular Meeting
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 comprises those items marked by an asterisk [*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
 - 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 6. Presentations
 - National Cooperative Month Proclamation
 - 7. Public Hearing - Condemnation of Property for Post Office
 - 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.)
 - 9. Minutes of Meetings
 - 10. Administrative Reports
 - * 11. Committee Reports
 - Assisted Living Task Force Final Report
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board Report #00-5: Review of Plan for Expansion of Public Works Facility
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board Report # 00-6: Review of Chesapeake Bay Trust Year 2001 Waterway/Watershed Restoration and Preservation Projects Proposal
- III. LEGISLATION
 - 12. A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase of Pool Mechanical Systems, 1st Reading
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
 - 13. Buddy Attick Park - Design of Restroom Facility
 - 14. Acceptance of Streets for Public Maintenance - Greenspring II
 - * 15. Renewal of Fire Station Lease
 - * 16. Resignation from Advisory Group
- V. MEETINGS

Please note that this regular meeting of the City Council is being held on Wednesday rather than the usual Monday meeting day.

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 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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City of Greenbelt
COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

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Council Deals with Newspaper Boxes Wetland Education, Code Changes

by Diane Oberg

Two business items proposed regulation of newspaper vending boxes and new property maintenance regulations and fads—and a possible future change to Greenbelt Lake graced the agenda of the September 11 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Council introduced legislation regulating the boxes, approved non-residential occupancy license fees and regulations, and gave a tentative okay to a lake shore boardwalk.

Newspaper Vending Boxes

City officials and homeowners associations have long been frustrated by the proliferation of vending boxes around town in the public right-of-way. These boxes can be seen chained to city signs, light poles and bus shelters; in fact, suggested Mayor Judith Davis, "if someone sits long enough, they'd probably chain one to them."

Council last dealt with this issue in 1995, when an ordinance was considered to regulate and license these boxes, which contain newspapers or other publications. That ordinance was never adopted. A newspaper trade group suggested a voluntary agreement instead. An agreement was drafted, but was never signed.

However the problem seemed to have subsided. The newspapers were generally complying with the unsigned agreement. Recently, however, the city has experienced a proliferation of brightly colored plastic boxes containing free publications, such as employment guides. Some of these lightweight boxes are not secured and become safety hazards when they have blown over into the street.

The city has very limited powers to restrict these boxes. According to City Solicitor Robert Manzi, the U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted the first amendment to give newspapers broad rights to the public right-of-way to distribute their publications, and has extended nearly the same protections to advertising publications.

However, the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers has developed a model ordinance for regulating these boxes that it believes meets the Supreme Court's requirement that any restrictions be content neutral and not infringe upon the publications' first amendment rights.

Manzi said that the free publications, not newspapers, are the source of most of the city's problems right now, although officials are not pleased about the two Washington Times vending boxes that have been chained to signs in Roosevelt Center.

Mayor Judith Davis added that the free advertising publications are often removed from the unlocked boxes and thrown around. She noted that the city had already received a letter from one of the companies involved saying that their first amendment rights were being violated and threatening to "go all the way to the Supreme Court" if the city so much as moves one of their boxes.

The new ordinance drafted by Manzi based upon the model legislation was introduced for first reading. He recommended that it not be considered for final passage until after a worksession with the newspapers and other interested parties.

The ordinance establishes a requirement for obtaining a city permit prior to installing a box. A fee is provided for, but the amount is not yet specified. Standards for location, placement and number of boxes are established, as well as standards for maintenance and installations. Manzi noted that he had inserted a priority for resolving cases where more boxes were requested at a given location than the ordinance allows. This provision was not included in the model legislation and could be open to legal challenge.

A date for the worksession has not yet been set.

Commercial Property

The proposed changes to the city code were unanimously approved. The changes include new regulations on firms that install burglar alarms, advance the due date for payment of license fees, and improve the city's enforcement capabilities.

The resolution setting non-residential occupancy license fees was also approved but only after considerable discussion. Kap Kapastin of Quantum Management, Inc., which operates Beltway Plaza, opposed the increase. He pointed out that the mall's fees had increased more than fivefold since 1996, and 50% for 2000. He said the proposal would substantially increase Beltway Plaza's fees and that the fees charged to some businesses would double. In addition, he said that the mall is paying a disproportionate share of the total occupancy fees imposed by the city. In 1997/1998, by his calculations, the shopping center paid roughly 11% of commercial property fees paid to the city, in 2000 they were paying 33%, and with this increase would be paying about 35%. Davis noted that during the early years Beltway Plaza had, in effect, gotten a discount "while we got our act together."

The proposed fees also raise serious questions of fairness, Kapastin said. In contrast to the large amount paid by Beltway Plaza, the Greenbelt Marriott paid just \$600 for their entire hotel. McLaughlin explained that this happens because the fees are based upon the square footage of a business's space. Currently, any business with more than 22,000 square feet is charged \$600. The new fee schedule introduces additional ranges so that fees will top out at \$1,200 for establishments of more than 200,000 square feet.

Beltway Plaza is made up of 150 separate businesses, each assessed on their individual square footage. Some of those tenants, McLaughlin noted, such as Giant, benefit from the same cap that benefits the Marriott.

Davis noted that the new fee structure adds more gradations, reducing the advantage to large businesses. That, rather than lowering the fees on smaller businesses, was the appropriate approach in her opinion. Putens agreed: "We are undercharging large businesses," he said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was concerned about the other end of the scale. The license fee consists of two

parts: a \$100 base fee to cover administrative costs (up from the current fee of \$50), plus a fee based upon the size of the business. There are a lot of small businesses in Beltway Plaza who are unable to absorb an increase in fees, he said.

Kapastin also proposed that the mall assume the responsibility for ensuring that individual businesses comply with regulations and that the city concentrates on the common areas and sediment control.

Although the resolution was approved, the issues of equity and a possible role for self-regulation struck a chord with some of the councilmembers. A worksession on these issues was added to council's long list of meetings to be scheduled.

Greenbelt Lake

An invitation to apply for grant funds led to a draft plan for an "Outdoor Wetland Education Facility" proposal for Greenbelt Lake. The project will consist of a 115 foot boardwalk along the shoreline. Starting from the former dock for the boat rental concession it will extend to the left of those facing the water. The staff design, by Acting Superintendent of Operations for the Public Works Department Bill Phelan, is modeled after the 1938 plan for a boat dock at this location. On the lake side of the walkway, there will be an angled handrail upon which will be placed educational information, photos and drawings. A small number of benches will be placed on the walkway. In addition, 10 trees, 400 aquatic plants, 134 shrubs and 200 wet meadow wildflowers will be planted. The 25 different plant species involved will be identified in the educational material.

The deadline for applying for the grants is September 22, giving council no time for a thorough review. So, council unanimously approved the application with the understanding that the final proposal will come back to them for review after the Advisory Planning Board and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board have commented. Councilmember Thomas White pointed out that even if the city's application is approved, it does not have to accept the money if serious concerns are raised about the proposal.

Gerald Madison of Ridge Road praised the project, noting that the proposed walkway would have a ramp to provide handicap access to the shore. Currently, because the area is steep and often wet, it can be dangerous for those with limited mobility, he said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to the boardwalk's eight foot width. He also wanted more of the money to be spent on plants and less on the boardwalk. Davis asked staff to consider using recycled plastic "lumber" instead of pressure treated wood for the boardwalk in line with the city's goal of encouraging the use of recycled material.

The grant application would also fund a Springhill Lake Stream Clean-up Day using volunteer labor to clean up Walker Brook, "which meanders through Springhill Lake."

Museum Seeks Help For Guided Tours

Riversdale House Museum, a national historic landmark at 6005 48th Avenue in Riverdale Park, seeks docents to lead tours and staff the museum shop. A 12-hour training class for tour guides begins in late September; a commitment of four hours a month is expected. Regular tour hours are Fridays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m., with occasional special tours and special events during other hours. Museum shop volunteers receive on-the-job training and serve four hours every six weeks.

The construction of Riversdale was begun in 1801 by wealthy Belgian emigre Henri Stier and finished by his daughter, Rosalie, and her husband, George Calvert. The Calverts were among the elite in the new nation's capital, and Rosalie's observations were recorded in her letters to her family (published in the book, "Mistress of Riversdale").

For more information, call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544. Sign language and accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request.

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Choice Bonsai Trees Will Be on Display

Members of the Brookside Bonsai Society present the choicest trees from their private collections at the U.S. National Arboretum National Bonsai and Penjing Museum Special Exhibits Wing. The exhibit will run October 7 through 15 from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There will be a demonstration on October 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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Swim Team Holds Annual Awards Dinner

by Leslie Hilliard

On July 29 the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) celebrated each swimmer's accomplishments at a pot-luck affair held in the Community Center. Head Coach Sarah Lofgren and Assistant Coaches Rena and Kateri Hull presented the awards. Maresa Like-Mathews (11) was presented with the girls' Team High Point Award for earning 88 points during the season. The boys' Team High Point Award was presented to Joseph Lau (10) who earned 86 points. Age group High Point awards were also presented in the following age groups: 15-18 Kateri Hull and Connor O'Reilly; in

age group 13-14, Cara and Nathaniel Snyder; in age group 11-12, Jill Lau and Harrison Hilliard; in age group 9-10, Quilla Otto-Jacobs and Kynan Rilee; and in the eight-and-under age group, Courtney Like-Mathews and Alexander Rilee.

Special recognition also goes to GMST's triple winners, which is first place in three events during a meet. Joseph Lau and Maresa Like-Mathews achieved this honor in four out of five dual meets. Cara Snyder earned her triple winner status at the last meet of the season against the Adelphi swim team.

GMST would also like to acknowledge its long distance swim-

mers, in this case, swimmers who have come some distance to join the team. Isaac Rehner (18) returned for his last year of swimming from Puerto Rico, and brothers Kareem (8) and Ahmed (11) Ali from Egypt, new to the team this year.

Aside from those mentioned above, many swimmers beat their best times from the previous year, some winning events this year for the first time or taking home medals from the Adelphi Long Course Meet, where each event is double the normal distance. Others, ages five and six, competed in their first meets this summer. GMST took third place this year at the Knights

of Columbus Mini-Meet for swimmers ages five to ten. In this age group Courtney Like-Mathews deserves mention. Courtney, at age six, earned 60 team points this season. Point-wise, she placed fourth overall on the team.

Volunteer Awards

GMST's "Volunteer of the Year Award" was presented to Larry and Leslie Hilliard. For the past three years Larry has served as GMST's Meet Manager, responsible for filling the 53 positions required to run a meet each week, coordinating the smooth operation

of home and away meets, and providing mentoring opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills. As president of the Aquatic Boosters for the past three years, Leslie has coordinated the administrative and business aspects of the team. Many of these activities are reflected in GMST's web site at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam. Recently a swim club from Kentucky who found GMST's web site contacted Leslie. They are establishing their own booster organization to support their swim team and wanted to use GMST's Aquatic Boosters as an organizational model.

photos by Clement Lau



Eight and under swimmers (l to r). Front row, kneeling: Brianna Delaney, Kaitlin Delaney, Corey Otto-Jacobs, Paolo Cocchiario, Mackenzie Crim, Kareem Ali, and Kenny Clarkson. Second row: Alexander Rilee, Courtney Like-Mathews, Jacob Fletcher, Eric Didion, Melissa Volk, Kensick Rilee, and Coach Kateri Hull.



Nine and ten year old swimmers. Front row kneeling: Megan Didion, Evan Real, Quilla Otto-Jacobs, Erin Cocchiario, and Becky Jernigan. Second row: Kynan Rilee, Hunter Crim, Joseph Lau, Wesley Hilliard, and Eugene Jones.



Swimmers age 11 and 12. Front row, kneeling: Harrison Hilliard, Jamie Jernigan, Conor Real, Ahmed Ali, Maresa Like-Mathews, and Katie Kubican. Second row: Christie Lin, Ryan McGowan, Jill Lau, Carolyn Badders, and Coach Sara Lofgren.



Swimmers ages 13 to 18. Front row, kneeling: Stephen Didion, Amanda Lohr, Michele Burton, and Shelley Sahu. Second row: Henry Kamden, Andrew Gill, Kateri Hull, Cynthia Lin, Melisa Volk, Jackson Kamden, and Janice Park.



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Strings and Spirituality Will Spark Fall Season

by Konrad Herling

October and November programs at the Greenbelt Arts Center will feature bassist Arnold Anderson in workshop and performance, an exhibit by Greenbelt artist Ted Kliman, and a benefit concert by pianist Santiago Rodriguez.

The city and the Greenbelt Arts Center will offer educational workshops and performances by local bassist, Harold Anderson.

The workshops, to be held at the Community Center, and entitled "Songs Stories Tell," are sponsored by the city, and offered to those 16 and older, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m., on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, October 28, 29, November 4 and 5. Workshops are free, but preregistration is required. The city sponsors an "Artful Afternoon" on Sunday, November 5, from noon to 5 p.m., also to be held at the Community Center. Finally, an early evening performance which will feature "The Harold Anderson Trio," will be held at the Arts Center at 7 p.m., on Sunday, November 5.

While these activities take place, the Arts Center's lobby will have on exhibit an art display by artist Ted Kliman. On display from September 29 through November 20, Kliman's exhibit, entitled, "Martyrology: The Passion and Dance of Death," his pieces are what he calls, "an exploration of universal human spirituality." Inspired by daVinci and others, Kliman's art reflects both Christian worship and Jewish prayer.

Rodriguez

The community may receive its best opportunity to show off its support for the arts, however, when Santiago Rodriguez takes

the stage at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Saturday, November 18, at 8 p.m. It is to be a benefit concert for the Greenbelt Arts Center and the American Cancer Society as its primary beneficiaries, and with a portion of the profits going toward Greenbelt's Youth Baseball program. It also inaugurates the Albert K. Herling Piano Concert Series, a series to raise funds for community and service oriented organizations while providing opportunities to young and rising concert pianists. For Rodriguez to bring his performing skills and passion to Greenbelt in a donated performance is a special act in itself. And it is consistent with the purposes for which Albert Herling gave his concerts: to provide a sense of excitement about the arts, just as we rejoice at the skills and enthusiasm exhibited by youngsters in our recreation program, and to serve as an example of how enriching it can be when the fine arts bring Greenbelt's community closer together.

For more information about these activities, call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.



Recreation Review

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Puppet Show participants — back row, left to right: Sandy Gray, instructor. Puppeteers Allison Parker, Rebekah So, and Judy Liu, assistant to the instructor.

Front row, left to right: Puppeteers Hailey Emory, Laura Parker, Andy Li, Gloria So Kamaria Greenfield.

-photo by Margaret Parker

Preschool Puppeteers Tell Story of a Lie

by Altoria Bell Ross

Giggles, screams, and excited outbursts punctuated the puppet performance of the African folktale, "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears" on August 17 in a roomful of preschool children and their parents at the Greenbelt Public Library. The Greenbelt Association of Visual Arts (GAVA) sponsored this new puppetry program by a grant from the Prince George's Arts Council, said GAVA President Barbara Simon.

Eight children, ranging from 7 to 9 years old, used colorful puppets made of painted papier-mache on rods to recount the story of a mosquito that tells a lie. This untruth sets off a chain of events that prompts the owl's refusal to wake the sun. The ac-

tion played out in front of creative backdrops also crafted by the children. Cloth took the form of tree bark, green feathers for leaves, brilliant beads for the lawn and cotton balls for clouds. Sandy Gray of Catonsville instructed the children in puppet making and set design and rehearsed the play during the two-week, two-hour session. According to Monica Greenfield the effort was well worth the commute from Washington, DC, where she home schools her daughter Kamaria, 8, who played the ante-

lope. "I love it," said Greenfield, who heard about the session when taking Kamaria to home school art classes at the Community Center. "They learned a lot." Eight-year-old Andy Li learned

to cultivate a new taste during the production. "I like to swallow stinking mice," said the Greenbelt resident who was Mr. Python Head. The other actors and the roles they portrayed were: Hailey Emory, 7, of Beltsville, the rabbit; Maddy Noyes, 7, of Greenbelt, the iguana; Alison and Laura Parker, both 9, of Bowie, the bear and the crow, respectively; Rebekah, 9, and Gloria So, 7, of Lanham, mother owl and King Lion, respectively. Volunteer Judy Liu, 14, of Greenbelt helped the performers with their lines during the show.

"It was a great class," said parent Angie Noyes of Greenbelt. "They had so much fun. It was really neat."

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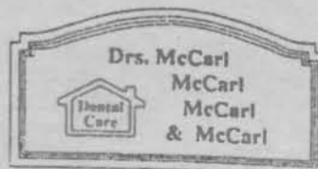
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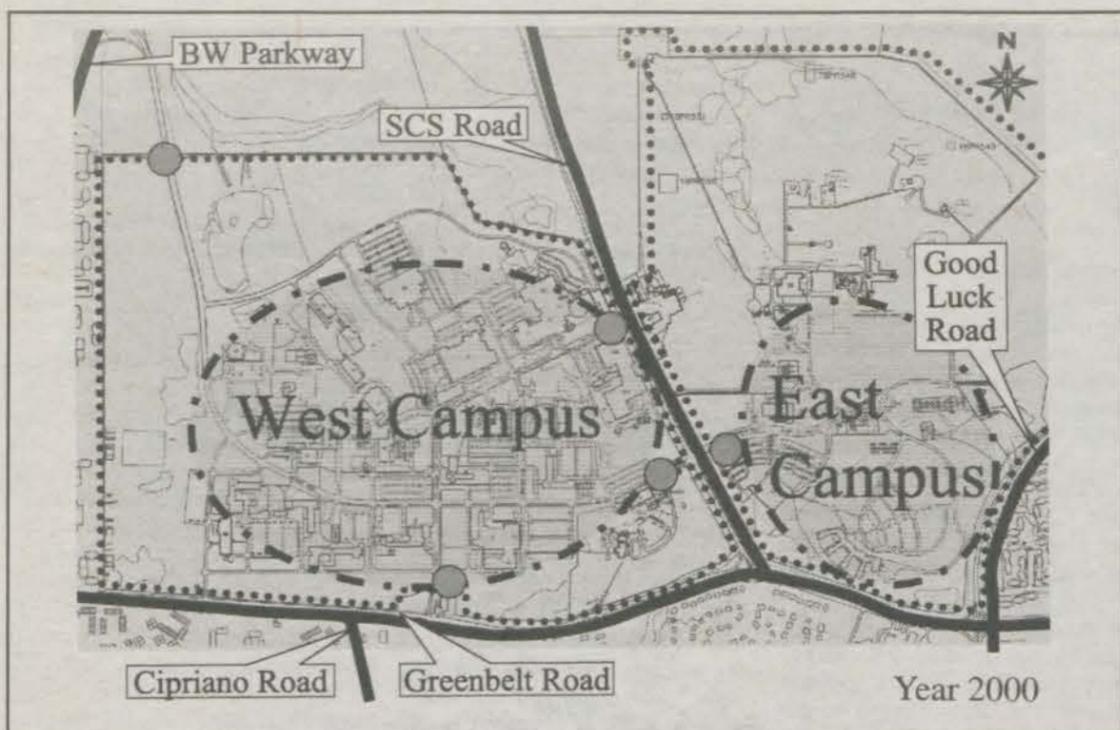
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sharply to the west at the northern boundary to the Goddard campus, curving around the boundary line and then making a 90-degree turn to the left, or south, to Greenbelt Road. This north-south leg will lie within the western boundary of NASA property along a present trail road that provides access to emergency vehicles. The projected road will be buffered by forestland from the residences of the Glen Oaks development in Greenbelt East. Its connection with Greenbelt Road would lie somewhere between the existing intersections of Greenbelt Road with Cipriano Road and with Mandan Road.

Justification for Road Closing

At the meeting Kim Toufectis, NASA facilities manager and architect, listed the primary reasons behind the idea of closing Soil Conservation Road. When the Goddard site was first established, he said, all development took place in what is now described as the west campus. This development occurred during the period of the 1960s through the 1980s. During the 1990s, however, as NASA's mission expanded to include earth sciences, new buildings were erected to serve these research needs. Because the west campus was crowded, these newer buildings had to be located on vacant land east of Soil Conservation Road, creating a division between the two sets of buildings.

In operating within the constraints of the physical separation of the two campuses, however, the agency has recognized several negative effects. First and foremost is the issue of safety. With heavy traffic at times moving through the campus, pedestrian access across the artery (for example, to reach the cafeteria in the west campus) is jeopardized. A public road through the facility is also considered dangerous as it could provide access to potential terrorists.

The division also has become a barrier to good communication and efficiency in the mission of the agency, Toufectis said. Scientists working on different aspects of the same problem now find themselves hampered by problems of communication. Some scientists currently have to use their cars, he said, to be able to consult with their counterparts in other buildings.

The physical separation also

makes difficult, if not impossible, the kinds of creative synergies available through social and conversational exchanges when scientists in different fields of research can meet freely with one another.

Most of the older buildings on the west campus need renovation, Toufectis pointed out. Laboratories are out of date for present needs and issues of climate control, especially how to deal with heat generated by computers in small offices, have become major concerns. Questions have also been raised about who needs to work with whom. Such issues have become factors in envisioning the redevelopment and modernizing of many of these early buildings.

City Response

Councilmember Thomas White acknowledged that Toufectis had indeed made the case for NASA's need for safety, efficiency, and lack of risk. However, he charged, moving Soil Conservation Road "creates problems with safety, efficiency and risk" for NASA's neighbors. "It takes the present impact of traffic on Soil Conservation Road and moves it into Greenbelt," he said.

Someone queried whether NASA planners had looked at the possibility of moving the continuation of Soil Conservation Road to the eastern Goddard boundary. Unfortunately significant wetlands lie to the east, Toufectis said, and traffic would have to be directed into a residential area along Good Luck Road. "There is little environmental impact to the west," he said.

He pointed out that NASA, which owns the property, would control the 900-foot buffer zone on that side. This new roadway would also offer public access to the westernmost section of NASA land, where the planners envision establishment of a possible conference center and access to the present visitors' center outside the security-controlled portion of the facility.

This buffer zone is "almost like a natural berm," Mayor Judith Davis commented, passing along an assessment previously made by Celia Craze, the city's director of planning and community development.

In winding up the meeting, Mayor Davis thanked the Goddard officials for this early sharing of these developing plans with their neighbors. "We're very happy that Goddard is still there," she said. "We want you to remain a neighbor that we are proud of."

Giant Promotion Can Help Owens Center

by John Settle

As announced at the September 28 club meeting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club and Giant Food will aid the Howard B. Owens Science Center, Prince George's County Public Schools, in raising funds. Through the efforts of astronomy club president John Settle, Senior Program Coordinator Carolyn Edwards of Giant Food has included the science center on the list of schools eligible to receive financial assistance through the Giant Food Bonus Card program. The program, known as A+ Bonus Bucks, has replaced the former Apples for the Students program.

Shoppers having a "Bonus Card" participating in the program can designate a percentage of their purchase to be credited to the science center. Saving and submitting receipts will not be required.

The money received by the science center can be used to purchase textbooks and equipment needed to pursue its mission as a facility of the Prince George's County Public School system. Shoppers may designate multiple schools or the science center alone to receive credit for their purchases. They may also designate schools and apply for a "Bonus Card" on the internet at www.4mygiant.com.

The Owens Science Center's budget has been reduced to the lowest level in recent years. Most students in the county's public schools receive the benefit there of specialized programs and facilities, either in one of the many learning centers or by receiving a visit at their own school from the center's faculty. Having no permanently assigned students, PTA or body of parents to advocate for it, however, the center is at a disadvantage during the budget allocation process. Officers and members of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club and the science center and public school students, by acting as advocates and supporters for the science center, hope to encourage public interest in the science of astronomy and appreciation of the night sky.



Takacs Quartet Performs at UMD

The Takacs Quartet and Swiss pianist Andreas Haefliger will perform on Friday, October 13 at 8 p.m. at the Inn & Conference Center at the University of Maryland. At 6:30 p.m., before the concert Dan DeVany of WETA-FM and a member of the Takacs Quartet will host a discussion exploring the evening's program.

Acclaimed for their readings of European works, the quartet will perform Beethoven's String Quartet in D Major, op. 18, No. 3 and Bartok's String Quartet, No. 4. The Takacs has made a career of playing the works of Bartok, and is considered the pre-eminent interpreter of his work. At the October 13 concert world-renowned pianist Andreas Haefliger will join the Takacs to perform Dvorak's Piano

Quintet. His performances with the Takacs have been reviewed as the highlight of the music season in several cities.

There is a fee. For tickets and information call the Ticket Office at 301-405-7847 or visit the Center's website at www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

Daughter of the Stars Planetarium Show

A "Daughter of the Stars" planetarium show will be held Friday, October 13 and Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham.

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Hit and Run

Sept 28, an 18-year-old non-resident was arrested and charged with failure to remain at the scene of an accident involving bodily injury, failure to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, and negligent driving; the charges stemmed from a hit-and-run accident that occurred Sept. 27, 1:03 p.m., in the area of Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive. The victim was a pedestrian who was struck in the crosswalk from Eleanor Roosevelt High School to Frankfort Drive. The victim was transported to Doctor's Hospital and is reported to be in fair condition.

Assault

Roosevelt Center, Sept. 28, 6:24 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fight in progress and identified one of the participants as having an open warrant for check fraud through the Maryland State Police in Prince Frederick. The man, a 21-year-old non-resident, was arrested and transported to the Maryland State Police in College Park for the warrant. A second person involved in the fight, a 17-year-old, was identified as a suspect in an earlier vandalism. The youth was arrested and charged on a juvenile petition with malicious destruction after destroying property in the common area of the shopping center. The juvenile was released to the custody of his sister.

7900 block of Lakecrest Drive, Sept. 28, 6:20 p.m., a 50-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with assault. The victim reported that in the course of an argument, her boyfriend had pushed and punched her in the face. The suspect fled but returned a short time later and was arrested; he was released to the Department of Corrections for presentation before a District Court Commissioner. The victim declined medical treatment for a swollen nose.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Sept. 28, 10:15 p.m., a

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

25-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with first-degree assault. Responding to a report of a stabbing, officers observed a man and a woman acting in a disorderly manner. The man stated that during a domestic dispute, the woman stabbed him in the shoulder. The woman was found to have an open warrant through the Prince George's County sheriff's department. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Sept. 29, 11:55 p.m., a 16-year-old male non-resident was arrested and charged with second-degree assault. The victim, an employee, stated that the youth approached him and asked him what he was looking at. The youth reportedly assaulted the victim with a food cart and then raised his fist as if he were going to punch him. The youth left the store and was arrested shortly thereafter. He was released on a citation from headquarters.

Drugs

9200 block of Edmonston Road, Sept. 26, 10:17 p.m., a 28-year-old male non-resident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and driving with a suspended license. Officers responded to a report of a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the driver had a

suspended driver's license. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Sept. 27, 2:58 p.m., a juvenile, not a student of the school, was escorted from the building and warned about trespassing. When he returned to the school property, he was arrested and charged with trespassing on a petition request and then released to his mother.

Burglary and Theft

Roosevelt Center, Sept. 22, 11:24 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone and purse were taken from atop a parked vehicle.

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Sept. 23, 10:40 p.m., a 20-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested and charged with burglary, assault, and animal cruelty. A woman observed the man enter her apartment, possibly by using a key to open the front door. The woman then ran out of the apartment and called the police. An officer with his canine partner responded to the apartment. When the officer attempted to enter the residence, the burglar closed the door on him, slightly injuring the officer. The canine was also slightly in-

jured during the incident. The burglar was arrested and was transported to the hospital for treatment. He was then released to the Department of Corrections for presentation before a district court commissioner.

Unit block of Westway, Sept. 24, 4:17 a.m., someone attempted to gain entry into an apartment by attempting to force open a rear window.

5900 block of Springhill Drive, Sept. 24, 12:09 p.m., someone attempted to gain entry into a residence by prying on the sliding screen door.

7800 block of Hanover Parkway, Sept. 26, 8:14 a.m., a purse was taken. There was no sign of forced entry.

Blinds to Go in Beltway Plaza Mall, Sept. 26, 2:15 p.m., someone attempted to break into the store by prying on the rear door.

7400 block of Greenbelt Road, Sept. 28, 7:51 p.m., a 20-inch black Mongoose stunt bike with black pegs on the rear tires and a 20-inch yellow Mongoose Pro-sniper bike with black pegs on the rear tires were reported stolen.

Vandalism

Roosevelt Center, Sept. 22, 10:55 a.m., several patio umbrellas were vandalized.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue four-door 1989 Chevrolet Caprice with Virginia tags YPH 4668, Sept. 25, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Court; a blue two-door 1988 Ford Escort with temporary Maryland tags, Sept. 26, from the 9200 block of Springhill Lane; a beige four-door 1995 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags CSK 098, Sept. 28, from the 7600 block of Mandan Road; a green four-door 1990 Volvo 740 with Maryland tags EHV 614, Sept. 28, from the 8000 block of Mandan Road; and a gray 1995 Ford Explorer with Maryland tags M045753, Sept. 28, from the 4 Court of Crescent Road. A 1997 Mercury Marquis 4-door, reported stolen Sept. 18 from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, was recovered on Sept. 22 in Upper Marlboro by the Prince George's County police. No arrests were made.

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On the Road

by Nick Mydra

Monday September 4, Labor Day, the Labor Day Festival parade of 2000 was led by the Greenbelt Police Color Guard. As the Color Guard marched down Crescent Road the crowd stood at attention. A nice gesture that "Old Glory" doesn't always get. Next on the parade route was Leta Mach, "Outstanding Citizen," a well-deserved honor. The Greenbelt City Council led by Mayor Judith Davis was next. Councilmember Rodney Roberts with his Dalmatian could be found later, marching with Senator Paul Sarbanes. Councilmember Ed Putens had a "hitch in his gitty-up" due to a bad knee. Couldn't be too bad as his wife Becky was carrying his cane.

Tip of the Hat

Now an acknowledgment — A great big tip of the old hat to Linda Ivy, who was again in charge of the parade. To you and all who helped you — Great Job! As a matter of fact, a "well done" to any and all who had anything to do with making the 2000 Labor Day Festival a "good show."

What rain?

The Greenbelt Fire Department came next. Kimberly Carey, Little Miss Greenbelt 2000, Emily Ivy Junior Miss Greenbelt 2000, and Joanna Andrus Miss Greenbelt 2000 followed with last year's winner and all of this year's contestants on a float. Congratulations and nice try to one and all.

Police and politicians followed. In fact, if it weren't for the police/public safety units and politicians there wouldn't have been much of a parade.

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, with Sandra Lange in a 1965 Dodge was next. More community groups followed with the award winning 28-member Eleanor Roosevelt High School pom pom squad performing down the parade route. The school has an enrollment of over 3,000 students, one would think more ERHS organizations would be there — the parade missed you!

A clown, (aka) Dan Hamlin was next and put a smile on everyone's face — the parade could use a few more clowns — see you again next year, Dan. More politicians and police followed. Howard County police brought a 1957 Chevy police car complete with single gumball on top and curved radio antenna on the side. What a neat vehicle.

Jack Stanton, a stilt walker, delighted many as he overlooked the parade route, followed by the Girl Scouts of Greenbelt. More community and political units followed. Unicyclist and juggler Joanne Flynn showed she could walk and chew gum at the same time on her bike. Doug Love performing on a laptop computer was one of the members of Greenbelt.com. As usual, he was wearing his pith helmet with the propeller.

The Prince George's County police pipe band preceded Doug Love, et al, down the avenue. They gave it a wee bit of the Highland sound. It must be noted that they were the only musical organization in the whole parade. A couple of groups later an organization I had never heard of called Prince George's County Peace and Justice Caucus Sane/Freeze Chapter rolled by. They had a regulation-size Trident missile on a platform. It was an air-filled kind of fake missile and I



The Saint Hugh's CYO cheerleaders perform for the judges during the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. The girls on top are Devin Fendlay (front) and Eva Conners (back).

- photo by Sharon Natoli

Paraders Appreciate Sunshine, No Rain

by Judith Ransom Bell

Labor Day Monday arrived in Greenbelt with no rain accompanying it, and with a thankful sigh from all of the hard-working Labor Day Committee volunteers. The parade went off without a hitch, led by Outstanding Citizen Leta Mach, followed by the usual politicians, police (the mounted ones are always a treat), fire engines, community groups, and the ever-popular Miss Greenbelt contestants, including runners-up, and winners. These included 2000 Little Miss Greenbelt Kimberly Carey, Junior Miss Greenbelt Emily Ivy, and Miss Greenbelt Joanna Andrus.

Elected officials among those showing up for the parade included U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer, State Senator Leo Green, State Representatives Joan Pitkin, Mary Conroy, and James Hubbard, Prince George's County Councilmember Audrey Scott, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Greenbelt City Councilmembers Alan Turnbull, Thomas White, Edward Putens, and Rodney Roberts, and Bowie Mayor Fred Robinson.

Highlights included President of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum's Sandra Lange, elegantly attired in a red '40s dress (which she made), com-

plete with hat, gloves, and seamed nylons. Dan Hamlin, the Community Church pastor, was well turned-out in a clown costume, shuffling along and exhibiting that giveaway smile that helped the onlookers identify him.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Pom Pons gave a well-executed, high-stepping performance. The Laurel Area Square Dancers, however, lost some of their patrons along the way; but not to be deterred, they enlisted participants from the audience, great fill-ins for performing a square dance. The accomplished Prince George's County Police Pipe band was in fine form, as was unicyclist and juggler Joanne Flynn.

As always, the young people and children in the parade added spice and charm. Spotted were cowboys Jacob Evans and Logan Skinell, hanging out at the grandstand ranch, replete with masks and cap guns.

The parade ended with the Lion's Club Mobile Health Unit, which offered free sight and hearing screening services after the parade. Last but not least was the new street sweeper cleaning the road. (A comment was overheard among the bystanders that maybe that particular vehicle would have been better placed right after the mounted police.)

And so it goes, Labor Day 2000.



Joanne Klend - unicyclist.

- photo by Sharon Natoli



In step - Eleanor Roosevelt pom pom squad.

- photo by Leigh Catterton



A crowd gathers at the corner of Southway and Crescent Roads to watch the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

- photo by Sharon Natoli

was told that it was in the parade for "peaceful" purposes. More community and political units followed with the Greenbelt City Public Works' new street cleaner bringing up the rear of the parade. It is actually owned by College Park, New Carrollton, Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt. It was a perfect place for the street cleaner, it cleaned up after the parade as it swept down Crescent Road. Hope everyone enjoyed the parade.

Fewer Watchers?

Now if you'll allow me a few observations: First thing I noticed was the smaller number of people watching the parade. Am I getting old and feeble, or has the attendance of the Labor Day parade been declining the last few years?

Secondly, when I asked someone who has been involved with the parade how they liked this year's version, they said it had no flow, it was slow and jerky. Thirdly, when I mentioned to someone that removing the cars

from the parade route might be of help — they said that's exactly where they had parked, on the parade route. Fourthly, I wish it were music to my ears but there was only one musical unit in the parade. That's like

potato salad with no potatoes. Fifth, maybe a "sponsor" of huge proportions is needed to make it a truly great parade. Sixth, how about you ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, dogs and cats? Maybe you like it just the way it

is. Maybe you don't care one way or the other. Maybe you just don't care. Well?? That brings me to the last point. There were some familiar faces missing from this year's edition — how about next year?