# News Review

News Review Will Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Co-operative Publishing Association, Inc. publisher of the News Review, will be held on Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the newspaper office.

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## City Manager Recommends Buying Theater, Suggests It's Affordable

by Diane Oberg

Whether the city should acquire the theater in Roosevelt Center will be the topic of a public hearing at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18 in the Municipal

The opportunity for the city to acquire the theater arose because the owners of the two commercial buildings in Roosevelt Center have fallen behind on the payments for a 1991 special assessment. They now owe \$150,000 in missed payments and interest and have offered to allow the city to acquire the theater in exchange for forgiveness of that debt, plus a reduction in future payments. While the city and the owners have not reached agreement on the amount, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that "it is our understanding" that the owners are seeking a \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month reduction. (The amount is negotiable.) McLaughlin talked to the News Review about the proposal on September 27.

Although McLaughlin had initially recommended against purchasing the theater due to the city's tight budget, he has changed his recommendation based upon higher than expected city revenues. A late-August projection by City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams estimates that rev- ater, rather than have city staff

enues for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2001, will be almost \$300,000 more than shown in the adopted budget. Most of the increase comes from higher than expected income, admissions and amusements and hotel/motel taxes. McLaughlin cautions that most of the income tax increase will prove to be a one-time shot based upon state accounting practices, rather than an ongoing increase in the city's revenue sources. The \$300,000 easily covers the \$150,000 that would purchase the theater portion of the building. In addition, the reduction of monthly fees the owners are seeking and possible subsidies of the theater's operations can be afforded McLaughlin suggests. If the theater closed, the city would lose about \$12,000 of admissions and amusement taxes currently generated. Also, theater operator Paul Sanchez pays approximately \$18,000 in rent to the owner. These two figures equal most of the added costs the city might bear in operating expenses, according to McLaughlin.

Operations

If the city goes ahead with the purchase, McLaughlin and City Solicitor Robert Manzi recommend that the city contract with a theater operator to run the the-

attempt to assume this function. While the city has received inquiries as to whether the facility would be available for other uses, such as daytime training sessions or conferences, McLaughlin said that the city's primary objective, if it acquires the theater, would be to keep it operating as a movie theater. McLaughlin and Manzi recommended that the agreement be crafted so as to give the operator an incentive to make a profit, such as a profit -sharing provision once revenues exceed a specified

It is fairly rare for a city to own commercial property such as the theater, however, McLaughlin said that the city is not aware of any legal impediments. The public purpose served by city acquisition of the theater would be to keep the theater open as a movie theater and to maintain a viable Roosevelt Center. The efforts of the last couple of years in the "Save the Theatre" campaign have reinforced the idea that the theater adds both economic and social vitality to Roosevelt Center and makes an important contribution to the social fabric of the community. In the past, the owner has told council he might rent the theater space for other purposes, such as a dollar store.

Another issue not yet resolved See THEATRE, page 12

## How to Save the Greenbelt Theatre, FOGT Folks Ask

by Sabine Hentrich

"To buy or not to buy" was the overbearing question sparking most comments during the Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre [FOGT] meeting on October 5. President Kevin Denney distributed a handout from City Manager Michael McLaughlin concerning the city's "Consideration of Acquisition of Greenbelt Theater." Denney strongly encouraged everyone present to attend the public hearing on this issue at 7:30 p.m. on October 18 in the Community Center to show the city they care about their historic theater and would like the city to purchase it.

Denney stressed that he wants to bring up the theater's historic value during this hearing. The significance of its history is its most important quality, Denney kept reminding members.

Some FOGT members want to recommend that the city purchase the building complex and retain operator Paul Sanchez, current owner of the theater, who rents the facility from George Christacos, landlord of the

Roosevelt Center.

Sanchez told the organization that he has written the city asking for financial help. He mentioned that the fall has traditionally been the theater's worst season and that this year is no exception.

The current movie, "The Exorcist," for example, is not drawing the crowds he had hoped for. Conversely, Sanchez mentioned that the movie is doing well at other area theaters. Since the movie is a new re-release. Sanchez had to commit to the movie distributor to show it for several weeks, which he now is obligated to do even though it has not been popular in Old Greenbelt.

Sanchez estimates that the theater will need roughly \$8,000 to \$10,000 in outside help until the end of this year. He stressed again that he will be forced to close the theater by November 19 if it is not subsidized (or bought) by the city. "I am putting money into it every week." Sanchez said.

Publicity Manager Andrew Carruthers is currently composing See FOGT, page 8

## **Springhill Lake School** Serves a Lot of Needs

by Mary Moien

On a busy afternoon, Jan Reed, vice principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School, described the hustle and bustle of a large school serving students with a variety of needs. She was joined by veteran teachers Heather Forrest and Sara Rosen. The school includes local students from Springhill Lake apartments and Berwyn Heights as well as about one-quarter of the students who are bused in for varying reasons. The school includes a diagnostic wing for students with physical and/or learning problems. Springhill Lake is also the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) school

for the surrounding communities. The school continues to grow. Several years ago, it became so overcrowded that the sixth graders were transferred to Greenbelt Middle School. Now the enrollment is at 900. Reed indicated that the increase was so significant that the school system assigned four additional teachers, without waiting for the usual shifting of teachers in October. According to Reed, there are six full-day kindergartens each with more than 22 students, a number that had been recognized as the maximum size desired by Dr. Iris T. Metts, Prince George's County Schools superintendent. In addition, two new teachers are bilingual in Spanish.

ESOL

The number of international students at the school has also been growing. This has been attributed to the number of international doctoral candidates from

the University of Maryland who reside at Springhill Lake Apartments. The ESOL program is bursting at the seams with students speaking between 35 and 40 different languages and dialects. Springhill Lake has one of the most diverse ESOL programs in the county, according to Reed, and children from surrounding schools are sent to Springhill Lake Elementary School for the

Forrest and Rosen described a number of grant programs at the school. They have set up innovative programs in their classes that have become so successful that they are now sharing these programs with other county schools. One program involved taping the spelling lessons in the ESOL class so that the students could hear the pronunciation of the words. The teachers measured the results. They found an amazing improvement not only in spelling but in student confi-

Now they are working on a project to improve writing. They are using cards to prompt the students with transitional phrases that are used in talking and writing. The card might say "Once upon a time" to help students start a story. Rosen and Forrest have presented their research and findings at county "Teachers as Researchers" meetings.

The school is proud of its multicultural background. One of its most successful programs for parents and students is the annual festival held in October celebrating Hispanic Heritage

## **Robin Downs Is Acting Elections** Administrator for Prince George's

by Maria Piazzola

Acting Elections Administrator Robin Downs has been working up to 14 hours a day during this busy period before the general election managing the voter registry, overseeing voter education projects and implementing the innovative elections database she created to make the registration and vote tabulation processes more efficient.

Downs officially took over Robert J. Antonetti Sr.'s position at the Prince George's County Board of Elections on Sept. 1. The board will appoint an official elections administrator after the general election and Downs could be eligible for the position.

Downs has been with the board since May 1998, serving as Deputy to the Administrator until Antonetti's retirement.

#### Database

She says her biggest accomplishment during her time with the board has been creating and implementing a massive database containing detailed information about all 199 county polling places. The database gives judges and staff members quick access to the number of active registrants, polling machines and judges at each site as well as phone numbers and whether or

not a site is handicapped acces-

"I was so excited about creating this program," Downs said. "It cuts down on the staff's workload and centralizes everything we need for election day.'

Downs says the database will allow for quick communication between the board and election judges if a problem occurs, like a malfunctioning machine, on elec-

Downs and the rest of the board have a tight schedule this month. The deadline for voter registration is Oct. 13 at 9 p.m. Downs said it takes about a week to finish processing the voter information and print out voter authorization cards after this first deadline. The staff also has about 1,100 election judges that still must be trained, 100 machines that need to be programmed and sent to polling sites and telephone staff that need to be trained. Oct. 31 is the deadline for absentee ballot requests after which the additional voter information must be processed.

Ballots

As of Sept. 30, there were 393,353 voters registered in the county. The Board will mail out specimen ballots to all registered voters before the election, which

will include information about the 10 questions to appear on this year's ballot. Downs said there will be eight constitutional questions and two questions about lo-

Downs is also working with local schools on voter education projects for students. Recently many schools have called the board to request their help with their student government elections and mock elections. Downs said that she and the board try to mold their voter education programs toward what each school

See ELECTIONS, page 5

#### What Goes On

Sat., Oct. 14, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Schrom Fest at Schrom Hills Park

Mon., Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Vendor demonstration on playground materials, Municipal

8 p.m. Council work session II on playgrounds, Municipal

Wed., Oct. 18, 8 p.m. Public hearing on purchase of Old Greenbelt Theatre, Community

Thur., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton

## Letters

#### Litterbugs: Childish, Plain Bad Manners

I'd like to address a letter to the litter bugs. A good many people don't know this is unacceptable behavior. It may be what you grew up with, but now it's time to grow up. There are no bus boys in parking lots or shopping center courtyards. City workers are not paid to provide maid service to those too immature, feeble or lazy to clean up after themselves. Our tax dollars are high enough without wasting them on things responsible people do for themselves.

If the adults in your life set a poor example, or neglected to teach you to clean up after yourself, then it's time to teach yourself. Good manners and common sense are things it's never too late to learn and anyone can afford.

Kathleen Bucco



Mike Mercer photo courtesy of R. Ducharme

The Empty Store

Mike ran a shoe repair shop on Centerway for 18 years. August 31 he closed due to health and to change jobs.

He is now feeling good and looking 10 years younger.

I will miss him; so will other people and kids of Greenbelt.

Richard Ducharme

#### Corrections

Miss Greenbelt Joanna Andrus' trip to Italy with other Eleanor Roosevelt students included Pompeii. Her grandfather is retired from the U.S. Park Police. The News Review regrets the errors.

The email address given for Friends of Greenbelt Theatre publicity manager Andrew Carruthers in the August 24 News Review article "Friends Theatre Discuss Fundraising" was incorrect. Carruthers' correct email is andye@vidmon.com.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **OLD GREENBELT THEATRE** Week of October 13 Saving Grace R Fri. (5:20 @ \$4.00) 7:30, 9:40

Sat. (5:20 @ \$4.00) 7:30, 9:40 Sun. (5:20 @ \$4.00) 7:30 Mon.-Thurs. 7:30

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#### **Petition Causes Pain**

On Saturday, September 16, my 11-year-old son Jack was attacked by a neighbor's dog — a Tibetian Mastiff weighing more than 100 pounds. The dog was loose in its unfenced front yard and ran over to my son, knocking him down and biting him savagely. Jack was not on this neighbor's property, nor had he in any way - that day or ever - provoked this animal.

My son was badly injured before another neighbor, who witnessed the attack with both his sons, was able to kick the dog off. If he had not been there, Jack surely would have been killed. Luckily, he curled into a fetal position as the dog ripped into his flesh, so that his face and eyes were protected. His thigh, however, was deeply punctured and ripped down to the muscle. The owner then arrived and put the dog in her house, and it was shortly removed to county custody for the mandatory rabies quarantine. The owner now wants the dog released back to her. She has urged GHI residents to sign statements of support for her dog, so that it not be officially declared vicious and dealt with accordingly.

For those who signed the dog owner's petition — and especially to the owner of the dog - please know that you have added considerable emotional pain to a young boy's already significant physical injuries. We hope no one you love is ever attacked.

Margaret Zackowitz

### **Donation Drop-Off**

The October Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored with the American voter registration is Friday, Oc-Rescue Workers, will be held this tober 13. Saturday, October 14, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. un- campaign rally is scheduled for til noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, to 3 p.m., in the Student Center towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles of Prince George's Community and books. Donations will be used College. Hoyer for Congress by needy people in Prince George's can be reached at 301-856-0240, County and are tax-deductible.

the second Saturday of every month. paign office is 301-336-7788.

## Democratic Club

at 301-474-1052

in Greenbelt at 301-474-1914.

A county-wide Democratic Saturday, November 4, from 1 and the number for Congress-Remember, Donation Drop-Off is man Al Wynn's relection cam-

## **Schedules Events**

The Gov. Oden Bowie Democratic Club of Bowie and Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will combine their October meetings for a pre-election rally featuring Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD, 5). The event will be held on Friday, October 20, at 8 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbrian Community Building, at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt. Light refreshments will be served during a social hour following a question-and-answer

Hoyer will be welcomed by Tom Clabby, president of the Bowie club and Jim Inzeo, president of the Greenbelt club. The general public is invited. To arrange transportation for seniors or to receive additional information, interested persons should call Norman Martof, corresponding secretary of the Bowie club, at 301-464-3157 or Patricia Unger, corresponding secretary of the Greenbelt club,

Officers and members of both clubs are active in Prince George's Coordinated Campaign 2000. Coordinators are calling to schedule poll workers for the precincts of the 23rd Legislative District. Details are available from Lori Morris in Bowie at 301-805-4078 or Patricia Unger

Phone banks and other Gore-Lieberman campaign activities for the November 7 General Election are being coordinated for the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee by Natalie Veeney at 301-736-9590. The closing date for

#### Museum Notes

by Sandra Lange Swing Dances

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum will be holding its next swing dance Saturday, October 14, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Dance instruction begins at 8 p.m. An 8-piece live band, Three Martini Lunch, will play from 9 p.m. to midnight. There is a fee. A special \$3 discount is available for Greenbelt residents.

A Halloween Gala Swing Dance and pot luck dinner are planned for Saturday, October 28, at the Community Center, 8 p.m to midnight. This is a benefit fundraiser for the Greenbelt Museum and will feature a 14-piece live band, Difficult Run. Discount prices for Greenbelt residents will be in effect. Advance tickets will be available at the October 14 dance. Those who come in costume will receive a further discount. For more information on Sunday, October 22 from 10 about the swing dances, call Sandy Lange, 301-577-3686.

#### Docents Needed

The Greenbelt Museum needs docents to work on Sundays at the Museum at 10-B Crescent Road. Museum hours are 1-5 p.m. Volunteer docents work two-hour shifts usually once a month. This is an opportunity for Greenbelters to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for Greenbelt's history and cul- 474-4875, or Zelda, 301-345ture with visitors, many of whom 2640.

are city residents. Training is provided. Call Barbara Havekost, 301-474-6369, for more informa-

Matching Grant Funds Curator

FOGM was notified in August that it has received an award of \$21,000 from the Historical and Cultural Museum Grant Program, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, for the expansion of museum activities. Specifically, this is a matching grant which will fund the curator's position on a full-time basis. Both the City of Greenbelt and FOGM will provide matching

#### CCRIC to Clean Up Creek in City Park

The Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will clean up Beaver Dam Creek a.m. until people get tired. Come dressed to get wet. Children are welcome with parental supervi-

To get to the clean up site, take Crescent Road to Northway, Northway past Ridge Road on the unimproved road to Wolfe Field. Park in the parking lot and look for trail head signs.

For information call Pat, 301-

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

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000 Wednesday, October 18th at 8pm

Public Hearing on the Possible Acquisition of the Greenbelt Theater

Thursday, October 19th

2 & 6 p.m. "Prince George's County Council Commission 2000"

2:30 & 6:30 p.m. - "Replay of Public Hearing of 10/18

#### PUBLIC ACCESS-301-507-6581 Tuesday & Friday, October 17th & 20th

7:00 p.m. "Lamb of Orphans

7:30 p.m. "Comicon Animation" 8:00 p.m. "Your Medical Records"

8:30 p.m. "Public Safety"

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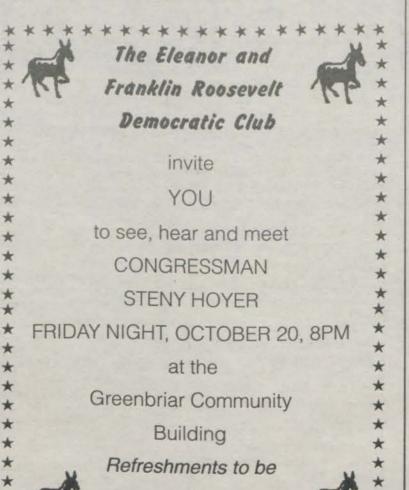
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served afterward

#### Senior Oktoberfest At Community Center

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting its third annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 20 in the Greenbelt Community Center gym from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bavarian and Austrian Dance Company will once again be providing the entertainment. Light refreshments, including hot apple cider, will be served. Enjoy the music, dancing, company and refreshments. There will be no "Explorations Unlimited" on October 20.

#### Poetry Plus Group Meets October 14

On Saturday, October 14 from 10:30 to noon at the Greenbelt Library, Poetry Plus, a discussion group, will read and discuss poems by World War I poets. The program is open to all. Those interested in participating may bring poems to be copied to share.

#### Loom Weaving to Be Taught at Schrom Fest

The public is invited to Schrom Fest to celebrate Greenbelt's 63rd year. The festival will be held at Schrom Hills Park October 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park, home of two of the largest and grandest trees in Prince George's County, will be the backdrop for a family-style fall festival. Elizabeth Morisette, artist in residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, will host an activity where children may weave among the park's trees.

Children may drop in for this activity, where they will have an opportunity to learn the basics of loom weaving. They will learn that warp is the yarn arranged lengthwise on a loom, and that it is crossed by the weft. In this project, yarn provided by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) will be used for the warp. Recycled materials such as plastic bags and natural materials such as sticks will be used for the weft.

Children will be encouraged to use their imagination with Morisette, who has worked creatively with children in a number of places. She worked at Peace Camp in North Carolina and was manager and the production assistant at Creative Kids Camp in Greenbelt in the summers of 1999 and 2000. Morisette has also worked with children on a smaller but similar weaving project in Spring Camp at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Speaking from past experience, Morisette observes that some children will take the weaving seriously while others will have fun just playing with the yarn. Both ways of participating are okay.

The event is free and people of all ages are welcome. For more information contact Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-474-8000 ext. 107. This program is sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation.

#### **FOGT Seeks** Contributions

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) is soliciting contributions to help keep the theater open through the end of the year. Checks made to the City of Greenbelt with FOGT written on the memo line may be mailed to FOGT c/o Recreation Department, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

## **Community Events**

#### **GHI Notes**

There will be a communitywide marketing open house on Sunday, October 15 from 12:30

The new member social/picnic will be held rain or shine at the administration building on Sunday, October 15 at 3:30 p.m.

The Nominations & Elections Committee will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI library.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room. Members are encouraged to attend.

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

#### Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the October 4 meeting. Florence Holly led members in prayer and read a poem, "That Little Word, If," author unknown.

Ellie Rimar, membership chair, welcomed new member Tom McAndrew. Betty Petroff, sunshine chair, sent notes of cheer to Pat Parker, Margaret Kivlin, Norma Van Allen and Betty Brooks. Ima Davis announced that her husband Don is having neck surgery again and asked members to keep him in their

The group was saddened to hear of the death of Joan Jett. Bunny Fitzgerald announced that there will be a memorial service for Joan at the Greenbelt Community Church, October 14 at 2

Travel Committee member Pearl Siegel announced that seats are available for the October 17 Rockvale trip for non-members, and seats are still open to members for the November 14 Wilmington, Delaware trip. If interested, contact the Travel

#### Free Concert Held At Roosevelt Center

The New Deal Cafe, Greenbelt's non-profit, cooperative cafe and coffeehouse, will present a free concert Saturday, October 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., at the Roosevelt Center.

Featured groups will be Tin Children's Programs Smith, Chuck Durfor, Baby Boomers, Ilyaimy, Dixie Cannonballs, followed by Gina DeSimone cial guest Izolda Tractenberg in the Cafe.

For further information, call the cafe at 301-474-5642.

#### Writers Group Meets

Poets, essayists, journal writers, playwrights, and other writers and interested citizens can read their original works, or come listen to others at the Greenbelt Writer's Open Reading, Friday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Classroom in the Community Center.

Poets get five minutes, fiction and nonfiction readers get 10. All are welcome to come read or merely to listen.

For further information, call Marsha Barrett at 301-982-0365 or check out the group's web site at: http://www.geocities.com/So/Ho/ Workshop/5620/.

Karen Haseley announced there will be no Explorations Friday, October 20. Instead she urged members to come and enjoy an "Oktoberfest" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym. The Bavarian and Austrian Dance Company will perform and

The speaker at the October 11 meeting was Scott LeGendre, whose topic was "The Asian Longhorn Eradication Program."

A Halloween/birthday party will take place on October 18, and on October 25. Crissy Shellwood, Verizon representative, will speak on "Telephone Billing."

#### La Leche League Meets Tuesday

The La Leche League will meet Tuesday, October 17, at 10 a.m. in Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The meeting topic is "Baby's Changing Needs." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend and babies are welcome. For more information, call Mary at 301-345-4589.

## At the Library

Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m. -Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, October 19, 10:15 and Swish, Pan, Zoom, with spe- a.m. - Trick 'em and Treat 'em for ages 3 to 5. A costume parade, Halloween story time and other treats.

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2 p.m., Adult Book Discussion featuring Lee Smith's "Fair and Tender Ladies."

#### Al-Anon Group Changes Time

The Greenbelt Friday night Al-Anon group is changing its starting time as of November 3 to 8 p.m. (Until then it will continue to start at 8:30 p.m.) The meeting place is Mowatt United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road (on the second floor).

#### Dog Show Benefits Fire Department

To benefit the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, an AKC Canine Good Citizen Test and Pet/Owner Photos will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a fee.

The event is open to all dogs, mixed breeds welcome, with county registration and proof of rabies shots. The Fire Department is located at 125 Crescent Road. Call 301-345-6999 for further information.



# Greek Folk Dancing Open House

Hosted by the Greek Folk Dancers of Greenbelt

Sunday, October 15th 4:30pm - 6:30pm



- \* FREE Admission \*
- \* No partner required \* (Dances are primarly line dances)
  - \* Beginners welcome \* (Simple instruction provided)
- \* Bring a snack to share during the break \*

This is a perfect opportunity to try the class before paying to join. Class meets every Sunday from 4:30p - 6:30p in the Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio. Class runs 8 weeks and is \$32/person. For information, call 301/397-2208.

## **OBITUARIES**

#### Irma R. Edmunds

Former Greenbelter Irma R. Edmunds, 91, died of congestive heart failure on September 18, 2000 at The Lincoln Home in Newcastle, Maine. She had lived at The Lincoln Home for the past eight years, after living six years at Franklin School Apartments for Seniors in Damariscotte, ME.

Mrs. Edmunds was born in Ironton, Ohio, December 6, 1908. She graduated from Ashland Senior High School in Ashland Kentucky before coming to the Washington area in 1928. She attended Boyd Business School in Washington, D.C. and worked at the Globe Distributing Company in Washington until her marriage March 10, 1936 to George Storm Edmunds.



Irma Edmunds

The Edmunds family moved to 27-A Ridge Road in the "new town" of Greenbelt in May, 1940.

Mrs. Edmunds worked in the cafeteria at Greenbelt Center Elementary School before going on to manage the cafeteria at Greenbelt High School (which later became Greenbelt Junior High School and now Greenbelt Middle School). She was the first cafeteria manager when High Point High School opened in Beltsville in 1955. She remained at High Point for many years before leaving to be employed at ERCO in Riverdale.

The family vacationed in the Pemaquid area in Maine for many years. When her husband retired, the family moved to a new home on the Pemaguid Trail. Mr. Edmunds entered the ministry at this time. Mrs. Edmunds worked at the gift shop at the Pemaquid Lighthouse in addition to caring for her home and children.

Mrs. Edmunds was a life member and Past Matron of Areme Chapter, #10, O.E.S. (Order of the Eastern Star), now merged with Federal Chapter #38, O.E.S. in Washington, D.C. She was also a choice. member of the Pemaquid Chapter, NSDAR and the Oakley-Sidney Methodist Church in Maine.

Mrs. Edmunds volunteered at her churches, the PTAs, Scout groups, Little League, and other activities in which her children were involved. She was also a caring neighbor who visited and helped her neighbors.

While in this area, Mrs. Edmunds attended National City Christian Church and sang in the choir there, Mt. Rainier Christian Church, Greenbelt Community Church and University Christian Church. She always said she had a special place in her heart for Greenbelt.

Her survivors include a son, Robert (Robin) H. Edmunds III and wife Janice of Nobleboro, Maine; daughters Georgene Turner and husband James of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Nancy Pelton and husband Henry of Boothbay, Maine; niece Kathleen

#### **MADD Will Dedicate** Memorial Grove

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), in cooperation with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is establishing a memorial grove to honor those who have been injured or killed in alcohol-related

The ceremony will take place at the Glenn Dale Community Center on Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m. Activities will include a live band, complimentary refreshments, door prizes, and Maryland State Police van. A tree will be planted, and photographs of victims will be tied to the tree branches with ribbons.

A dedication ceremony will take place with speaker, Dr. Gaynell Colburn.

Anyone interested in donating a photograph or purchasing a tree in memory of someone injured or should call Gail Siegel at 301-970-8111. The purchase of a tree is not a pre-requisite for the inclusion of a victim photograph or attendance at the event.

#### Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Irma Edmunds.

Dr. Charles Hendrickson was one of 10 educators, military personnel and local public officials to participate in a recent mission to Estonia. The mission was a part of the Maryland National Guard's state partnership to this Baltic nation. Dr. Hendrickson is an assistant professor of Information Technology at Prince George's Community College. The military relationship with Estonia dates back to 1993. However, the cooperation between Maryland and Estonia has broadened to the areas of education, economic development, cultural exchanges, and city-to-city relationships. The higher education partnership was launched in

Adams, Pennsylvania; nephew, Harold (Hank) March, Beltsville, 11 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren. Also she had many longtime friends in this area and elsewhere. Her husband died on June 3, 1978 while on a pastoral exchange trip to West Germany. Her son Frank died in 1967 while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.

A memorial service was held in Maine. Interment was private. The family requests that memorial donations be made to The Lincoln Home, 22 River Road, Newcastle, ME 04553 or to a charity of one's

#### **Church Removes** Hemlock Hedge

A local landmark is gone. On Saturday, October 7 the evergreen tree hedge next to the Greenbelt Community Church was taken out by some of the members of the church. Most of the hemlock trees were dead or dying. An insect pest that is attacking hemlock trees throughout the region was killing the trees.

People passing by on Hillside Road and Crescent Road will remember this row of evergreen trees was a fine sight when the trees were healthy, which they were as recently as a few years ago. But then the trees nearest to the church driveway began dying and soon more and more trees were affected. This hedge was one of the best examples in the city of the low key, but positive impact a hedge or group of plants of all the same type can have on a yard or piece of prop-

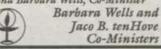
The hemlock trees were planted killed in an alcohol-related crash soon after the church was built in 1949. Several years ago care was taken when the city installed a sidewalk between the hedge and Hillside

> Each tree was removed by wrapping a chain around the trunk and attaching the chain to a pick-up truck, which pulled the tree out of the ground. It took about three hours to remove the hedge. There are no immediate plans about whether to install another hedge.

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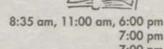
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7:00 pm "Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ" Russian Baptist Pastor Speaks Here

the Good News Church of Moscow, will be speaking in both the 8:35 and 11 a.m. morning worship services of the Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday, October 15. The Greenbelt church has entered into a partnership with the Moscow church under the auspices of the "Capital to Capital" partnership between the DC Baptist Convention and the Association of Baptists in Moscow. Currently the partnership consists of Greenbelt Baptist giving monthly financial support to help the church in Moscow weather the turbulent Russian

The Good News Church was founded in 1992 after the fall of the Soviet Union and a preaching mission held by Billy Graham. The Good News Church now has a regular attendance of around 200, with 150 members, and five preachers. Baptist worship in Russia usually features two sermons. The Good News Church, which is very active, has sponsored many athletic activities in order to reach the young people of their region of Mos-

Mark Johnson, pastor of the Greenbelt Church, went to Mos-

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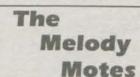
Municipal Building

10 A.M.

Mikhail Chekalin, pastor of cow in April with a delegation from the DC Baptist Convention to enter into a partnership with Baptists in Moscow. He said, "I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity one day to preach in Moscow. It's exciting to see how doors of opportunity are opening in a society that had once been closed." During Chekalin's stay in the United States, he will be meeting with groups in Nashville and Atlanta, who are also involved in ministry

> Pastor Chekalin will also participate in a question and answer session following the church's 47th anniversary supper, Sunday evening at 6 p.m. One of the items that Chekalin will discuss with leaders of the Greenbelt Baptist Church is plans for a team to go from Greenbelt to Moscow next summer. The public is invited to attend. Call 301-474-4212 for more information.

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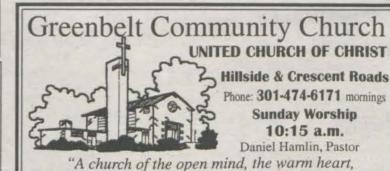
Saturday October 28 at 7PM Greenbelt Community Center Multi-purpose room

- The public is welcome --- There is no admission charge --

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

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



#### MASS SCHEDULE:

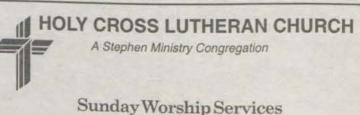
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### ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR

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wants." At Oakcrest Middle School, she is helping the school conduct their student government elections like a real election including setting up a pollroom and appointing election judges. She is also visiting other schools to explain the voter registration and election process to students.

Voting

"If you start voting at a young age, most people will continue to vote out of either interest or tradition," Downs said. "I started voting as soon as I was eligible to register and, of course, I've been voting ever since."

Downs received her bachelor's degree in administration from Sojourner Douglass College in Baltimore in 1997, where she was both class president and salutatorian of her graduating class. In October 1979 she started working at the State Administrative Board of Elections where she worked her way up from office assistant to Adminstrator 1, responsible for all fiscal and accounting aspects of the agency. From August 1997 to May 1998, she worked as a Budget Analyst for the Department of Budget and Management where she established spending parameters for assigned agencies, reviewed legislation and studied the budgets and spending of agencies to ensure efficiency and compliance with fiscal policies.

Downs is currently seeking a master's degree in public administration from Bowie State University.

Downs, 38, has lived in Upper Marlboro for five years. She was born and raised in Davidsonville. She is the Treasurer of the Maryland Association of Election Officials and is involved in various community organizations. She says she is most passionate about

her involvement with the Interfaith Christian Ministries, through which she participates in a choir that performs benefit concerts and upholds a scholarship fund.

Technology

Downs has been a major player in integrating computers and technology in the county's election process. She hopes to help change the current registration system to a statewide voter registration system to create uniformity and end the need to reregister when one moves within the state. "I want people to know that I'm committed to moving the PG Board of Elections into the 21st century."

The Board itself is made up of five members and three alternates who are appointed by the governor with Senate consent to four-year terms. Current members are: President Bobbie Sue Mack (D), Vice President Terry H. Schuette (D), Acting Elections Administrator Robin Downs (D), Charles C. Deegan (R), Patrice Little Murray (D), Carl R. Ruble (D) and alternates whose terms expire in 2003 Gwendolyn T. Britt (D), S. John DiStefano (R) and Lester W. Jones (D).

Deadlines for the 2000 Election are as follows:

Oct. 13-Last Day to Register Before General Election 9 p.m.

\*deadline for elderly or handicapped voters to apply for reassignment to an accessible polling

\*deadline for receipt of applications for voting in General Election under Overseas Voting Rights Act

Oct. 31-Deadline for receipt of Non-Emergency Absentee Ballot Applications by Local Boards for General Election

Nov. 1-7-Period for receipt of Emergency Absentee Ballot Applications by Local Boards - 8

Nov. 7-GENERAL ELEC-TION - Polls open 7 a.m. - 8

#### **New Concert Series Features Rodriguez**

by Konrad E. Herling

University of Maryland Professor and internationally renowned concert pianist Santiago Rodriguez will be giving the citizens of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt area a benefit concert on Saturday, November 18, 8 p.m., at Eleanor Roosevelt High School The concert will raise money for the Greenbelt Arts Center, the American Cancer Society, and the Greenbelt Baseball Cal Ripken League. This concert will be the first of a series dedicated to Albert Herling who, among his life experiences, was enriched by Rodriguez's teaching. While the series will provide opportunity to raise funds for the arts and other worthy causes and organizations, its other important mission will be to provide an opportunity for young piano artists to perform before an appreciative community of supporters of the arts, giving the prospective performers both valuable experience and expo-

The concert continues a tradition begun by Herling, who donated three performances of his own to raise funds for organizations or purposes in which he

**Annual Meeting** 

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FOR THE ARTS

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000

at 7:30 p.m.

**Greenbelt Community Center** 

Agenda: Election of Board Members,

Grant Proposals, Fund-raising.

Meeting is open to members and

to all interested citizens.

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Arts Center Play about Dr. Faustus

by Konrad E. Herling

Gretchen Jacobs, director of Christopher Marlowe's "The Historical Tragedy of Doctor Faustus," is excited about bringing this Elizabethan tale to Greenbelt. In an era when Americans look at what traits it takes to be a "survivor," or the smarts to win a million dollars, what would anyone do if given another couple of decades of life? With special powers, would one use these to the good of one's community or mankind

deeply believed: the Greenbelt Arts Center, the University of Maryland Scholarship Fund and the Prince George's County Arts Council (which he founded in 1980). It should be easy to keep this aspect of the series going, as there is no dearth of worthy organizations and purposes to which Greenbelters are dedicated. The evening's program will be forthcoming in subsequent issues of this paper. To reserve tickets and to find out more information, call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770

With such intriguing questions, prospective audiences might anticipate a deadly serious play. But Christy Mylka, who plays the "good angel" and paramour of Alexander the Great, as well as her colleagues, all agreed that "you'd be surprised at how really funny parts of the play are." There are elements of slapstick, as Faustus pokes fun at powerful figures of church and state of that period. Gregory Briar, who plays "Faustus" and is pleased to have the chance to be involved in an Elizabethan period play written by someone other than Shakespeare, spoke of the wonderful poetry that draws the audience into the manipulative, plotting mind of Faustus. But despite the theological and philosophical questions which the play develops, the cast appeared to be unanimous in their opinion that humor is an integral ingredient to this interesting mix.

The play opens Friday, October 20 and runs Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. through November 11. There are also two Sunday matinee performances, October 30 and November 5 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center. For reservations and additional information,

call 301-441-8770.



#### PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 19, 2000 **GHI Board Room** 

#### **Key Agenda Items**

- a) Requests for Exceptions (3)
  - 6R Ridge Road Addition
  - 13D Ridge Road Addition
  - 12M Ridge Road Fence
- b) 2001 Proposed Budget
- c) Vehicle Purchase Panel Van
- d) Fall Concrete Program 2nd Reading
- e) Self Storage Feasibility Study

Regular Board meetings are open to members.



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### PLAN TO UPGRADE THE CITY'S

#### PLAYGROUNDS

The second City Council work session on upgrading the playgrounds will be held Monday, October 16, 2000, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Prior to the work session, from 7-8 p.m., at the same location, a Playground Equipment Vendors Information Display will be presented and is open to the public. Representatives from playground equipment vendors will be on hand to show product samples and to discuss design, safety, and surfacing applications. For more information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301/474-3870 or kgallagh@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

## 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.

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#### FOGT

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FOGT's official proposal to the city, which he will present during the public hearing.

Fund-Raising Ideas

Carruthers and others also discussed what FOGT can do to increase the theater's publicity and raise much needed funds in the future. He plans to join the League of Historic American Theaters for help with funding and marketing.

The most popular idea came from Jorge Bernardo, who suggested holding a "Filmathon" (similar to a Walkathon) to raise funds and awareness of the imposing closure of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Bernardo proposed hold-

ing the event on November 18 — a day before it might shut its doors.

Some members wanted the movie to be a classic; others said that it would not matter which movie is shown since many sponsors might not actually watch it. Both Denney and Sanchez liked the idea and thought about showing "All Quiet on the Western Front" to honor Veteran's Day, which occurs during the prior week.

Other publicity and fund-raising ideas included the expansion of newspaper advertisements. "The Diamondback," the University of Maryland's student newspaper, as

well as the "Bowie Blade," Bowie's community newspaper, were suggested as good locations to advertise the theater.

Another suggestion centered on the distribution of a small flyer in local apartment complexes about which movies will run during the next weeks. Member Susan Jones said she believes that many Greenbelt apartment dwellers are not aware that the theater exists.

Lastly, FOGT members discussed the progress on their becoming a not-for-profit organization. Virginia Moryadas read her report on the subject which concludes that as of now FOGT is not an official organization recognized by the State of Maryland. One reason is that the group does not have its own bank account. So far, donation checks are made out to the City of Greenbelt.

In order to become an organization, Moryadas recommended founding an interim board of directors as soon as possible with the obligation to develop bylaws. Bylaws must be approved by the State and eventually by the IRS (which handles not-for-profit status). After the bylaws are written, she said, an official board would be voted into office.

Currently, the following FOGT members volunteered to function as an interim board: Andrew Carruthers, Kevin Denney, Virginia Moryadas, Dennis Jelalian, Susan Jones, Yvette King, Eileen Peterson, Ed Sabeol, and Bill Yancey. Carruthers reported that he is in touch with attorney Kelby Brick who will serve as the organization's attorney.

The next FOGT meeting is scheduled for October 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Anyone interested in the theater's future is urged to attend that meeting, as well as the public hearing

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Thefts from vehicles were re-

Strong-Armed Robbery

Roosevelt Center, Oct. 2, 7:40 p.m., a man was walking down the sidewalk when he was approached by another man, who forced him to the Drive. ground and removed money from his pockets. The robber then got into a vehicle and fled. An arrest warrant was obtained charging a 19-year-old resident. The warrant was turned over to the Prince George's County sheriff's department for service.

Burglary and Theft

Bennigan's at Beltway Plaza, Sept. 29, 6:35 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from a table.

One Price clothing store in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road, Oct. 1, 11:08 a.m., money and checks were taken. The method of entry is unknown

6000 block of Greenbelt Road, Oct. 2, 4:30 p.m., an orange Murray 20" bicycle and a black and gold Mongoose 26" bicycle were taken. Both bikes were secured to a tree.

7200 block of Mandan Road, Oct. 2, 9:11 p.m., a delivered package was removed from the doorstep of a residence. Some of the package's contents were recovered

Trespassing

9200 block of Springhill Lane, Sept. 29, 11:50 p.m., a 16-year-old resident was arrested for trespassing and false statement. Officers responding to a report of a tampering in progress observed the youth leaving the area with two adults. Investigation revealed that the youth had been banned from the area by agents of the property. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

#### Vandalism

7800 block of Somerset Court, Oct. 2, 7:58 p.m., someone threw a rock through the kitchen window of a residence.

6100 block of Springhill Terrace and 6200 block of Springhill Court, Oct. 2, between 8 and 9:30 p.m., someone threw rocks through two apartment windows.

7400 block of Frankfort Drive, Oct. 5, 10:12 a.m., the Windsor Green entrance sign was spraypainted.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a four-door 1993 Mercury Sable, Sept. 30, from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane: a gold four-door 1996 Honda Accord with Maryland tags GGE 022, Oct. 4, from the 9100 block of Breezewood Drive; a gray 1992 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags M445647, Oct. 5, from the



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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Public Works Facility -Proposed Addition
- 5. Preliminary Plat of Subdivision - A. H. Smith Property (Tentative)

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150 to 160 lbs., wearing a white T-shirt with "SD 01-01-

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Suspects approached victim as he was walking across

bridge. Suspect #2 displayed handgun and announced

number. Both suspects then fled the area. A short time

Anyone with information should contact Det. M. Triesky

#71, Criminal Investigations Unit, (301) 507-6530. Refer

robbery. Suspect #1 forced victim to give ATM card

later, currency was removed from ATM machine.

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2000," small scar on forehead.

Roosevelt Center are working. On September 28, the Greenbelt Police received a report from a merchant concerning vandalism to one of the new umbrellas. The dispatcher was able to verify this information on the monitor, and the person responsible was arrested and charged with a crime. Videotapes from security cameras can be used as evidence in court proceedings.

Citizens have been pleased with the renovated Roosevelt Center and city officials appreciate the cooperation and support of merchants, patrons and other

Security Cameras At Center Working users of the area. Everyone enjoys the new furnishings and gathering spaces and all are dismayed when others act irresponsibly. Those who commit acts of vandalism are liable for court action, as room at Glenarden Woods Elementhis recent episode makes clear.

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#### **PGTAG Meets**

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Superintendent Dr. Iris Metts and members of the Talented and Gifted Program Central Office staff will attend. There will be an opportunity to break into small groups for discussion with TAG office staff.

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#### NOTICES

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#### Mental Health Report Subject of Meeting

An overview and discussion of the Surgeon General's report on mental health is planned for the Thursday, October 19 meeting of the Prince George's County Alliance for the Mentally Ill. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the County Police Community Resource Center in Landover Mall, just inside Promenade 3. The mall is at Landover and Brightseat Roads.



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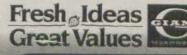


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#### THEATRE

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is whether the city would attempt to exert any control over the operation of the theater, such as the types of films shown. McLaughlin said that in the scenario most often discussed, there would be some involvement, though more in an overall operations level (such as requiring a certain number of film festivals) than the details of specific films.

As of September 27, the city had not yet had substantive discussions with the present operator, Paul Sanchez, or any other theater operator. Currently, Sanchez owns the theater equipment and interior furnishings (such as the seats). McLaughlin said that he did not yet know if the city would have to pay for use of equipment and furnishings, although he added, "I hope not."

Sanchez has posted a notice that the theater's last show could be on November 19. When asked if a deal must be in place by then to avoid a closure, McLaughlin again hoped the answer is no. He said that Sanchez had earlier told council he needed roughly \$10,000 to \$15,000 to keep the theater open for the remainder of the year. According to Sanchez, the funds raised by Friends of the Greenbelt Theater account for almost all of the theater's profits this year.

If the city is to take over the theater, it would have a strong incentive to keep it open until the deal is complete. According to McLaughlin, if the theater stays open as a theater, the city would not have to immediately bring the building up to code. Although the city would need to renovate the theater, it will have time to seek grant funds for that purpose.

#### The Building

Still unresolved, however, is the issue of whether the city can actually acquire just the theater. In a May 10 report Supervisory Inspector James Sterling, said that "It appears... the City cannot purchase just the theater, as its floor plan exists today... The city may have to purchase the whole fire area the theater is enclosed within, which is still not determined at this time." Sterling said that currently, the entire section of stores from the dry cleaners to Beijing to Pleasant Touch are listed as one building.

At minimum, the city will likely have to construct one or more fire walls to establish the theater, and possibly some adjacent property, as a separate fire area.

While McLaughlin's September 7 memorandum to council recommending acquisition noted that the property would become tax exempt if acquired by the city, he told the News Review that it is too early to say how that would affect the theater's payments. He noted that other properties, such as Green Ridge House, pay the city a fee in lieu of property tax. He expected that the theater would continue to pay admissions and amusements

#### Special Assessment

In 1991, the City of Greenbelt entered into a special assessment agreement with George and Lisa Christacos, owners of two of the original commercial buildings in the Center. The purpose of the special assessment was to provide financing for the renovation of their buildings, since the city could finance the work at a lower cost than private financing. In return, the Christacoses borrowed a larger amount of money than was necessary for their work and used the extra funds to assist the city in reconstructing the city-owned parking areas serving the shopping

This arrangement proceeded satisfactorily until 1997. At that time, the monthly payment for the special assessment was to increase. The Christacoses did not increase their payment, and further, stopped all payments during 1999. The city worked to resolve this situation, but ultimately was unable to, and last year, began legal proceedings to recover the missed payments. In response to the city's actions, the Christacoses through their attorney have indicated a willingness to sell the theater to

#### History

Originally, as well as now, the Center contained services that were useful in people's daily lives, as well as the movie theater. As with the recreation facilities that were included in the original community by the government and the planners, a theater contributed to the social/entertainment facet of people's lives. It reinforced the "quality of life" that the planners were trying to create in this new

While successful for many years, over the last 20 the theater has struggled. It has gone through different movie operators, has served as a performing arts center and has also had a dark period. Since 1991, the

#### **Drop-in-Arts Group Seeks Crafts Work**

Young people between the ages sual Arts. During October and Greenbelt Association for the Vi- Simon, 301-474-2192.

of 11 and 18 who are interested in November directors of the program art are encouraged to stop by will be organizing work for sale at Thursdays from 4 to 7 p.m. at the the Festival of Lights Crafts Show

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of the Capital Beltway, fond or otherwise, and would like to have them reached by email at kumquat@ recorded for posterity are asked to submit them to Jeremy Korr, a graduate student at the University of Maryland. Korr is doing his doctoral thesis for the Department of American Studies on the social history of the Capital Beltway. He intends to draw especially on individual people's experiences, memories and opinions. Readers who wish to participate can submit their contributions to Korr's website at http://

theater has been operated by Paul Sanchez. His involvement returned the theater to a movie theater use, which has been well received by the community. However, now for a number of years, Sanchez has indicated that he has not made any money operating the theater and has indicated twice that he may have to cease operation.

Readers who have remembrances www.wam.umd.edu/~kumquat/ beltway.html. He can also be warn.umd.edu or phone at 301-405-

Greenbelt Community Center for in early December. They are interthe Youth Art Drop-In Open Studio ested in all sorts of crafts and art. program conducted by the For more information, call Barbara

#### phony No. 25 in G Minor." For more information call 301-226-6166. Donations will be accepted at the door.

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