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Local Historic District Status: APB and Staff Raise Questions

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council recently reviewed two reports relating to the establishment of a local historic district that raised a number of issues about the city doing so. Faced with options ranging from proceeding immediately to become a district to declining to become one, the council decided on February 11 to defer action and requested staff to do further study (see February 21 issue).

The proposal to become a local historic district originated with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) after an ad hoc Historic District Committee did a lengthy study and recommended that a local historic district be approved. Such a district would add further controls on how property within the district could be used or altered. It also could provide tax benefits to GHI if the cooperative performs maintenance and improvement work that conforms to the guidelines.

A mail referendum following two membership meetings in April 1999 resulted in 492 of the nearly 1600 members in the cooperative voting for becoming a district. Although less than half the members voted on the referendum, those that did voted for

the district by a two-to-one margin.

Original Greenbelt including GHI, built by the federal government as a model-planned community, already on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Historic Landmark. While this designation is prestigious, and impacts upon the administering of federal grants, it results in little regulatory control over what building activity goes on within the historic district. Local designation as an historic district is done by Prince George's County, which has authority to regulate building and zoning in Greenbelt. Building permits for structures in a local historic district are subject to another layer of review in the approval process by an historic preservation staff and a county historic preservation commission. This review is to determine if the proposed work is consistent with county guidelines for preserving and maintaining the historic buildings in a manner consistent with their original appearance.

The ad hoc GHI committee, working with county staff, developed guidelines for GHI. The GHI Board of Directors referred the results of its membership vote and the draft guidelines to the

city council. (The board has never taken a position on becoming an historic district.)

More than GHI

Because of many other planning and development issues needing to be addressed by city staff in a more immediate fashion, it is only recently that staff and the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) submitted comments to the council on becoming a local historic district. These reports detailed problems that would result from adopting the draft guidelines. The biggest problem found was that the guidelines were tailored toward building modifications of the GHI homes, but the area proposed for the district, the same area as is included in the National Register Historic District with the exception of new homes on Research Road, includes and would affect property not a part of GHI which never participated in the decision-making process. The proposed district includes the commercial buildings in Roosevelt Center, apartment buildings on Crescent and Parkway, homes on Forestway and many city buildings, parks and open space.

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Black Photographers Star In Documentary Lecture

by Virginia Beauchamp

A new window into the social history of the New Deal era was opened on February 28 when Dr. Nicholas Natanson, archivist in the Still Pictures Branch of the National Archives, spoke to an audience of about fifty on "Black Documentary Photographers in New Deal and Wartime America." Illustrating his lecture, Natanson showed slides of a large number of vintage photographs in the Archives collection, many of which have not been generally known or reproduced.

The public lecture, which was held in the Greenbelt Library, was sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum as one of a continuing series of exhibits and other events organized in recent years by the museum staff and funded by grants from the Maryland Humanities Council. It was a special feature of Black History Month.

Sadly, no African-Americans were present in the audience for an illuminating and discerning presentation, fully titled "Rediscovering and Redefining the Landscape of Racial Representation." In particular, it featured works by Robert McNeill and Roger Smith, who worked as

New Deal and Office of War Information photographers in the 1930s and 40s, with McNeill continuing as a State Department photographer into the 60s.

In characterizing the work of these and other black photographers, Natanson explored the theme of "insider/ outsider" as he defined their achievements. He began with historically stereotypical views of black Americans at that time — for example, the watermelon eater, the "noble primitive," or the black victim; or, on the other hand, the propaganda view of what Natanson called the "transformed black" within a New Deal housing authority property. (The latter views were rather like the staged presentations of happy working class white Americans in their Greenbelt homes seen in the halls of the Community Center.)

In contrast, McNeill focused in particular on people at work, viewing them respectfully in their true and usually arduous work situations - as crab pickers, miners, tobacco hogshead rollers - or sometimes as non-working, Depression era groups, perhaps at a

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Center Area a "Public Forum" City Attorney Advises Council

by Barbara Young

City Attorney Robert Manzi told city council at its regular meeting, February 25, that he was opposed to further consideration of the use of injunctions or restraining orders to deal with consistently unruly people in Roosevelt Center. "You cannot enjoin the breaking of a law before it is broken," he noted. He pointed out that it is unlikely such a remedy would be granted. Also, Roosevelt Center is public property.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked about the difference between dealing with unruly behavior in the Center and dealing with it at the Springhill Lake Youth Center. "The [Roosevelt Center] property is serving as access to businesses," Manzi replied. He said if the Center were indoors, it would be a different situation, but as matters stand, the Center area is "a public forum."

Mayor Judith Davis noted that the great majority of complaints include the matter of "foul language." She cautioned City Manager Michael McLaughlin that complaints may increase with ever warmer spring weather. She would like the Youth Forum reactivated, she said. Council-

member Alan Turnbull reminded that foul language "is not the only irritant - there is littering, destruction of property and spitting . . ."

Legislation

With respect to revising procedures for appeals and grievances by city employees, another item on the meeting agenda, Manzi said, "Basically, we're cleaning up the language in the city ordinance to make it clear where there would be the right to appeal." An ordinance to repeal and reenact Article VI of Chapter 13 of the City Code was deferred to a future meeting. However, two related resolutions calling for charter amendments were passed on second reading, with Councilmember Edward Putens voting "No." He pointed out that an employee grievance or suspension or demotion can be financially harmful to the city and said he feels the council should have "the right of redress" in such cases.

Legion USO Benefit

Past Commander Carl Dettinger of the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 described the USO benefit the Legion is planning for Friday, June 14, in

the Marriott Grand Ballroom and introduced members of the benefit committee. He said that while the Legion needs sponsors and donations, it is not asking for city funds but, rather, for city partnership to allow for media access and use of the city logo. Roberts moved council approval of a request that the city be an honorary co-sponsor of the Legion's fundraising event and

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What Goes On

Monday, March 11,
7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Committee Meeting, Community Center
7:30 p.m., Reception for ACE Educators followed by Regular City Council meeting at 8 p.m., Municipal Building
Tuesday, March 12,
7 p.m., Safety Advisory Committee Community Meeting, Windsor Green Community Center
Thursday, March 14,
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Community Center

Second Graders Fete Chinese New Year

On Friday, February 15, second graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School celebrated Chinese New Year. The students are looking forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage and International Night in April. A special thank you to all of the parent volunteers and community assistance.



It was a week-long celebration which included art projects, Asian culture, and a reenactment of the traditional New Year parade that moved throughout the apartment complex.



The second graders also sampled foods provided by Hunan China, located in the Springhill Lake complex.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SPRINGHILL LAKE ELEMENTARY

Focus on the Basic Issue

We urge the Greenbelt City Council to focus on the basic issue "Should old Greenbelt become a local historic district?" before turning its attention to details such as fine-tuning the draft historic guidelines. We fear that should Greenbelt become a local historic district, Greenbelt citizens will come to rue the day when such an action was taken.

This is not just a GHI issue. The proposed local historic district will affect all of Greenbelt by limiting how city facilities within the district, such as Buddy Attick Park and Greenbelt Lake, may be used — facilities that benefit all of Greenbelt. Once a local district is established, the County Historic Preservation Committee and the county's planning and zoning staff would have to approve anything the city decides to do with these properties, even if approved by voters at referendum. Current draft guidelines for the district would limit the city council's ability to build comfort stations at Attick Park, install traffic calming on city streets, deal with parking problems at Green Ridge House or place an observatory at the end of Northway. Do we really want to give up this much power to others who will not be affected by the decision?

Historic district supporters point to the fact that over two-thirds of the GHI respondents to a mail-in referendum supported the proposed historic district. These respondents represented one-third of all GHI homeowners. However, we are concerned about some of the information given to GHI members about the benefits of historic district status. One of the major arguments in favor of seeking historic district status is that members would benefit from tax credits for renovation work. However, renovations within historic districts must be done to historic standards that can significantly raise their cost. We have not seen any study that addressed this issue for GHI.

The goal of historic preservation is to preserve and restore property to the way it was. We do not believe that to be Greenbelt's goal. We think Greenbelters want to continue to modernize and improve their homes and their community to serve their present day needs. We think Greenbelters want their city to continue to provide a high level of services and to provide needed improvements to the community in the future just as the city in the past has added improvements to the original community - such as a recreation center, a fire station, city offices, a separate library building, a public works facility, an apartment house for its senior citizens, an indoor swimming pool and fitness center and shelters at bus stops - none of which is consistent with historic preservation.

We urge the council to adopt its planning staff's option to, in staff's terms, "decline [the] opportunity to pursue designation as a local historic district." We agree that GHI and the city are both capable of imposing all design guidelines that might be imposed in an historic district, thereby keeping control of their destiny.

As a model planned community, there is much about original Greenbelt that is worthy of preserving and maintaining. However, past experience also demonstrates that there are many ways in which the original planned community can be made better. These choices should be kept within the community and not delegated to outsiders. Once a property becomes a designated local historic district, we know of no way for it to be removed from that designation. Greenbelt has little to gain and much to lose by becoming an historic district.

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that the mayor sign a joint letter with the commander of the Legion to combine the letterhead of the two organizations. It was understood the city was not granting use of the city logo to the Legion apart from the letterhead for the joint letter to be reviewed and signed by the mayor. The motion passed.

Greenway Access

McLaughlin said he was sending a letter to resident Elizabeth Barber, who had petitioned council for repair of pedestrian sidewalks and improved access to Greenway Center. He cited steps being taken to address her petition, including a letter from the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreeing to build a sidewalk on the south side of Greenbelt Road from the bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Greenway Center. SHA also will work in conjunction with the city to install a crosswalk with a pedestrian signal in the area near AllFirst bank. The city manager noted that this section of Greenbelt Road is included in the SHA's Neighborhood Conservation Program that is designed to make the road friendlier to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Putens added to the meeting agenda his proposal that this year's budget include funds dedi-

cated to supporting Greenbelt schools "the same as we do for our volunteer fire service . . . and other organizations within the city." Unanimously, council voted to refer the matter to the Advisory Committee on Education and to City Attorney Manzi.



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warehouse, waiting for the occasional short-term job. Smith's career involved war photography for the Office of War Information.

Further Career

Natanson then went on to show McNeill as a career State Department photographer, a black man primarily photographing powerful whites. He was the man behind the camera for a well-known news picture of President Eisenhower with Nikita Khrushchev when the latter visited the United States, and for a poignant color portrait of former President George Bush seated beneath a picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. and beside an empty chair. The latter has been included in a collection of the best photographs of the 20th century.

Natanson particularly credits Roy Stryker, director of the Farm Security Administration (FSA) program, with having carefully preserved an archive of photographs of interracial work sites during the New Deal and World War II. Natanson himself is the author of "The Black Image in the New Deal: The Politics of FSA Photography, 1935-1942" (University of Tennessee Press, 1992).

Natanson's talk was sponsored in conjunction with a Greenbelt Museum exhibit and currently on view at the Greenbelt Community Center, "Picturing Victims and Patriots: FSA Photographs from the Depression and World War II." It is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For information call 301-507-6582.

Letters

THANKS

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA would like to thank Marc and Diane Siegel for their generous donation of \$1,000 to the PTA. This donation will go a long way to help the students and teachers of Greenbelt Elementary School.

Becky Roper,
PTA President,
Greenbelt Elementary

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Corrections

In our review of "The Fifth Sun," the current production at the Greenbelt Arts Center, the role of Archbishop Oscar Romero was played by Brian Harrington Morris, a last-minute substitution. The finale included a selection by Diosa Rivera. There were no 7-year-olds in the cast, the youngest member was 11-years old.

The author of the February 28 article, "Greenbelt Student at Leaders Forum," was Judy Bell.

The mother of Jason Brooks, Dean's List student at Frostburg University, is Eleana Brooks.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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Parent Group Meets

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas group provides fellowship and support for parents of young children. Members meet for lunch the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the theater rehearsal room of the Greenbelt Community Center. New members are always welcome. Bring a simple dish to share. Contact Tanya Nordberg for more information at 301-486-0117.

GHI Notes

The Woodlands Committee will meet March 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the GHI building.

The GHI Board of Directors will meet March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Members are always welcome to attend.

An informational seminar for prospective members about Greenbelt Homes will be held on March 16 at 11 a.m. at the GHI offices on Hamilton Place.

Greenbelt CARES

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its monthly meeting on February 26. Preparations were begun for the annual ACE Educators Awards to be held on March 11.

Wendy Wexler has completed her eight-week discussion group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. A new group will commence soon. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors.

During the month of February, 20 families on average per week were seen for counseling services at CARES. The weekly average of individuals was 46; the weekly average of youths was 18. Approximately 84 students received tutoring.

Greenbriar/ Glen Oaks Luncheon

Greenbriar-Glen Oaks seniors will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a luncheon on Tuesday, March 12 at noon, in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building. Seniors are welcome to bring a guest. After lunch there will be bingo for prizes. This is a free event but advance reservations are requested; call Tina at 301-441-1096 by March 11.

Buddy Attick Park Volunteer Work Day

The first volunteer work day for the Buddy Attick Park Wetland Education Facility will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will be engaged in stone work. Volunteers will also meet on two other Saturdays. On March 16 the focus will be soil work and more stone work. On April 13, volunteers will begin planting, which will be finished as part of the Earth Day Celebration grand opening on April 20. Call 301-345-5417 to volunteer or for further information.

At the Library

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, March 13, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

4 p.m. BookKids Discussion Group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, March 14, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Senior Moments

by Marianne Olah

The Greenbelt community provides the services of a community resource advocate.

Some Greenbelt seniors are living in their own homes, among friends and neighbors, in familiar surroundings. However, they may experience moments that are baffling and frustrating. When this happens, it is time to call Ann MacKenzie, community resource advocate, at 301-474-8000, extension 105. MacKenzie can assess the situation and determine what is needed.

MacKenzie maintains a database of available services and links to the appropriate resources. Be it health care, nutrition, transportation or another need, there are resources to help resolve it.

Perhaps surgery has been required and although a senior is ambulatory, temporary assistance with household chores may be needed. Call MacKenzie and a referral can be made to the person or persons best able to provide assistance.

This is the first Senior Moments column to appear in the News Review. You may look forward to this informative column in future issues.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The club welcomed back President Ima Davis and husband, Don. All new members had been invited to the meeting and were greeted by the club. Those present were Jim Down, Ernest and Jackie Rochefort, Ana and Donald Scott, Shirley Egenrieder, Esther Mead and John Moody. Shirley Hibbs, a member since 1999, remarked that she had met old friends and made new ones; Harold Miller commented on friends and trips with the club. John Moody said he loved all the people and suggested more minorities should become members.

Membership chair Ernie Varda stated that dues must be paid in March before the annual luncheon on April 17. The club authorized the treasurer to write a deposit check for the luncheon at the Fontaine Bleu. All members will share the cost with the club.

Members greeted guest Phil Hertel, who learned about the club from his neighbor, Tom Moran.

The 50/50 winners were Tonya Fikes and Mary Gardner. A "Name Game" was played and punch and cookies were served.

March 13 will be a "Parade of Hats." Join the parade with old hats, new hats, funny hats, pretty hats, or St. Patrick's Day hats.

The Golden Age Club welcomes all new members. The only requirement is to live in the City of Greenbelt and be age sixty or older.

Pet Adoption Day PetSmart

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, March 10, noon to 3 p.m. at PetSmart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information, call 301-262-5625.

Community Events

Working Toward A Healthy Forest

People may have seen them in the GHI forest dragging Christmas trees or pulling English ivy off the trees. They are part of the forest management team working to address erosion and problems with invasive species. They are members of the GHI Woodlands committee.

The health of the forests is threatened by invasive species creeping – or galloping – out of the nearby gardens and into the woods. Such species include English ivy, honeysuckle, wisteria, and multiflora roses.

Erosion is also a problem. Much of it is due to runoff from hard surfaces like roofs and roads.

At noon on Sunday, March 10, a group of GHI members will be meeting at 3 Court Laurel Hill to begin removal of multiflora roses in the area designated as Parcel X. This area is the future site of a nature trail and a demonstration area of native plants in a woodland setting.

People who have an interest in preserving the woods and could help remove the thorny multiflora roses should come with thick gloves and pruners.

For more information, contact Leslie Brothers, chairperson of the flora subcommittee, at 301-474-7421.

Classic Show Tunes And Free Ice Cream

The Community Center gymnasium will be swinging to the music of the 1930s and 1940s on Friday, March 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Chris Cherry and Steve Brodd will present old favorites by Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe and more. The audience will be invited to sing along, and song sheets will be provided. After an hour of hot music, everyone will cool their vocal cords with free ice cream. This annual ice cream social is a senior citizens' event not to be missed. Admission is free.

Greenbelt Writers Group Meets

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group will be held on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Come join other Greenbelters interested in writing. Open readings will be held.

Blood Drive Coming

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be held Friday, March 15, from noon to 6



p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center gymnasium (a new site). The blood drive is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the Springhill Lake Apartments and the American Red Cross. To schedule an appointment call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Donation Drop-Off

The city's March Donation Drop-Off, which it co-sponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, March 9, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

Audiologist Speaks About Hearing Aids

Decided it is time to do something about hearing loss? Purchased hearing aids and found they do not help? Join the Prince George's County Group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People at their next meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2 to 4 p.m. Gwyneth Newcomb, audiologist, Bowie Hearing Center, will answer questions relating to evaluation testing, selection of aids and follow-up procedures. Come prepared with questions to ask.

Meetings are held at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For directions, call 301-474-0345.

Democrats to Have A Social Night Out

The March meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be the group's annual Social Night Out. The event will be held on Saturday, March 16, at the Beijing Restaurant for dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the 8 p.m. performance of the Maryland Boy Choir at the Greenbelt Arts Center. For reservations and ticket information, call President Kurt Walter at 301-345-3088.

The April meeting will be on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. Douglas Peters, mayor pro tem of Bowie and former president of the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, will be a guest speaker. Peters is a potential candidate for the Prince George's County Council District 4 seat in the Democratic primary on September 10.

Democratic women are invited to attend a state luncheon meeting of the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland, hosted by the southern Maryland UDWC, at the Old South Country Club in Anne Arundel County on Saturday, April 20. The executive board will meet at 10:30 a.m. followed by a brief business meeting at 11:30 and buffet at 12:30. The invited speaker is Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr., president of the Maryland State Senate. State UDWC First Vice President Patricia Unger of the Greenbelt club will preside over the meeting. Call her at 301-474-1052 by April 10 for reservations and directions.

NARFE Meets Mar. 13

NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), Chapter 1122 will hold its meeting on March 13 at noon at the Hard Times Café, 4738 Cherry Hill Rd. There may be a speaker talking on Point of Contact. Participants choose their own lunch; all federal employees are welcome.

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Local Creativity Shines Bright At Community's Artful Afternoon

by Jacqueline Miller Byrd

The sounds of children's laughter, and adults exchanging ideas about what to do and see next were part of the conversations at the Greenbelt Community Center's "Artful Afternoon," Sunday, March 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. The festivities celebrated the "Art of the Story." Activities included an interactive puppet show, literary readings, gallery talks, art studio open house exhibits, a children's pop-up book workshop, pottery sales and tours of the Greenbelt Museum.

Creative arts and activities went on nonstop. "Cinderella" was retold with a 21st century twist. Jill Kyle-Keith, director of Baltimore's Beale Street Puppets, shared her enthusiasm and expertise with excited 4- to 9-year olds who created original rod puppets and marionettes. Some young artists created beautiful pop-up books at a workshop facilitated by Barbara Mechler.

Portraits

Original portraits by artist Marilyn Wassman were displayed. Those portraits are recreated in the "Now and Then" anthology published by the Greenbelt Writer's Group. Marsha Barrett, former chair, welcomed guests to a book release celebration for the anthology as contributing writers. Andy Nitz, Mary Moien, Jennifer Crowell, Lora Brown, and other group members read selections

from the anthology. Folk artist Sy Mohr's gifts as an experienced theatrical set painter and textile artist were evident in his words and work, including his striking floor-to-ceiling canvases.

"The Artful Afternoons monthly series is a wonderful opportunity for creative people in the community to showcase their works. Artists and writers can meet others from throughout the region, exchange ideas and not labor in isolation," said Nicole DeWald, the city's arts coordinator. "We view the Artful Afternoons as a sampler of the wonderful events planned, and to be continued on an ongoing year-round basis."

Open Studios

DeWald and Community Center supervisor Joe McNeal creatively used the Center's space in planning the event. Guests interacted with the Center's Artists in Residence, who were available for the open house tours of the studios. Sandy Dwiggins, hand-



PHOTO BY COLIN BYRD

Aspiring artists and puppeteers surround arts coordinator Nicole DeWald.

building instructor shared a series of sculptures based on shells that has evolved into a collection of fifteen plus pieces." Gina Mai Denn, pottery and ceramic artist, stood proudly among many original and beautiful pieces of pottery and ceramics.

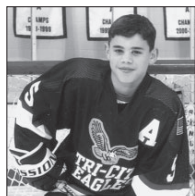
The Artful Afternoon enlightened the community through a showcase of festivities celebrating the "Art of the Story" with diverse art, artists and activities. Greenbelt is rich in spirit because of the art, talent and history exhibited at the Center. Patriotism is also celebrated through the arts in the photographic documentary, "Picturing Victims and Patriots", currently on exhibit at The Greenbelt Museum.

Young and old will be enlightened at upcoming Artful Afternoons events.



Our sympathy to Kathleen and Henry McFarland on the recent death of their son-in-law Larry S. Dodge. He was killed on February 13 in an auto accident near his home in Picayune, MS. He is survived by sons Mick and David; granddaughter Mirandah; his mother, sister, and brother. He was married to Lisa McFarland. He grew up in College Park and attended High Point High School.

Congratulations to Shane Fendlay, 13, of Greenknolls Pl., who played center on the Tri-City Eagles hockey team and helped them to a 20-0 record. The undefeated team won the CBHL (Capital Beltway Hockey League) championship and will go on to the District playoffs next week in Laurel. Way to go, Shane!



Sumiko Fayza Hossain and Kristina Elizabeth Zugby were named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the fall 2001 semester.

Greenbelters Keith Brown, Ed Crowley and Lucas Crowley are appearing in the Prince George's Little Theater production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" March 15 to 30.

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"The Open Heart"
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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY
Children and Adults
Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
SERMON: "Constant Care of His Flock"
Friendship Dinner

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301-474-4212 gbaptist@twol.com

Sun. Worship 8:35 & 11:00 am, 6 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7 pm
Wed. Living Proof for Youth 7 pm

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9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted

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Voices XXI Perform Music of Holy Week

Music inspired by the liturgy of Holy Week will be performed March 16 and 17 by Voices XXI, directed by Jesse Parker, in a concert entitled Lamentations.

The one-hour program performed without intermission will feature the music of Palestrina, Anerio, Bruckner, Casals, Brahms, Gawthrop, Taverner, Dorati and Bernstein. Concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville, 6201 Beltcrest Road (across from the Prince George's Plaza Metro stop, Green Line). Free parking is available. Admission is free, however, donations will be accepted at the door.

Summer TAG Fair

The Prince George's County Association for Talented and Gifted Education (PGTAG) will sponsor a Summer Fair on Wednesday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Glenarden Woods Elementary School cafeteria, 7801 Glenarden Parkway, Glenarden. Presenters from summer centers and camps will be available to answer questions and provide literature for students in grades K through 12. Snow date is March 19. Call 301-249-3765.

Mowatt Methodist Worship Schedule

Gideon Speaker Bruce Canzonelli of the Upper Prince George's Camp will be at the Sunday, March 17, worship service at 11 a.m.

Holy Week at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will be as follows:

Wed., March 27, 6 p.m., the last Lenten meal and reflection on the seventh word on the cross, "The Futile Word."

Thurs., March 28, 7:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Tenebrae service.

Fri., March 29, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday meditation in the darkened, unadorned sanctuary and singing of "Via Dolorosa."

Sat., March 30, 7:30 p.m., Holy Saturday Easter vigil with candlelight and renewal of baptismal vows.

Sun., March 31, 7 a.m., Easter morning at Greenbelt Lake. Breakfast at Mowatt's Fellowship Hall at 8 a.m. Easter worship service will be at 11 a.m. with special choral selections.

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

Baha'i Faith
"O Son of Earth! Know, verily, the heart wherein the least remnant of envy yet lingers, shall never attain My everlasting dominion, nor inhale the sweet savours of holiness breathing from My kingdom of sanctity."
-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
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:
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.
Daily Mass: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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Part Time Ministry

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



Alyssa Russell and Taylor Daniels prepare triangular hamantaschen pastries at Mishkan Torah Nursery School's Purim celebration.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 14, 2002
7:30 p.m.
Community Center



GHI Key Agenda Items

- Request for Exception - Use of Surveillance Cameras
- Guest House Operation Review
- State Highway Administration Request
- Administrative Building Renovation Update

Regular board meetings are open to members.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Municipal Building Council Room
Reception for ACE Educators - 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
March 11, 2002



COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations
- ACE Educator Award Ceremony

Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*Committee Reports - Advisory Planning Board (CVS Site Plan)
(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," Article II, "Financial Affairs," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Updating the Balance to Be Maintained in the Temporary Disability Reserve Fund (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Requirements for the Installation, Operation and Permitting of Burglar and Hold-up Alarm Systems, and to Add Requirements for the Regulation and Licensing of Burglar Alarm Companies Transacting Business in the City (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Ethics," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Updating the Section on Financial Disclosure to Reflect the Adoption by the City of a New Position Classification System (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Green Ridge House Admissions and Occupancy Policy
- Proposal to Spray for Gypsy Moths
- Proportional Representation - Request for Referral to the Board of Elections
- Golden Triangle Property to Be Vacated - Response from State
- Anacostia Trails Heritage Area - City Contribution
- *- Reappointment to Advisory Group

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

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk



City Information

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Purchasing Agent for the City of Greenbelt will receive sealed bids for: **Bid No. 2002-1 Buddy Attick Park Restroom Facilities** until Monday, April 1, 2002 at 10:00 AM, at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Council Room, Municipal Building, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1886. Bids may be hand delivered or mailed as follows:

City of Greenbelt
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Attn: Purchasing Agent

Description:

The work under Bid No. 2002-1, Buddy Attick Park Restroom Facilities involves the construction of two buildings containing restroom facilities, which have a total floor area of 604 square feet. Work includes stakeout, site improvements, utility extensions, landscaping, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, paving, masonry and other work incidental to the project.

The bidding documents may be obtained at the offices of the Department of Planning and Community Development, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM daily except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.

A prebid meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2002 at 10:00 AM, in the office of the Department of Planning and Community Development. Attendance at the prebid meeting is recommended, but not mandatory.

The City of Greenbelt encourages all minority, female and disabled citizen-owned businesses to submit bids for this project.

Each must be accompanied by a Certified Check of Bid Bond made payable to the City of Greenbelt in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid.

The City of Greenbelt reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The City of Greenbelt is an equal opportunity employer.



Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee presents:

EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

This year's theme is: **"PROTECTING GREENBELT'S LAKES"**
Design the City of Greenbelt's official Earth Day 2002 T-shirt! Submit your original design by 12 noon, Monday, March 11th. Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD or bring it to this address and place it in the drop box. Open to all! The winner will receive a 4-pack of tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. Info: Cindy Murray at 301-345-9334.
Supported by the City of Greenbelt and the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, March 9th
9a.m. - 12p.m.
Parking lot between the City Offices and the Community Center.

The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)



For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308. Don't set your usable household items out for special trash collection - make a donation to the American Rescue Workers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The City is looking for volunteers to help construct and plant at the Wetland Educational Facility at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park. Service hours will be given for any students needing them. Please bring work gloves. All volunteer days are Saturdays: March 9, March 16 and April 13. On March 9 and 16, we will be laying flagstone and performing soil work. On April 13, we will be planting. Additional planting will be done on the grand opening celebration of the facility during the Earth Day Celebration on April 20th. Some of the work on the March dates may not be appropriate for children under 12. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!



SENIOR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, March 15, 1:00-3:00pm
Community Center Gymnasium

Music by Chris Cherry and Steve Brodd
Enjoy vintage tunes by Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner & Loewe and more! Free!

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, March 11, 2002, 7p.m., Greenbelt Community Center
Info: Cindy Murray at 301-474-8004
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold a COMMUNITY MEETING, Tuesday, March 12th at 7p.m., Windsor Green Community Center. Greenbelt East residents are encouraged to attend to let the committee know about their concerns. For more information contact Connie Harris at 301-345-7203.



GREENBELT MUNICIPAL / PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access 301-474-8000:
Monday, March 11th at 8pm City Council Meeting "live." Tuesday and Thursday, 3/12 & 3/14: 6pm The Greenbelt Museum presents "Black Documentary Photographers in New Deal and Wartime America" 7:30pm Replay of City Council Meeting
Public Access 301-507-6581:
Call for Schedule

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Burglary

Greenbelt National Guard Armory, February 22, 11:18 p.m., a 17-year-old resident was arrested and charged with burglary, assault, and two counts of theft. A man saw him inside the man's vehicle in the parking lot of the Armory. The youth attempted to flee on foot, assaulting the victim in the process, but the victim was able to stop him. The youth was taken to Doctors Hospital for treatment of injuries received during the struggle and then released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

6000 block Breezewood Drive, February 25, 7:50 p.m., someone broke into a storage bin and took a 12-gauge shotgun.

Beltway Plaza, February 28, 10:13 a.m., someone broke into the Ice Ice Baby kiosk and took money, as well as into the Dip'n Depot kiosk (where money was taken) and into the Gourmet Popcorn kiosk (where money was also taken).

7900 block Greenbury Drive, February 22, 3:21 p.m., someone entered a residence by forcing open the basement door. A video game player, video games and money were taken.

Assault

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, February 23, 1:18 a.m., a man apparently threw a glass cup at another patron inside the restaurant during a fight between several customers. It struck the man in the head, causing lacerations. Subsequently, a 35-year-old resident of Pikesville was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and disorderly conduct.

Two officers trying to control a large fight at the restaurant were assaulted, and the man also fought with officers trying to place him in custody. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Beltway Car Wash on Cherrywood Lane, February 22, 4:51 p.m., a man was vacuuming his car with the car radio playing. The victim, a worker at the car wash, asked the suspect to turn the radio down. The suspect became angry, shouting profanities and threatening the victim with a

screwdriver. He then left the scene in his car. The suspect is described as a black male in his thirties, 5'6", 160 lbs., dark complexion, hair in dreadlocks, wearing a beige hat with a symbol on the front. The vehicle is a maroon 1985 Nissan Maxima four-door, N.Y. tags AXG3478.

Unattended Child

Beltway Plaza, February 23, 7:40 p.m., a 33-year-old resident of southeast Washington was arrested after officers found an unattended two-year-old inside Jeeper's Indoor Playground. The child was attempting to leave the playground. The father returned about one hour later and was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

7800 block Walker Drive, February 21, 11:07 a.m., jewelry was taken from a locked office.

7800 block Walker Drive, February 27, 4:30 p.m., an unattended printer was taken from an office suite.

Beltway Plaza, February 23, 7:05 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from an unknown store.

Chevy's restaurant, February 27, 5:31 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a bathroom in the restaurant.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, February 21, 11:45 a.m., a 16-year-old was arrested after allegedly stealing ice cream from the school and handing it out to other students. He was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Sex Offense Arrest

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, February 21, 11:15 a.m., an 18-year-old resident of Landover was arrested and charged with fourth-degree sex offense after allegedly fondling another student. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drug Arrests

Two Greenbelt residents, 37 and 25, were arrested in separate incidents. The first incident, in the area of Westway and Ridge Road, resulted in charges of possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and the second, in the 7300 block of Mandan Road, re-

sulted in paraphernalia charges alone. The first resident was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner; the second was released on citation pending trial. In a third incident, a D.C. resident, 26, was arrested after a traffic stop revealed possession of marijuana. This suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Trespassing

Bennigan's restaurant, February 21, 4:51 p.m., a resident of Mechanicsville, 21, was charged with trespassing after he refused to leave the restaurant at the request of the manager. He was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

Giant Food, February 23, 3:24 p.m., a resident, 18, and a non-resident, 12, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after they engaged in a physical fight inside the store, disrupting store operations. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a grey 1991 Ford Escort four-door, Md. tags FZW542, February 21 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 1989 Toyota Camry four-door, February 23 from Beltway Plaza which was recovered February 27 from Beltway Plaza; a 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass four-door, February 27 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway was recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington; a silver 1997 Mercury Marquis four-door, Md. tags BLOQ.

Seven stolen vehicles were recovered; one arrest was made.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts were reported in the following areas: 500 block Crescent Road; 43 Court Ridge Road; 7900 block Mandan Road; Buddy Attick Park; 8200 block Mandan Court; 7700 block Hanover Parkway; area of Cherrywood Terrace and Springhill Drive; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (three incidents); and 7100 block Mathew Street.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

Maglev Meetings Scheduled in March

Corridor alternatives for the Baltimore-Washington Magnetic Levitation (Maglev) Project are undergoing a screening process to determine which alternatives to continue for further study. Three alternative alignments will be presented for review at public meetings beginning in mid-March. Following these meetings, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) of the Maryland Department of Transportation, which is responsible for studying Maglev for this region, will determine which alternatives should continue or be eliminated through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Maglev vehicles are operated by a non-contact electromagnetic support system that lifts, guides and propels the vehicle forward

at speeds in excess of 240 miles per hour. Maglev is being considered as a technology to connect downtown Baltimore and Washington, D.C., an approximately 40-mile long corridor, with service also to BWI Airport. The Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project is one of two projects under consideration by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to receive federal funds for construction.

Three alignments are being evaluated: the Baltimore-Washington Parkway parallel, the I-95 parallel and the Amtrak parallel alignments.

"This is a great opportunity to receive input from the public as we continue our technical and environmental studies," said Diane Ratcliff, Environmental

Manager for the MTA. "We encourage you to attend one of six meetings that will be held throughout the region and give us your comments on the project and the benefits and concerns of each proposed alignment."

Area meetings include one on March 14 at Laurel High School, 800 Cherry Lane, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. and one on March 20 at Buck Lodge Middle School, 2611 Buck Lodge Road, Adelphi, from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

If unable to attend a meeting, the public may send comments until April 5 to Maryland Transit Administration, Office of Planning, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-1614, or send your comments to the website at www.bwmaglev.com.

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Frame - WIDE FLOOR PLAN, freshly painted, hardwood floors throughout. Call for more information. \$53,900.

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Greenbelt Pioneer Eleanor Ritter Leaves Home of 64 Years

by Helen Hindt

It was a beautiful day, September 17, 2001 when Pioneer Greenbelter Eleanor Harris Ritter, age 95, moved out of the house which had been her home for nearly 64 years.

Born and raised in Harrisburg, Pa., Ritter met her husband Charles while he was in the U.S. Army and they married February 3, 1926. In July 1935, Charles came to Washington, D.C. to work for the Government Printing Office. He had read in the paper about the building of Greenbelt and a friend drove him

out so he could see about renting a house. On November 30, 1937 he and his family moved into their new home in the 6 Court of Hillside Road. By that time there were three children, Louise, 11, and twins Helen and Harvey, three. Ritter stayed home and devoted her life to the care of her children.

As members of a planned community the family utilized the Greenbelt system of inner walkways. They never drove a car



PHOTO BY JEANNIE SMITH

As a remembrance of her home, Greenbelt Homes maintenance worker Roger Bonifacio gave her the lock from her front door.

but instead walked around Greenbelt and also used public transportation.

Their children attended school in Greenbelt and their oldest daughter graduated from Greenbelt High School while her sister who was eight years younger graduated from Northwestern High School. Their son joined the army.

The family grew to include five grandchildren and later 11 great-grandchildren and four

great-great grandchildren. There was sorrow too, when their daughter Louise died in 1953. Later Charles Ritter died only a year and a half after retiring from the Government Printing Office in 1968. But the love and care Eleanor Ritter received from her family was obvious to the neigh-

bors. Her yard was always kept neat by her children and grandchildren. They visited her often and she them.

Ritter was active in the Parent Teachers Association, Greenbelt Golden Age Club, and Greenbelt Community Church. She ironed for families in the community for many years until age 91, sometimes in her house, sometimes in theirs. An outgoing person, she enjoyed visiting with the families when they picked up their laundry.

When it came time to leave, she was pleased that her house was purchased by the daughter of

a family she had once ironed for, Susan Weisel and Robert Ollinger.

Ritter's family brought her to Greenbelt to see the holiday decorations the new owners put on the house. She was also invited in to see Christmas decorations inside the house.

Now she is living with her daughter Helen in Forestville. On March 17, she will celebrate her 96th birthday. She would like to hear from her friends in Greenbelt. Her address is 7904 Jordan Park Blvd., Forestville, MD 20747-3758.

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SEMINAR LOCATIONS IN MARCH 2002

LAUREL
Tuesday, March 19
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(Refreshments)
Laurel Library
507 7th Street

LAUREL
Thursday, March 21
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
(Refreshments)
Best Western Maryland Inn
15101 Sweitzer Lane

GREENBELT
Tuesday, March 19
6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
(Refreshments)
Greenbelt Library
11 Crescent Road

COLLEGE PARK
Tuesday, March 26
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
(Refreshments)
The Holiday Inn
10000 Baltimore Avenue

BELTSVILLE
Monday, March 25
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(Refreshments)
Beltsville Library
4319 Sellman Road

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BLOOD DRIVE

March 15, 2002
12:00noon - 6:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Springhill Lake Apartments, and the American Red Cross. To make an appointment please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

We are pleased to announce Dr. Kimberly Burroughs has joined our dental team as an associate to offer comfortable . . . affordable dentistry . . . to you and your family!

Our family has been serving your community for 63 years and we just keep growing.

Dr. Kimberly Burroughs will join our dental team Fall 2001. Even though she doesn't share the McCarl name, she shares our goal to give you the best care possible. Dr. Burroughs will be available Tuesday through Saturday with extended hours Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS:

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Fellow in Academy of General Dentistry.
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Fellow in Academy of General Dentistry.

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

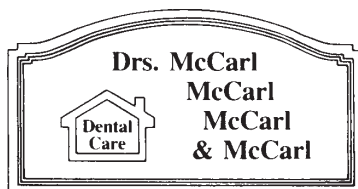
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Wednesday	9-8:30
Thursday	8-4
Friday	8-4
Saturday	8-11:30

SHA to Study Need For Noise Barriers

City Manager Michael McLaughlin told council that the State Highway Administration (SHA) will initiate a study (assessment) of the Greenbelt area to determine if it qualifies for noise barriers. It will take about a year to complete the work. They will be checking on when areas were built; when changes, were made to the Beltway; and determine if Greenbelt qualifies.

There will be an opportunity for public review and comment once they get some baseline data.

General Plan Is Subject of Hearing

The Prince George's County Council and the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing on the Preliminary General Plan for Prince George's County.

The public hearing will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, in the first floor council hearing room at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. Project staff will be available to answer questions in the hearing room lobby beginning at 6 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the hearing should contact the M-NCPPC Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584, TTY 301-952-3796, to register in advance. Written comments will be accepted until April 5 and should be addressed to Elizabeth M. Hewlett, chair, Prince George's County Planning Board, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

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There are 38 buildings (called non-contributing resources) that have been determined to not be historic because they were built at a later time. The Greenbelt Library, the Greenbelt fire station, the Youth Center, and Green Ridge House are some of these non-contributing resources.

APB Report

The Advisory Planning Board advises the council in its report that local historic district differs greatly from the national landmark designation. It will give the county added authority to regulate city property and require that all city projects conform to the historic district guidelines as administered by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The APB found the proposed guidelines prepared for GHI to be "so complex and heavily weighted to GHI property that the broader issues of concern that affect all property owners are not clearly defined."

The board also found that a number of city projects recently completed or planned would not conform to these guidelines, citing perpendicular parking on Ridge Road, bicycle lanes on Crescent Road, Buddy Attick Park restroom facility and city signs. "In those instances where a project does not conform to design guidelines, the project would be referred to the HPC . . . it would be up to the HPC to decide whether [a permit] should be approved," the report states.

While the APB majority agrees that city projects should be subject to review under historic preservation guidelines and the city should adopt an historic preservation plan, it is divided on whether or not this review should be placed with the county. As a result, those members who valued the importance of the city maintaining its control over city

projects also supported revising the boundaries of the district to include only GHI property while those who valued regional control strongly felt that city property must be included within the district. As such, the APB recommended to the council only that it adopt a city historic district preservation plan that would establish a formal mechanism for reviewing city projects with regard to preservation issues. All other board motions failed for lack of a majority vote.

Staff Report

The APB had received a staff report prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to its deliberations. This report was subsequently twice revised before its consideration by the council. The report notes that in Annapolis, Laurel and Rockville where there are historic districts, the cities administer the local historic districts because they have full planning and zoning authority. Greenbelt has been seeking such authority from the state legislature, but without success to date.

In its introduction, the staff report states that "It has been, and continues to be staffs' opinion that the majority of the historic district preservation objectives served through local historic district designation can be accomplished without designation of a county enabled, administered and controlled district in Greenbelt." In fact, it claims, many are already in place. Among these are façade easements for original buildings at Roosevelt Center, state and county historic review for work at the Greenbelt Community Center, GHI control of its members through its handbook, the zoning of historic property in the R-P-C (Rural Planned Community) zone which includes a plan, and city code enforcement.

Also mentioned was city control of its buildings, lands and public right-of-ways, although the report notes that "some in the community have expressed the view that the local historic district designation is necessary to protect the historic community from insensitive actions of the City Council and city staff," an argument which staff believes to be "specious."

The staff report goes into detail with problems found with the draft guidelines prepared by GHI. Many deal with problems of how the guidelines might relate to non-GHI property. Some of the buildings at Roosevelt Center, apartment buildings on Crescent and Parkway near the center, and private homes on Forestway as well as city facilities are particularly impacted by the guidelines. Property owners on Forestway and apartment owners have expressed their concern about being included in the district. Of the Forestway homes, which were built at the same time as other original homes by a steel company as an experiment in prefabricated steel housing, only one has not been altered so as to be unrecognizable as originally built. The draft guidelines propose that those altered be classified as non-contributing resources, but that the one that has not been changed be left as historic. The report notes that this is inconsistent with what has been done in GHI where many homes have been substantially altered in appearance but remain classified as contributing resources. Staff recommends that there should be equitable treatment for all in the district, which would mean that all Forestway homes would be classified as contributing resources subject to the stricter control of historic preservation.

City Projects


The staff report notes the city projects that APB determined

would not have been approved under the guidelines. In addition, it listed the following future projects as ones that could be impacted by historic district designation: Public Works expansion, observatory at Northway Fields, the composting area at the end of Northway, parking improvements on Northway, the skateboarding park, gateway signs, Jaycee clubhouse, recreation facility improvements and traffic calming efforts. Also, council's December approval of relocating benches at Roosevelt Center and adding light poles would be subject to historic review by the county, as would adding surveillance cameras.

Staff proposed four options for the council to consider. The first, to pursue full designation as a local historic district, was the only option opposed by staff. The second option was to decline the opportunity to pursue designation as a local historic district on the basis that the request came from GHI and that GHI can pursue such designation by itself without including other private or city properties. The third option was for the city to pursue a designation for the GHI property only. City staff notes that the HPC staff believes that this option "would

reflect the hole in the doughnut."

Council approved staff's fourth option - to defer action for an historic district designation. Meanwhile, staff is to work with the HPC staff to revise the guidelines for clarity and reformatting, identify to what level city projects would be subject to HPC review, ensure that there are no conflicts with other regulations, and consider other alternatives such as a new tax credit program for which GHI may already qualify as property within a national historic district.



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At its February 11, 2002, regular meeting, Council introduced for first reading an ordinance to revise the process described in Article VI, Chapt. 13, of the City Code for appeals and grievances by employees of the City of Greenbelt. This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the meeting of April 22, 2002, following the effective date of the charter resolutions. The draft ordinance is posted at the Municipal Building and on the City's Web site. Copies may also be requested from the City Clerk.

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Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-4

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