

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Driven to Excel

*Greenbelter Ric Santos is National Commander of the American Legion. He achieved this distinction after years of service in the American Legion beginning with Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, where he held many offices including post commander while becoming active in national Legion activities. One of Santos' first duties after becoming National Commander was to testify at a joint session of the House and Senate veterans affairs committee. The date was September 11, and Santos was evacuated from the Capitol along with everyone else following the plane crash at the Pentagon. This article, reprinted in part, first appeared in the October 2001 issue of the American Legion magazine.*

by Matt Grills, Assistant Editor, The American Legion Magazine

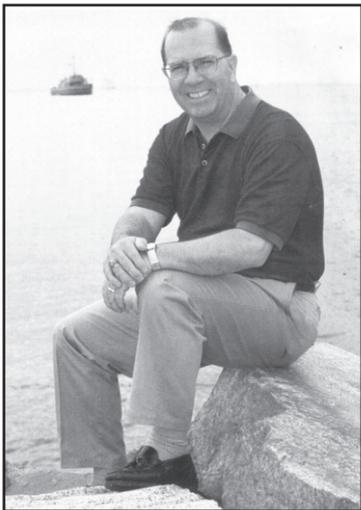
Ric Santos won't forget the day he learned what it means to "lead by example." He was a radioman third class petty officer on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise CVN-65, in charge of performing a most undesirable and dangerous detail: cleaning porcelain insulators on the vessel's outboard radio antennas. The radiomen strikers weren't exactly climbing all over each other to volunteer for this daring task.

When it came time to clean the top of one particular antenna that stood 40 feet above the flight deck, which was already 60 feet above the sea and outboard of the flight deck and catwalk - well, who would want to do it?

"In a similar fashion that you would climb up a water tower or land-erected radio or TV antenna, you put on a safety harness and start the climb on an antenna-attached ladder," Santos says.

Which is just what Santos did. Sure, it took courage. But he wasn't about to ask seamen to do a job he hadn't first shown them how to do himself. So up he went.

The experience neatly frames Santos' 34 years of American Legion involvement. In every task he's taken up -



National Commander of the American Legion, Ric Santos of Greenbelt

PHOTO BY TOM STRATTMAN

says Past National Commander Clarence M. Bacon ('84-'85), Santos' mentor and close friend.

"Whether he's speaking to a group or one-on-one, Ric talks at your level," Bacon says. "He's never forgotten how to be a blue-cap Legionnaire. I believe he'll be a superb commander."

### A Proud Marylander

After completing his military service in 1965 and moving to Maryland in 1966, Santos made the historic city of Greenbelt his home. Created in 1935 under Franklin D. Roosevelt's Resettlement Administration, Greenbelt was the first U.S. community built as a federal venture in housing. From the start, it was designed as a complete city, with businesses, schools, roads, and facilities for government and recreation.

Santos and his wife, Linda, live in one of the town's original cooperative housing units, a two-story, wood-frame building not far from Greenbelt's center. An American flag hangs outside their front door, a rare splash of color on a street of stark white home fronts and dense green forest.

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from organizing local police and firefighter awards to chairing Boys State and Oratorical committees, from post commander to department commander - Santos has rolled up his sleeves and shown others why the Legion's work is worth doing. He's a man who gets involved and follows through with as much commitment as he can muster.

Now, as the new national commander, Santos is doing his best to infect Legion members at every level with that same enthusiasm. You can bet he'll succeed,

## City Tax Rate Doesn't Increase In Manager's Proposed Budget

by James Giese

Greenbelt City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin informed the Greenbelt City Council at their meeting on March 25 that his proposed city budget for the next fiscal year will not include a property tax rate increase. Although the budget document is still being printed and will not be available until next week, McLaughlin did provide the council with a pictorial overview of the budget being submitted. While tax rates will not increase, McLaughlin is proposing increases in refuse collection fees and in swimming pool pass rates. In general, however, expected city revenues will yield enough to fund salary increases for employees and undertake some of the actions required to meet goals for the year previously set by the council. At \$16,565,000, the general fund budget for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, 2002 is 3.1 percent or \$499,700 greater than that adopted for the current fiscal year.

If the tax rate is not increased, it will be the first time in eight years that the city has not done so. In his budget message, McLaughlin reiterates his budget statement made last year: "While I believe the quality and level of Greenbelt services, the community facilities offered by the city, and the comparison of the total taxes paid by Greenbelt residents compared to nearby communities make Greenbelt an excellent value, there is a limit to what the residents and property owners can and are willing to afford. This position conflicts with rising service demands and expectations. It is most difficult to increase services without corresponding increases in resources, which means

taxes." The city manager calls for a dialogue on this topic, a call that the council is fully expected to heed in their review of the budget, as they hear from citizens and groups who seek greater funding for their pet projects and programs.

### Revenues/Expenses

McLaughlin made particular note of the impact of revenues and expenditures for the red light camera traffic enforcement program. Nearly two-thirds of the increase in expenditures (\$314,000) will be the result of expenses involved in the administration of this program by a private contractor for the city. Initiated in July, but not fully operational until October, costs for this program have proved to be greater than originally anticipated.

See BUDGET, page 5

## Wetland Park Project Work Begins at Lake

by Kristen Ward,  
Department of Planning and Community Development

If you have visited Buddy Attick Park on a Saturday recently, you may have noticed some strange activity happening by Greenbelt Lake. Small bands of busy people in bright yellow work gloves have been spotted hauling around large, flat stones and mixing up cement. This is the construction of Greenbelt's Wetland Education Facility along the north shore of Greenbelt Lake. Since the first volunteer day on March 9, volunteers and Department of Public Works employees have been diligently laying out flagstone and embedding it in cement to form a path that will run between two observational pads at the lake.

All this activity is the result of a grant the city's Planning and Community Development Department received from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to create a wetland education facility. The goal of this is to provide shoreline stabilization and minimize sediment erosion, as well as educate fisher-

men, students and park-goers about the value and ecology of lakes, their associated wetland areas, and the types of native plants, fish and wildlife that are found in the area.

This will be accomplished by establishing a retaining wall and vegetative buffer along the shoreline, which is currently void of any native riparian or wetland plants, and by providing environmental information along the pathway that connects the two observation pads. The pads are designed to provide a platform from which people may observe the lake, fish, or just relax. The flagstone path between the pads will contain educational panels as well as markers that will identify the 31 different types of trees, shrubs and wildflowers planted along the way. One of the educational panels is being developed with the help of seventh graders from St. Hugh's School.

See WETLANDS, page 9

## Council Approves Change In Green Ridge Policy

by Barbara Hopkins

On March 11, Greenbelt City Council approved two changes to the Admissions and Occupancy Policy for Green Ridge House.

One change clarifies the term "independent living," which had been interpreted to mean "self-sufficiency." Council voted unanimously to define "independent living" in a way that would enable residents to use outside assistance for medical or personal care, if necessary, to maintain their health and the unit they live in. In recommending the change, city staff reminded council that this definition would be consistent with the city's assistance-in-living program and philosophy.

Another change affects the admissions policy in a way that will give preference to Greenbelt residents. The change would add a residency requirement of at least 12 months at the time of applica-

tion in order to qualify for the resident's preference. Applicants would only have to be a resident at the time of application and 12 months before that to qualify for the preference. If needs change while the applicant is awaiting admission and it becomes necessary for the applicant to leave Greenbelt, the applicant will still have residency preference. This change would inhibit people from establishing a short-term residency for the purpose of increasing their opportunity to live at Green Ridge House and protect long-term residents who may need to temporarily move away from Greenbelt while awaiting admission. Applicants who have resided in Greenbelt for less than a year may update their residency preference while awaiting admission, after they meet the 12-month requirement.

### What Goes On

Sunday, March 31,

7 a.m., Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at Buddy Attick Park

Monday, April 1,

10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Park

Wednesday, April 3,

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession (Overview, Revenues and General Government), Community Center

Thursday, April 4,

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), Windsor Green Community Center

7:30 p.m., GHI Member Input Session, Community Center

Saturday, April 6,

9 a.m. to noon, Lake Park Cleanup, Buddy Attick Park and Springhill Lake Stream Cleanup

GHI Community-wide Clean-up of Common Areas

## Auditions Set for World Fair Show in Greenbelt

Ever hear of the New York World's Fair of 1939? Billed as "the world of tomorrow," the event made such a splash that the post office decorated a stamp with its symbols, the so-called Trylon and Perisphere. The theme of the fair expressed some of the same ideals that inspired the building of Greenbelt only two years earlier.

Now the Greenbelt Recreation Department is planning a "community performance project" based on the fair, for which open auditions will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 3:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Greenbelt Community Center. The show will introduce a variety of colorful characters and futuristic themes through creative movement and visual impressions.

Roles are available for ages 2 and up. Children, teens, adults and seniors are all encouraged to participate. No prior performing arts experience is necessary, and no preparation is needed for the auditions. Most roles are non-speaking, and some involve rollerskating. Bring roller skates or children's plastic vehicles if available. Production crew members are also sought for the show, including set and costume artists, light and sound technicians, and stagehands. Crew members should attend the auditions if possible.

### About the Show

The show is tentatively scheduled for May 31 and June 1 (Greenbelt Day weekend). It will be choreographed by Laura Schandelmeier, who will also participate in the performance. She will be playing the role of the "Frozen Alive" girl, based on a side-show attraction included in the fair's "Amusement Zone." The fair took place during the brief window of time between the Great Depression and the entrance of the United States into World War II. Like the fair itself, the "Frozen Alive" girl, who becomes animate in the show, represented this period of national invigoration and optimism.

Schandelmeier is an accomplished professional dancer, choreographer and dance educator who offers ongoing classes at the Community Center. She also will be involved with the Recreation Department's Creative Kids pro-

gram this summer, serving as the camp's dance specialist for a second year. Her unique artistry and many professional skills will lend strength to the production of "The World of Tomorrow," which entails both humor and pathos.

### Why the World's Fair?

According to Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator at the Community Center, "The 1939 World's Fair was selected as the theme because of the fair's wonderful imagery and its interesting resonance with Greenbelt's history, as well as with contemporary social concerns. The fair represented a dream for a brighter future for the average American. Technological advances were supposed to draw society closer together through vastly improved communications and transportation technologies. Sound familiar?" Some of the novelties the fair was celebrating were the non-mundane realities of long distance phone service, television, and an interstate highway system.

Two of the fair's most popular exhibits were giant dioramas depicting the cleaner, more efficient cities of the future, along with a new array of smaller, green town bedroom communities: "Pleasantvilles," in the language of the "Democracy" exhibit. A film about Greenbelt called "The City," which debuted at the fair contrasted the smog and squalor of America's older cities with the healthier lifestyle of communities like Greenbelt.

### Time of Uncertainty

"While 'The World of Tomorrow' will be a very whimsical and lively show, we're hoping it will also succeed in evoking the undertones of fear and uncertainty which the nation experienced in 1939 and 1940, as World War II came closer," said DeWald. In Europe the threat of fascism was

growing and the advance of militarism was reflected within the fair itself. Czechoslovakia ceased to exist as an independent nation before the construction of its pavilion was completed, and its pavilion was only completed through the fundraising efforts of New York's Mayor Fiorello La Guardia and the fair corporation. Poland and Lithuania lost their independence during the first year of the fair.

### Part of ArtsEmerge

The show will be a project of the ArtsEmerge program, which the Recreation Department initiated in 2000. The program aims to support the creation of public artwork in all disciplines through community participation and the leadership of professional artists. The program has included the creation of sculpture for the 2001 and 2002 Greenbelt New Year's celebrations, and a music and spoken word workshop culminating in an Artful Afternoon performance. "The World of Tomorrow" is the first ArtsEmerge project to include dance.

### No Experience Needed

DeWald stressed that "community members need not have any dance experience or any arts experience in order to participate in 'The World of Tomorrow.' The show will derive its energy from the innate creativity of all people and from the joy we experience when united in a fun and expressive activity."

In conjunction with the project, the Recreation Department invites people who attended the 1939 World's Fair to share their recollections with the community. If fair-goers are available, the Department will coordinate a panel discussion during an upcoming Artful Afternoon. Interested fair-goers should contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

### The News Review Needs Volunteers

- A computer savvy night owl to type Tuesday nights
- Reporters to cover Springhill Lake issues

Please call Eileen at 301-513-0482  
or Mary Lou at 301-441-2662

## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

### The Board of Directors is Hosting a Members Input Session

Thursday, April 4, 2002  
7:30 p.m.

in the Senior Classroom of the  
Greenbelt Community Center



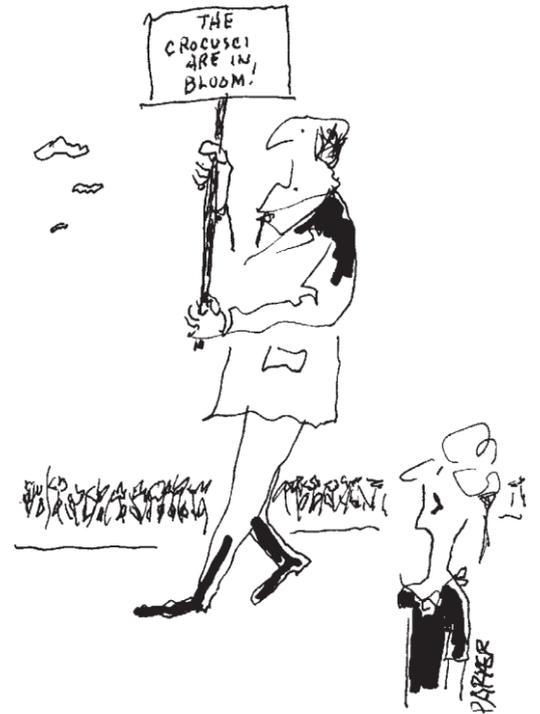
The Board welcomes your views on:

- How are we doing in providing services?
- In what way can we improve?
- Are there additional services or programs you would like considered?

Please join us and your cooperative neighbors in strengthening your community through this open forum.

Julia Eichhorst,  
President

### The Old Curmudgeon



"SNOB!"

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### GHI Notes

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the GHI Building.

A Member Input Session will be held April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center (see ad elsewhere in this issue).

To prospective members of GHI, the next informational seminar about GHI is scheduled for

Monday, April 1 at 7:15 p.m. at the GHI offices.

Members are reminded of the Community-wide Clean Up, Saturday, April 6 (see ad below).

The GHI Board of Directors will meet April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

### Correction

Contrary to what was published in last week's News Review there is a fee for diabetes education classes at the Doctors Community Hospital Diabetes Care Center. Diabetes support groups are free. The News Review regrets the error.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

## Egg Hunt Monday

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's annual Easter egg hunt will be held on Monday, April 1 at Buddy Attick Lake Park starting at 10 a.m. sharp.

Children 18 months through 6th grade are invited to bring their baskets and look for hidden eggs including some very special Golden Eggs that include prizes.

Immediately following the hunt there will be a free performance presented by the Beale Street Puppets.

In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Call the weather and information hotline at 301-474-5525.

For more information, call 301-397-2200.

## Help Cleanup City Streams

Help clean up the city. On Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to noon help members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and debris from the shoreline and path of Greenbelt Lake or join in the Springhill Lake Stream cleanup. Bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes.

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, April 3, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, April 4, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

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

### Adult Programs

Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

## Used Clothing Drive Held by Greenbriar

The Greenbriar Community Association will be collecting clothes for the annual clothing drive during the month of April. Clothing will be donated to the Prince George's County chapter of the American Rescue Workers. Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are encouraged to do some spring cleaning and give unwanted clothing to someone in need. Boxed or bagged, clean clothing may be brought to the Greenbriar Management Office in the Community Bldg. at 7600 Hanover Pkwy., #101 during the entire month. For information, call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

## Council/GEAC Stakeholders Meet

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a stakeholders meeting with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Windsor Green community building on Hanover Parkway. A list of 16 items for discussion has been proposed. They are: Metroland/Greenbelt Station status; post office/Sunrise; playgrounds equity; Hanover Parkway study; NASA-Soil Conservation Road; SHA Neighborhood Conservation Program, MD 193; repainting of speed humps; electric power aggregation bills/Pepeco; Police/Firestation staffing; senior citizen program; Mandan basketball courts; Comcast service/programming; REAC Awards program; newspaper vending boxes; FY 2003 budget issues; and lien law.

# Community Events

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis opened the March 20 meeting. Ellie Rimar read a poem, "Winter-Spring" written by Joe Rimar.

Birthdays for March were announced. Six birthday members were present: James Down, Irene Owens, Helen Gibson, Florence Holly and Vita Pergola. The lucky birthday winner was Irene Owens.

Sunshine committee chair Ken Keeney said cards had been sent to Arlene Harbaugh, Irene Lippert and Mary Hooper. Arlene Souser continues to improve and is in the Rehab Center at Laurel Hospital.

The 50/50 winners were Theresa Scullin and Robert Terrell. New member Arlie Dobbs was greeted and a visitor, Rosemary Scott, was introduced.

The Travel committee chair, John Taylor, announced the trip to Hanover, Pa. to the Utz factory and the Hanover Horse Farm in April, and also the trip to the Botanical Gardens on May 30. There is a fee for these trips.

Ernie Varda, Membership chair, reminded members that dues need to be paid.

There is still time to sign up for the anniversary luncheon on April 17 at the Fontaine Bleu. If you need a ride, contact Dorothea Leslie to be picked up at the Community Center.

## Indian Creek Trash Clean-up Scheduled

Residents are invited to join the watershed cleanup at Indian Creek, beside the Greenbelt Metro, on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Those needing an impetus should think of some facts cited by cleanup groups: about 270 million mosquito-breeding tires are discarded in the U. S. each year, five and a half million of those are in Maryland; storm drains are carrying plastic bottles, coffee cups, toys, etc. from the streets to the Potomac River; Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour; it takes about 400 years for a plastic bottle to biodegrade.

For more information about the April 6 event, call 301-292-6665.

## CARES GED Course Registration Opens

Registration for Greenbelt CARES spring GED courses will be held on Tuesday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The first class will be held on Thursday, April 11.

GED I will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

The classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents for either course. Non-residents are required to pay a \$125 registration fee. All students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook and calculator from Greenbelt CARES.

There is no age requirement for the GED course. Students are eligible to take a GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES at no cost. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, not Greenbelt CARES. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information about GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, the course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660, ext. 144.

## Worship at Lake At Easter Sunrise

The community is invited to the annual Greenbelt ecumenical Easter sunrise service on March 31, 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Lake Park. Bring lawn chairs.

Participating will be Greenbelt Baptist Church, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Greenbelt Community Church, Catholic Community of Greenbelt and Berwyn Presbyterian Church. In the event of rain, services will be held at Greenbelt Baptist Church, at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

## Female Ancestors Genealogy Subject

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present Charles Mason, CGRS, speaking on "Finding Female Ancestors" from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the Greenbelt Public Library. Attendees should park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance. A brief business meeting is held to update attendees on upcoming society activities, followed by a short refreshment break, and then the guest speaker for the evening. Guests are welcome. For further information, call 301-262-2063 (Wednesdays only).

## Dance, Anyone?

Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center there will be an open house for the local International Folk dancers. Roland Forbes, folk dance instructor, welcomes all comers. An eight-week spring session will begin on April 12 at 8 p.m. A modest fee is charged for the classes.

## May Art Exhibit Features Flowers

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has announced an open call for entries for a juried spring art exhibition at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Both 2D and 3D fine arts are welcome, as well as floral design. Artwork may be traditional, contemporary, or experimental in nature. All work must relate to the flower theme. Artists need not be residents of Greenbelt. Applications and slide (no limit) must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 22. As an alternative to sending slides, artists may drop off their work at the Community Center (up to five pieces) 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 29 for consideration. The exhibition will be on view May 2 to May 26. Applications are available by e-mail. Call 301-397-2208 or make contact by e-mail at ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

## Explore Personal Safety for Seniors

The spring session of Explorations Unlimited will start on Friday, April 5, with Officer George Mathews from the Greenbelt Police Department presenting. Officer Mathews will be talking about personal safety for seniors at home, as well as when they are in situations, like driving or shopping. Married with two children, Mathews is a 15-year veteran of the Greenbelt Police Department, currently holding the position of Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer.

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

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Harry Potter \*1:15  
A Beautiful Mind \*4:15, 7:30

Monday  
Harry Potter \*4:15  
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**REMINDER TO GHI MEMBERS**  
**Don't Forget the Community Wide Clean Up of Common Areas on**

Saturday, April 6  
sponsored by your Board of Directors

Help is needed to remove fallen tree limbs and branches and to pick up litter and trash.

- Collection areas will be marked with a red flag on bamboo poles.
- Free trash bags will be available at locations listed below on April 6 after 9 a.m.
- No household refuse - please.
- Debris collected will be picked up on Monday, April 8.

Pick up trash bags at 3-P Research Road, 57K Ridge Road, 30D Ridge Road, 9M Ridge Road, 3H Crescent Road, 2C Gardenway, 30C Ridge Road, 1B Research Road.

Remember - many hands make light work. Thanks for your assistance, help, cooperation, concern for the aesthetics, and for making your community a better place.

Julia Eichhorst,  
President

**GREENBELT HOMES INC.**  
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# Obituaries



## Eunice C. Coxon

Eunice C. Coxon, 89, a longtime Greenbelt resident and well-known community activist, died



March 21, 2002. She was born April 13, 1912, the year of the Titanic, in Quebec City, Canada, married Howard Coxon (d. 1955) and is survived by their son Kenneth of Oakland Park, Fla.

She worked for 21 years (1956 to '77) at the nearby Asphalt Institute.

Mrs. Coxon was well known to city, county and state officials as a Republican and, according to Julian Holmes, "a dynamo of consistency in fighting for reform in Prince Georges' County." Always feisty, she "accepted challenges with vigor and felt it was her duty to be a participating member of democracy and not a bystander," said Phil Warner.

Mrs. Coxon worked with the Prince Georges' County Marlboro Commission that established the home rule charter in 1962. She was a charter member of the local League of Women Voters and the Prince Georges' County Civic Federation, which awarded her the Citizen of the Year Cup for 1995. She also served on the Prince George's County Commission on Aging.

In Greenbelt she served on the city Board of Appeals. She was a founder of Citizens for Greenbelt where she served two terms as president. Mrs. Coxon served on five committees of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). She was remembered for her efforts to secure voting machines for GHI elections. She was a judge for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Talent Show.

Mrs. Coxon was a member of Greenbelt Community Church.

In recent years Mrs. Coxon entered a nearby assisted-living facility but she kept politically active with phone calls to her long-time friends including Prince George's County Council members Audrey Scott and Walter Maloney.

There are plans to name a bench in Greenbelt in her memory and contribute to the Prince Georges' County Civic Federation. Donations may be sent to Harriette Phelps, 7822 Hanover Parkway #303, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301-441-2207).

(Written by Harriette Phelps.)

We were saddened to learn of the death of Lorraine Doan, a resident of Lakecrest Drive and a former News Review staffer. Condolences to Mike Doan, her husband of 55 years, and family.

Our sympathy to the friends of Eunice Coxon, longtime Greenbelt resident, who died on Thursday, March 21, 2002.

Condolences to David Lange, former Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen, upon the recent death of his mother, Leila Lange, in Minnesota.

Army Reserve Pvt. Michael P. Canavan, son of Kathy Canavan of Ridge Road, has graduated from the AH-64 helicopter armament/electrical systems repair course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Virginia. He is a 2001 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

In December 2001, Jeffrey P. Timer graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor of science degree in Turfgrass science. The former News Review carrier and graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School made Dean's list his final semester with a 3.90 grade point average. The son of Betty and Joe Timer of Greenbelt, Jeff has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent with Indian Spring Country Club in Silver Spring.

Riderwood Village, an independent living community in Silver Spring, salutes its social workers during March, National Social Work Month. Greenbelt residents Katrina Boverman, MSW, LCSW-C, a resident services manager; and Jill Kamenetz, resident services social work student, were among those honored.

## Many Events Offered at Artful Afternoon

On Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 5 p.m., the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon including a variety of free arts activities. The program will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

At 2 p.m., Jane Franklin Dance will present a modern dance suite entitled "Scape Vietnam." This new work,

which premiered in March at Arlington's Gunston Arts Center, includes three choreographed dances incorporating sculptural bamboo elements created by artist Brece Honeycutt. The dances explore three symbols: the branch, ring, and gate. A discussion with the choreographer and dancers will follow. All ages are encouraged to attend.

From 1 to 4 p.m., guests ages 16 and over are invited to create stained glass suncatchers with Artists in Residence Betty Broderick and Jean Newcomb. All materials will be provided. This workshop is designed for persons with no stained glass experience who are interested in learning about this craft. Workshop space is limited and participants will be granted admission on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes in both stained glass and fused glass will be offered by the Recreation Department beginning in April, along with many other offerings.

Additional activities on April 7 will include a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists in Residence from 1 to 5 p.m. Exhibitions on view at the Center include paintings by contemporary folk artist Sy Mohr



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEVY

The Jane Franklin Dancers will perform on Sunday at 2 p.m. as part of a full afternoon of activities.

and a documentary photo exhibit sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum. At 3:30 p.m., guests of all ages are invited to audition for The World of Tomorrow, a community performance project based on the 1939 World's Fair. No experience or preparation is required for the audition.

For information, call 301-397-2208.

## Penney Death Inspires Park Safety Plea

The death of Greenbelt native Walter Penney while bicycling on Sligo Creek Parkway has energized the community to reclaim Sligo Creek Park for safe recreational use. On April 6 from 10 a.m. until noon a rally will take place at the site of Penney's death (Sligo Creek Parkway and Dallas Ave.), just northwest of Colesville Road, to call for a safer, user-friendly parkway.

The rally will bring together bicyclists, walkers, runners, children, environmentalists and Penney's friends and neighbors to call upon Montgomery County officials to take the actions needed to return Sligo Creek Park to its original purpose as a park, and not a freeway.

Sponsoring organizations are Safe Neighborhood Day, the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) and others. Questions can be addressed to sligosafety@hotmail.com.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
 March 31, 10 a.m.  
 "Easter, The Ceaseless Flow of Life" by Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers with Jennifer Brooks, intern



Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

### Baha'i Faith

"O Friends! Abandon not the everlasting beauty for a beauty that must die, and set not our affections on this mortal world of dust."  
 -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.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate

Part Time Ministry

### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

### Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

**Easter Service**

10:15 a.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt for All Children**

Sunday, March 31

10:30 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

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: "Restorer of All Humanity"

Easter Sunday



HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

[www.gb-gm-UMC.org/mowatt](http://www.gb-gm-UMC.org/mowatt)

### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Corner of Crescent & Greenhill Rds

301-474-4212 [gbaptist@lwol.com](mailto:gbaptist@lwol.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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**We invite you to experience Easter at St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**

7010 Glenn Dale Road

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 301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

**Good Friday**

7:30 pm Sung Liturgy\*

**Holy Saturday**

8:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter\*

\*ASL interpreted

**Easter Day**

8:00 am Sung Mass

9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt I

10 am Sung Mass\*

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt II



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, March 31, 2002

Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



Maundy Thursday, March 28

Service of Holy Communion 12:15 p.m.

Passover Celebration with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

Spoken Service - 12:15 p.m.

Tenebrae Service of Darkness - 7:30 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday, March 31

Holy Communion Sunrise Service - 7:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Festival of the Resurrection - 10:30 a.m.



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

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Even so, revenues received from fines from motorists who are caught on camera going through a red traffic light are expected to increase and more than fully fund the program.

McLaughlin noted that there appears to be no evidence of recession in Greenbelt. He expects slight but positive increases in revenues from the city's share of the state income tax, the hotel/motel tax, and the admissions and amusements tax, although the revenues are not expected to be as high as they were back in fiscal year 2000. He believes that property values are on the increase in the city. However, this won't result in increased taxes until property in the city is reassessed, with the city not benefiting from added revenues until the fiscal year ending in 2005.

On the expenditure side, his budget funds a 3 percent pay adjustment for classified employees, slightly higher than the Consumer Price Index. With that increase, McLaughlin feels that the city will achieve pay comparability with other jurisdictions as recommended by the city's consultant performing a pay study.

The budget also proposes to restructure the accounting of activities and reorganize the Recreation Department. Proposed are dual assistant director positions to replace the single position vacated upon the retirement of Harry James. Instead of accounting for recreation programs by location, such as the Youth Center, Community Center, etc., the budget will propose more of a program orientation with building expenses consolidated in one budget, and programs accounted for under the categories of arts, youth and adult programs.

During the year, the city will re-finance its debt payments and borrow the additional \$3.5 million authorized by last November's bond issue referendum. McLaughlin expects this to result in lower debt payment expenses of \$133,000 for the coming fiscal year.

He characterized the long term outlook for Greenbelt's fiscal

condition to be stable, but constrained. Future revenue growth is uncertain, although growth could result from development at the Golden Triangle and Metro Center. On the other hand, there will always be upward pressure on expenses as costs increase and service demands continue, he believes. "The future will continue to require maximizing available resources and closely managing these resources," he stated.

### Council Reaction

Council appeared to be generally pleased, but guarded, about the budget presentation. While Councilmember Thomas White commended the manager's presentation as comprehensive, but concise, and noted that the budget appeared to have everything under control, he wanted to know more about the possible list of unmet needs that the manager did not fund in the budget. McLaughlin responded that some of the unmet needs put forth by the departments had been funded in the budget, but that others, as is the usual case, were not.

White then asked the manager to prepare a study on the various facility spaces, their revenue producing capabilities, and the revenue now being generated.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull also commended McLaughlin on his presentation and noted that the budget appeared to contain a number of things in it that he wanted to see there. While the budget was "so far, so good," he expected problems to appear as they reviewed the budget. "We'll be looking at the details," he warned. The city council plans to meet once or twice each week between now and June 3 when the budget is scheduled to be adopted. The first review scheduled is for Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Community Center. At that time the council will get a further overview and undertake a detailed review of revenues and the general government budgets - city manager's office, finance department, personnel, legal expenses, community promotion, etc.



# City Information

## GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT



### ANNUAL EGG HUNT

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002  
10:00AM SHARP  
BUDDY ATTICK LAKE PARK  
CHILDREN AGES 18 MONTHS  
THRU 6TH GRADE

Bring your baskets and find the colorful eggs that the Bunny and his Helpers have hidden. There are many eggs to be found including some very special Golden Eggs that include prizes.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS & WORK SESSIONS APRIL 2002

Budget Worksession		
<i>Overview, Revenues &amp; Gen. Govt</i>	4/3	8:00 p.m. CC
Work Session		
<i>Greenbelt East Advisory Comm.</i>	4/4	7:30 p.m. WG
Regular Meeting	4/8	8:00 p.m. MB*
Budget Work Sessions		
<i>Plan. &amp; Comm. Dev., Cap. Proj.</i>	4/10	8:00 p.m. CC
<i>CARES, Misc., &amp; Other Funds</i>	4/15	8:00 p.m. MB*
<i>Public Works</i>	4/17	8:00 p.m. CC
Regular Meeting	4/22	8:00 p.m. MB*
Budget Work Sessions		
<i>Fraternal Order of Police</i>	4/24	8:00 p.m. CC
<i>Public Safety</i>	4/29	8:00 p.m. MB*

\* = Shown live on Channel B-71

MB=Municipal Building CC=Community Center  
WG=Windsor Green Community Building

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation call 301-474-8000. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or TTY 301-474-2046.

## CITY JOB OPENINGS

**Job Security! Great Benefits! Helping People! PRIDE!**  
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**P/T Accounting Technician: \$12.93/hr w/pro-rated benefits. M-F 12-4:30pm.** Process vendor payments, tax bills, reports, etc. Must have good typing skills; ability to understand/follow complex oral/written instructions; ability to communicate effectively with the public/other employees. AA degree in accounting or three years of responsible experience in bookkeeping or accounting in another agency. (Combination of education & experience)  
**The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.** Apply in person at: City of Greenbelt Personnel Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt; download the Employment Application from our website or call our job-line at 301-474-1872 to request required application be mailed to you.

## LAKE PARK CLEANUP

(Part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup)  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9 AM - NOON**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.

**OR...YOU CAN JOIN IN ON THE SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM CLEANUP WHICH WILL BE GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME!**

- Bring your work gloves!
- Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots - or old shoes.

**STUDENTS - Community Service Hours will be given - bring your forms.**

For more information, call the Public Works Office at (301) 474-8004.



## 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.

## ADVISORY BOARDS/ COMMITTEES:

**Volunteers are needed for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee. Please call 301-474-8000 for information.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Saturday, April 6 & 13th**  
**9am-12pm**  
**Buddy Attick Park**

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. Volunteers will be laying flagstone, performing soil work and planting. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!



## ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the oldest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members, and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 1, 2002 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, April 20, 2002 11 a.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

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Greenbelt, Maryland 20770



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# POLICE BLOTTER

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

## Assault

6000 block Springhill Drive, March 19, 6:58 p.m., a person reported that he was approached by three males and three females, all approximately 13 years old. One of the young men struck the victim in the head with a wooden stick. The victim refused medical attention.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, March 19, 6:58 p.m., a person riding his scooter down the street was confronted by three males and three females who demanded money. When he refused, one of the persons punched him in the face. The victim refused treatment.

With reference to an assault reported February 28 in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a New Carrollton woman, 45, with strong-arm robbery, assault and theft.

## Robbery

7900 block Mandan Road, March 16, 11:59 p.m., a woman had just left her residence by way of the patio door when she was approached by a man with a handgun who forced her to the ground. He took her purse and fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 15 to 25, 5'8", 140 pounds, wearing a grey "hoodie."

## Burglary

7800 block Cloister Place, March 16, 2:13 p.m., someone gained entry by breaking out a rear window. A laptop computer was taken.

8100 block Mandan Terrace, March 21, time unknown, someone gained entry by forcing open a door to the residence. Two computers, a DVD player, digital recording system, compact disc player, watches and jewelry were taken.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, March 15, 9:55 a.m., someone gained entry by unknown means and took boots and money.

6200 block Breezewood Drive, March 15, 7:14 p.m., someone forced open a sliding glass window and took a television set.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, March 17, 4:29 p.m., entry may have been made with a key; clothes, a DVD player and DVD movies were taken.

9100 block Edmonston Road, March 18, 8:44 p.m., someone tried to enter a residence by breaking a bedroom window.

## Theft

Beltway Plaza, March 17, 3:07 p.m., an unattended wallet and checkbook were taken from a counter at the Sports Authority.

Beltway Plaza, March 17, 3:25 p.m., someone took unattended eyeglasses from a shopping cart in the Giant food store.

Beltway Plaza, March 21, 6:37 p.m., a Lanham resident, 17, who worked as a cashier for the Target store, was arrested for allegedly undercharging his friends for merchandise while working registers at the store. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

7415 Greenbelt Road, March 15, 8:15 p.m., a wallet was taken

from a secured locker at Bally's Health and Fitness.

7500 block Greenway Center Drive, March 21, 11:44 a.m., several fire extinguishers were taken from an office building.

## Flim-flam

Beltway Plaza, March 20, 1:57 p.m., a man was shopping at the Burlington Coat Factory when he was approached by two other men who engaged in small talk. The suspects told the victim they had found a large quantity of money and that they would share it if he would assist them and put up "good faith" money. All three went to the victim's home, where the victim gave the suspects money. The suspects told the victim they were going to their vehicle to get the victim's share of the money, but they never returned. The suspects are described as a Hispanic male, 30 to 35, tall, wearing a black jacket and khaki pants, and a Hispanic male, 30 to 35, short, wearing a blue shirt and white pants. The suspect vehicle is a large white sedan with unknown Maryland tags.

## Credit Card Fraud

9100 block Springhill Lane, March 18, 5:16 p.m., a Greenbelt resident, age 14, was arrested after he allegedly took credit cards and checkbooks belonging to his mother and grandmother and made several unauthorized purchases. He was released to his mother pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Vandalism

5900 block Cherrywood Lane, March 11, 1:36 a.m., someone broke the sliding glass door of an apartment.

## Disorderly Conduct

In two separate incidents, men were arrested for disorderly conduct at T.G.I. Friday restaurant. The first incident, on March 16, at 12:45 a.m., involved the arrest of an Adelphi resident, 20, who became disorderly when asked for identification; he was released on citation pending trial. In the second incident, on March 20, at 7:47 p.m., a resident of Upper Marlboro, 30, was arrested after he refused to leave at the request of management for having created a scene by shouting profanities; he also was released on citation pending trial.

## Drugs

In two separate incidents, the first in the 9100 block of Edmonston Court, on March 16, at 5:20 p.m., and the second in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, on March 19 at 7:10 p.m., two men ages 18 and 19 were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both suspects were released on citation pending trial.

7000 block Mandan Road, March 21, 1:25 a.m., a Riverdale man, 31, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Sex Offense

With reference to a sex offense reported February 23 in the 500 block of Crescent Road, an

arrest warrant has been obtained charging a 38-year-old man of no fixed address with assault and fourth-degree sex offense.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2000 Hyundai Sonata four-door, color not given, stolen March 12 from the 9200 block of Edmonston Road, was recovered by county police in Capitol Heights; a burgundy 1999 Cadillac Escalade four-door, no tags, March 16 from the 6500 block of Capitol Drive; a green 1997 Ford Expedition, Md. tags ADH29T, March 19, from the 400 block of Ridge Road; a blue 1990 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags GMK735, March 19 from Beltway Plaza.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (two incidents); 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; 9200 block Edmonston Road; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 8000 block Mandan Road; 6200 block Breezewood Drive; 9300 block Edmonston Road; 400 block Ridge Road; 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 9100 block Edmonston Road; 6200 block Springhill Drive; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Four vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.

## Field Artillery Called To Active Duty

The Maryland Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 110th Field Artillery (2-110) is being called up for active duty in support of Operation Noble Eagle, a homeland defense mission on the East Coast.

Headquartered at the Pikesville Military Reservation the battalion comprises four units: Headquarters, including Headquarters Section, and Battery C, both located at the Pikesville Military Reservation; Battery A, located at the Maj. Gen. Henry C. Evans Armory in Westminster and Battery B, located at the Maj. Gen. (MD) John R. Kenly Armory in Greenbelt. More than 230 citizen-soldiers will be mobilized.

Scheduled for mobilization on March 30, the unit will proceed to Ft. Dix, N.J., where it will conduct mobilization processing.

The 2nd Battalion, 110th Field Artillery belongs to the 29th Infantry Division (Light), a unit tied directly to the famed unit that stormed the Normandy beaches on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

## Hospital Receives Challenge Award

Doctors Community Hospital recently received the Women Legislators of Maryland Child Care Challenge Award for 2001. The hospital was recognized for its emergency child care center, a unique program for children of hospital employees. The program is designed to care for children on short notice and also help during the nursing shortage by keeping nurses working when Prince George's County schools are closed for inclement weather or other emergencies. The Prince George's Child Resource Center nominated Doctors Community Hospital for this award.

# AMERICAN REALTY

## 3 BEDROOM GHI UNITS

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# St. Hugh's Students Build Igloo for Study of Arctic

by Leslie Hilliard

The project was to build an igloo. It was one of the several activities that St. Hugh's Junior High students were undertaking in their study of Arctic and Antarctic environments through JASON XIII, "Frozen Worlds." The directions seemed easy enough. The materials were empty milk jugs and hot glue. The goal was to have the igloo, measuring about five feet in diameter, finished and on display by March 14.



PHOTO BY MARJORIE SPARKS

**St. Hugh's Sixth Grade Igloo Construction Crew.**

For weeks, students at St. Hugh's school brought in empty donated milk jugs, including some from the Goddard Child Development Center. Within two months, over 600 jugs had been collected and more were coming in every day. Construction began. Working in shifts over several weeks, the students carefully assembled the igloo in Grenoble Hall. Work had proceeded to the dome, and students were just beginning to close it in. But on March 12, something happened: a wall had collapsed over the weekend. "We think," speculated igloo engineer and science

teacher Marjorie Sparks, "that someone tried to climb in through the entrance area, since that was the area that was damaged, and accidentally knocked down a wall." By the next day, with its support structure weakened, another side gave way. All were disappointed. But since the students were studying the effects of global warming trends on frozen environments, they came up with an idea. When their science fair on "Frozen Worlds" opened, there was a sign on the collapsing igloo that read, "Look what global warming has done to us!" The message: even something that seems like a failure can be a learning experience.

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According to Bill Phelan, assistant director of the Department of Public Works, approximately two-thirds of the flagstone path has been laid, and almost three-fourths of a separate path that will connect the facility to the existing pathway at the park has been completed. Several volunteers have generously given their time and enthusiasm to this effort so far, and learned unique skills in the process.

The grand opening celebration of the facility will be part of the city's Earth Day 2002 Celebration on Saturday, April 20. There is still much work to be done before we officially thank Mother Nature for her labors, however. The Planning and Public Works Departments have expanded the number of volunteer days that were originally planned in order

to get the facility ready for opening day.

### Volunteers Needed

Much has been accomplished so far, but much more remains to be done. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays, April 6 and 13 from 9 a.m. to noon to help complete the pathways and plant. There are 11 types of shrubs, five types of trees and 15 varieties of wildflowers that need to be planted. In addition, volunteers will be needed on Earth Day itself to finish the planting. The Earth Day Celebration will run from 10 a.m. to noon and feature the grand opening of the facility, planting, and the announcement of this year's t-shirt contest winner. The theme of the contest, sponsored by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, is "Protecting Greenbelt's

Lakes."

Greenbelt Lake has been a city treasure for more than sixty years. The construction of this facility represents an opportunity to be part of the history and future of Greenbelt. Please join the city in helping to enrich this communal legacy by volunteering to help build the wetland education facility. The city is providing volunteer service hours to students. Volunteers should bring work gloves. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Kristen Ward at 301-474-6125.

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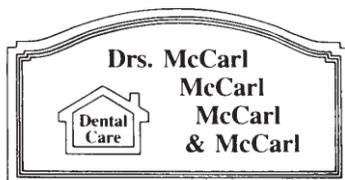
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Their yard backs up to acres of land administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In the winter, Santos has looked out and seen four, sometimes five, deer and other wildlife - usually right before a hunting trip where he won't spot a thing. "You want to talk about frustration," he says, grinning and shaking his head.

Hunting is just one of Santos' favorite ways to unwind. In April, he joined about 30 Legion buddies for a North Carolina golf outing - it's a trip the group makes annually.

And being a proud Marylander, Santos is always ready to take visiting friends up to the harbors in Baltimore or Annapolis, where he knows the best place to get a soft-shell crab dinner and a spot to watch ships come in.

Spend a day with Santos on his turf and it's hard to imagine the man living anywhere else. "We're in a bed of history here," he says excitedly, counting off the reasons he loves that corner of the country: go a half-hour and you find the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Fort McHenry at Baltimore Harbor and countless sites in the nation's capital. Go west 50 miles and you're at the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg. The Gettysburg National Battlefield is only 80 miles away.

Only a few minutes from Greenbelt is Goddard Space Flight Center, where Santos landed his first job after leaving the Naval Reserve - and where he met Linda. He was a technical librarian; she was a government secretary who walked by him every day on her way to the office. It wasn't long before they were dating, and in June 1968 they married. They have three children: Betsy, 33, Lee, 31, and Steffen, 29.

"We're opposites," Santos says, his eyes sparkling. "We're like the North Pole and the South Pole, with a family in between. If she likes her bread brown, I like mine white. She's an animal lover. I love my work. It's a lot of fun."

Don't let him fool you about the animals, though. One look at Santos playing with the family dogs - two Welsh Corgis named Dee Dee and Bear - and it's plain to see he has a hard time masking his affection.

"One night the dog wouldn't get off the bed," Linda recalls, laughing. "He's on his hands and knees: 'Dee Dee, Daddy wants to go to bed.' Not an animal person, right?"

### A Traveling Man

When talking about his work, Santos is right on in saying he loves it. A person would have to, being away from home as often as he's been in his 31 years as property insurance claims adjuster.

"I would go on catastrophe duty for hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and floods and stay there for several months," Santos says. "Catastrophe duty is very tough, mentally and physically, on a person. You learn how to be compassionate to your fellow man, following catastrophic damages to their homes, businesses and personal property. There are many things you can do for people in need, and other times there's no way you can comply with their call for assistance. It's tough to tell someone 'no' in those instances. So you learn to be a realist as well." For the past couple of years, though, it's been Legion business that's kept him on the road, first as a candidate for national commander and now

as national commander. But Santos says he loves the travel and the opportunities it gives him to talk with Legionnaires around the world.

"It's difficult for those doing the hard work in the trenches at the posts to always feel they're part of the group, unless they have the opportunity to meet or speak with the leadership of their organization. And they must feel that their leader is not just a guy they read about, but is someone they can communicate with directly," he says. "So I feel the national commander should make himself available to as many Legionnaires as he can. After all, I'm not just the national commander; I'm their national commander."

Clearly, members of Greenbelt Post 136 are thrilled to see one of their own in office.

"He's just one of the guys," says Jerry DuShane, 1995-1996 post commander. "If Ric meets you, he'll never forget your name."

As a leader, Santos confesses to being a bit of a perfectionist. "A lot of people don't like to work with me. See how clean my computer desk is? It's like that all the time," he points out. Those around him, though, applaud the results he gets.

Jay Mayock, past post adjutant and a friend of the national commander for 30 years, says Santos' way of getting down to brass tacks and doing business has served the post - and the Department of Maryland - in good fashion. "You don't achieve Ric's status by just saying 'I want to be' or 'I'm putting my hat in the ring,'" Mayock says. "He totally commits and always puts his best foot forward for The American Legion."

### "Santos to Enterprise"

Santos is one of three children, born in New Bedford, Mass., and raised in that city and nearby Fairhaven. He grew up around the military - one uncle in the Air Force, two in the Army, one in the Navy. Santos was closest to the uncle in the Navy, who was stationed on a destroyer out of Newport, R.I. Santos' uncle took him aboard on family days and cruises, which left quite an impression on the young man.

When Santos was 16, his brother-in-law - also in the Navy - encouraged him to join the Naval Reserve. "He told me, 'Start your military service time in high school, and you'll be done sooner,'" Santos says. So he joined at 17 and completed basic training between his junior and senior years of high school. Upon graduation in 1962, he attended radio school in Bainbridge, Md., followed by an assignment on the most awesome warship of the time: the USS Enterprise CVN-65, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

"I had the opportunity to make two Mediterranean cruises and to go around the world on it," Santos says. Operation Sea Orbit, a 30,565-mile voyage around the globe, took him to Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Pakistan, Australia and Brazil - quite an education for a New England boy.

He came home as friends were leaving for Vietnam. Work wasn't plentiful in New Bedford, so he headed down to Maryland to visit his sister and see what the area might have for him. Santos got a one-bedroom efficiency in Greenbelt and was hired on at Goddard, where he soon was introduced to a woman

whose husband was a past commander of Greenbelt Post 136.

On Dec. 7, 1967, Pearl Harbor Day, he notes, Santos became a member of The American Legion.

### Tomorrow's Legion

During his term as national commander, Santos wants to get back to basics with a new emphasis on the membership of younger veterans and on veterans' service programs. "Somehow the younger veterans haven't joined our ranks in great numbers, and the service programs haven't stayed as elevated as they should," he says.

Reminding America what the Legion has to offer veterans is an important step at this point in the organization's life, Santos says. In fact, it's crucial to meeting a goal he shares with many of his predecessors: reversing the membership slip.

More than anything, Santos wants to make sure younger generations of veterans don't miss the camaraderie he's enjoyed in the American Legion.

Smiling, he recalls the Legion softball league he and another fellow put together in the '70s. His team had a bunch of Vietnam vets and a couple of older vets. Over time, they became like family. There was a mutual admiration and respect amongst the team members - regardless if one was a veteran of World War II, Korea or Vietnam.

"We used to move each other into new homes, paint or repair each other's houses, make trips and vacations together, get together with the kids on weekends and holidays," Santos says. "We were, and still are, a close-knit group." He pauses, then says quietly, "That's what it's all about."

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## Spring has Sprung!



Bradford pear trees formed a canopy of blossoms over the median on Southway, looking toward Ridge Road.



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The daffodils on Crescent Road survived two days of subfreezing temperatures, and bloomed on.

## Jeffery Grant, St. Hugh's Geography Bee Star

by Leslie Hilliard

"In the summer of 2001, Arequipa, a city founded during Spanish colonial times, was hit by a devastating earthquake. Arequipa is the second largest city in what country?" Such were the questions asked of 60 St. Hugh's students from fourth to eighth grade who participated in the 14th Annual National Geographic Bee. This is St. Hugh's fifth year of participation.

Seventh grade student Jeffery Grant won the school competition. No stranger to geography bees, he has participated in the

last four years and done extremely well every year. This year he placed in the top 100 scorers across the state in a qualifying written exam and will participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee on April 5 at Montgomery College.

"I'm really nervous about this," Jeffery admitted. His classmates are pulling for him. "Jeff is like one of the smartest kids in the class," a classmate confirmed. So, in what country is Arequipa located? Ask Jeff. He knows.

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• Automatic transmission  
• Air conditioning  
• Eight-speaker CD player  
• Head Curtain Air Bags\*  
• Power Windows  
• Cruise Control  
• Anti-lock Braking System with Traction Control  
• Dent-resistant front fenders and door panels  
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• Fold-flat front passenger seat  
• Power Sunroof  
• 16-inch alloy wheels and tires  
• Power Package includes windows, locks and more  
• Roof-rack crossbars  
• Side step bars  
• Limited production

\*Payment based on a 2002 SL1 with a MSRP of \$14,515. Thirty-eight monthly payments total \$7,676 at 12% APR. Buyer has option to sell vehicle to lending institution and pay a \$250 disposal fee plus any wear charges and mileage of \$.20 per mile over 39,000 miles or buyer may refinance the final 39th balloon payment of \$6,386.60. All offers require lender approval. Must take delivery from Saturn of Bowie by 3/31/02. \*\*Based on NHTSA crash test results from 2/2001.



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