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## Maria Reflects on 30 Years' Service At the Beauty Shop in the Center

by Dorothy Sucher

For 30 years Maria E. Wyman has been hard at work beautifying Greenbelt — one head of hair at a time. Known to her customers simply as “Maria,” and to her friends as “Chiquita,” she is the proprietor of Maria’s Beauty Salon in the Roosevelt Center. A warm-hearted and vivacious brunette with a delicious trace of a Spanish accent, she looks too young to have a three-year-old grandchild and to be celebrating three decades as a hairdresser in Greenbelt. On Saturday, December 28, a friend will be hosting an Open House at the salon in her honor.

Recently, the News Review asked Maria about her philosophy of hair styling. Her response was more personal than theoretical. “When I have a new customer, I always take extra time to try to exactly understand her ideas about how she’d like her hair fixed. I always try to do what the customer wants, not what I want. I do give my ideas, but I listen more to their ideas.”

### Born in Bolivia

Maria was born in Bolivia, where she learned hairdressing and earned her license. She practiced her art there for only a few months before deciding to come to the United States in 1969, at the urging of a brother and sister who had already emigrated. She soon found that her new customers had

more money to spend at the beauty parlor than on a simple wash and set, as in her native country. Here she learned to work with colors, highlights, and many different chemicals “to make our clients beautiful,” she explained. As a result, “When my clients walked out, they always walked out very happy.”

She married an American and had a daughter who was six weeks old when Maria first came to Greenbelt in 1972 to work at a beauty shop then located in the Roosevelt Center, above what is now the Beijing restaurant. After living in Greenbelt for three years, she moved to Hyattsville and finally Bowie, where she has resided for the last 20 years.

While working at the beauty shop she noticed the barbershop downstairs, a few doors from the Beijing. It was owned by Tom McAndrew, an easy-going man who gave many a Greenbelt boy his first haircut. The two became friendly, and when McAndrew wanted to sell his shop, Maria decided to buy it and turn it into a beauty parlor.

“In Bolivia I never dreamed of things like that,” she said. “I just hoped I’d find a nice job somewhere. But I took a chance, like everyone else. And my relatives were behind me and helped me.” Buying the shop was a decision

she would never regret.

Some years after coming to Greenbelt, Maria and her first husband were divorced. By then she had two children to raise without any child support. “It wasn’t easy,” she said. “But somehow we always learn how to manage. I used to work seven days a week, and I had a live-in babysitter.”

Her hard work paid off, the business prospered, and she was able to give her children the things she wanted them to have. “For this I’m very grateful to the people of Greenbelt,” she told the News Review. “The city of Greenbelt has been part of my life over the years. I love Greenbelt.”

One of the things Maria likes best about the city is the Labor Day Festival, because it is great for children. Her own children loved it, she says, and now her three-year-old granddaughter comes to the festival. “I hope that we always have the festival here. It is wonderful to see the children and the people so happy and joyful, especially in the hard times when we have to worry about recessions and war.”

### Steady Clientele

Many of the patrons of the beauty shop have been coming for years, but there is also a steady stream of walk-ins, some of them

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## Golden Triangle Trees Expanded in Buffer

On December 19 the Prince George’s County Planning Board approved a detailed site plan for the Golden Triangle lot 27 office development. The plan was approved with a condition that the area of woodland conservation in the northeast corner stand of trees be increased from .15 acres to one-half acre within a 40-foot buffer. The designated area is adjacent to the Walker cemetery.

In addition, the Planning Board directed that the tree area be protected, rather than merely conserved. This language means that no disturbance is permitted. The conservation of the area would allow the applicant to grade into the area and then revegetate where it was disturbed. The board’s action gives the highest level of protection to save the tree area.

In order to increase the space dedicated to tree preservation, the Planning Board reduced by 50 the number of parking spaces included in the site plan.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin called the Planning Board’s action a victory for the city.

### What Goes On

**Tuesday, December 31/Wednesday, January 1**  
**6:45 p.m. to 1 a.m., Greenbelt**  
New Year’s Eve Party

## Fireworks Will Kick Off Greenbelt New Year 2003

by Patti Brothers

There are only a few days to solidify New Year’s Eve plans. Those who are still awaiting inspiration for bringing in the New Year are invited to join their friends and neighbors at Greenbelt New Year 2003. The evening will start with a beautiful display of fireworks at 6:45 p.m. at Braden Field. Wintertime fireworks are a true treat so don’t wait until the 4th of July.

### Community Center

The evening’s activities will then move indoors at four different locations. The Community Center will host the great rhythm and sounds of Trinidad and Tobago. Blue Sky Puppets will delight the audience with wonderful “let your imagination take you away” puppet shows. Magic Mike will intrigue children and adults with his mystical magic and balloon-sculpting skills. And don’t forget to shake McGruff’s hand when he appears in the halls. The children’s craft room, run by resident artists, will be open once again for a night full of creativity. For those who feel like dancing, the St. Columba’s Scottish Dancers will have everyone up on their feet. Lessons will be provided. John Hill will offer the party goers with a full night of music from his acoustic guitar and wonderful voice.

### More Fun

The Goddard Storytellers will

tell exciting, let-your-imagination-take-you-away stories for kids and adults. Get a “once in a lifetime” hairstyle - both artful and fun - in the Wacky Hair Salon.

DC Motors will begin the final celebration and ring in the New Year in fine style with their great, nonstop sounds that span the last four decades.

### Youth Center

The Youth Center will have lots of “get involved” activities for everyone including a huge twister game (can people get their bodies to stretch that far and that way?) and obstacle course (try to outrun a neighbor), both provided by Talk of the Town and a karaoke deejay, provided by Sight and Sound Entertainment, who will play great music all night long for listening and/or for singing. Kids’ bingo will be going on all night in the multipurpose room with great prizes and lots of fun.

### Arts Center

The Arts Center will be presenting a delightful youth play, “True Magic,” followed by the rock group “Something Completely Different.”

### Theater

During the later part of the evening, the movie theater will be the setting for animated short films by GAVA.

Food will be plentiful with great desserts by Chef Lou and

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## Rufus Millegan, Jr. Pleads Guilty in Osborne Murder

One of the men charged with the murder of Tessa Mae Osborne, 18, of Greenbelt on May 1, 2001, has pled guilty in the U. S. District Court in Greenbelt. Under a plea agreement, federal prosecutors agreed to drop their bid for the death penalty against Rufus J. Millegan, Jr., of Greenbelt. According to the Washington Post, Maryland U.S. Attorney Thomas M. DiBaggio said Millegan will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Millegan has also agreed to testify against Cornell W. McClure, who was also charged with the crime.

According to the Washington Post, federal prosecutors allege that Millegan and McClure lured Osborne into a truck, drove her to the Beltsville Agricultural Center and fatally shot her. Millegan has now acknowledged that he and McClure both shot Osborne in an attempt to press her for information about a home invasion robbery they believed she knew about. According to a statement of facts, Osborne suffered 11 gunshot wounds.

In July 2001 U.S. District Court Judge William Connolly announced that he intended to sign

an Order of Detention (without bail) in a case where he felt the evidence is strong, according to a July 12, 2001 story in this newspaper by Barbara Bonham Young. The judge went on to say “These statements show that he [McClure] went looking for Miss Osborne, enticed her into the vehicle and drove her to Beaver Dam Road.” He cited the numerous times the defendants admitted firing at her, even after Miss Osborne ran from them. He added that bullets found at the Millegan residence appear to be of the same caliber as those fired at the scene.

Still clothed in the apron worn by employees of the Greenbelt Co-op, Tessa Osborne’s body was found on the grounds of the Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville on the morning of Wednesday, May 2. She had been shot numerous times with two different types of ammunition: both 9 mm. and .32 caliber bullets. The 9 mm. ammunition included regular and hollow-point bullets.

A friend of Tessa’s dropped her off at her home on the morning of Tuesday, May 1. She was expected to work at the Greenbelt

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## Bone Marrow Drive Draws Many Would-be Donors

by Marat Moore



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

**Potential donors first answer a questionnaire to see whether they qualify.**

More than 175 people turned out on Saturday to help save the life of Greenbelt resident P.J. Siegel by volunteering to be screened as potential blood marrow donors. Siegel, 43, is facing a life-threatening form of leukemia and may not survive unless she finds a match for a bone marrow transplant.

“We are extremely pleased at the show of support and plan to have another Greenbelt screening, perhaps in late February,” said Julia Eichhorst, president of Greenbelt Homes Inc., who helped organize the event at the Community Center gym. She added that about 140 people had their fingers pricked for the blood sample and around 35

people did not qualify for the donation because of illness, a compromised immune system or other health problems. The phlebotomists who took the blood samples are affiliated with the National Institutes of Health Marrow Donor Center.

As reported in last week’s News Review, Siegel, who was born and raised in Greenbelt, served as the first woman president of the Greenbelt Lions Club, and also served as an army major. She is a single mother who is devoted to her 12-year-old daughter Shaine, who was Little Miss Greenbelt in 1999.

In August Siegel was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a crippling blood cancer that targets the immune system. Tumors grow when blood cells, which originate in the marrow, fail to mature, and eventually the marrow fails. Siegel’s immune system is so fragile that she could die from a common cold.

### Screening

A steady stream of people flowed into the Community Center

See **BONE MARROW**, page 12

# Greenway Center Plans Modernization Project

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council heard good news about Greenway Center on Wednesday, December 18, when it met with Brian Miller, senior property manager of Combined Properties, which manages and now owns the center. Even though there has been a general downturn in the economy, Miller said, most merchants at Greenway Center have seen sales increase in 2002 for the third year in a row. He said Safeway has had one of its best years ever. More good news followed as Miller outlined a five-year maintenance and improvement plan for the center.

Miller explained that the shopping center is 23 years old now and in need of some major repairs.

## Projects Underway

Some projects have already begun, including landscaping improvements that were started last summer and will continue over the next five years.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull, who was not at the meeting, had asked Davis to make Miller aware of the efforts of the city and state to create a safe and convenient bus stop with shelter near the entrance to the center across Greenbelt Road. Turnbull asked that landscaping at the center direct pedestrians to the proper and safe place to cross the street to get to the bus stop.

Another project already underway is replacement of about 90 percent of the sidewalks.

## Parking Lot

Miller revealed a three-year plan for rehabilitating the parking lot. This will be done in four phases, he said, in order to minimize a disruption in traffic flow so that customers are not

## Museum Will Not Open December 29

The Greenbelt Museum will be closed on Sunday, December 29. The museum is normally open from 1 to 5 p.m. every Sunday.

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### SPECIAL HOLIDAY DEADLINES

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Events between  
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(January 2 issue) by  
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Deadline: **10 p.m.,**  
earlier if possible

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inconvenienced. The changes proposed are designed to mitigate problems that stem from the lot's underlying soil base of clay. Management expects the finished product to last for 15 years.

## Roofs

Miller said that the roofs in the center are still the original ones and have lasted this long because of an excellent preventive maintenance program, but at this point some do leak when it rains. Therefore, there are plans to begin replacing all the roofs in the center starting at one end of the buildings and continuing replacing some roofs each year until all are completed.

## Lighting

Miller said that the lighting system is inadequate and told council it would be improved. Councilmember Thomas X. White told Miller that the city is sensitive to excessive light scatter and favors fixtures that direct the light beam downward. After discussion, Mayor Judith Davis asked Miller to have his engineers contact city planners when his firm is ready to attack this problem so that staff can provide information about the types of lighting the city deems acceptable. She informed Miller about the proposed observatory to be located less than two miles away and the need to maintain a certain level of darkness in that area.

## Security

In response to a question from Councilmember Edward Putens, Miller said there were no plans to install security cameras, which carry a liability for shopping centers that goes

beyond what they create for store owners. The presence of off-duty police officers, he said, provides the best security. Miller had earlier informed council that he was pleased with the relationship built up over the past three years with city officials and police officers. He noted that his company had recently agreed to increase the hourly rate paid to the officers who patrol the center.

Miller indicated there have been inquiries but no definite new tenant for the space that CVS will vacate when they move to a new location within Greenway Center. He added that it was difficult to be specific with potential merchants since it is not yet known when CVS will relocate, but that attracting merchants has not been a problem in this center. Davis said the deal to build a new post office nearby should become firm shortly and this would probably be an additional asset to Greenway Center.

Miller said that the time-line for some projects could be adjusted if others are completed ahead of schedule or under budget. Davis expressed approval for the plan, calling it "a reinvestment in a very valuable part of Greenbelt."

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- ▶ Reminiscences and future plans 7:30-9
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- ▶ Members of the Press will be present.

Call Doug Love for further information  
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## The Old Curmudgeon



"My wife sent me to return the steam iron I got her for Christmas."

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## Our Holiday Deadlines

**New Year's week** – all ads and copy for the first issue of 2003, January 2, must be in the News Review office by no later than 10 p.m. on Sunday, December 29, but sooner if possible. Special holiday hours will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Proofers and make-up staff will work on Monday, December 30, to leave them free to celebrate the arrival of the New Year 2003 the following evening, a night when the Community Center building where we are housed is in loud, joyous use for Greenbelt's festive New Year celebration. That week's News Review will be printed on January 2, 2003. One more point – stories or ads featuring activities on Fridays and Saturdays should be included a week ahead so that people will have time to plan to attend.  
Happy New Year to all from the News Review staff.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# Community Events

## City Reception

All Greenbelt residents are invited to a reception on Sunday, January 5 in the Municipal Building from 1 to 3 p.m. The guests of honor will be the delegation from the 23rd district who, under redistricting, no longer represent the city. Invited are State Senator Leo Green and the city's former delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard. Audrey Scott, the county council member who represented the Greenbelt area for the last eight years, will also be honored at the reception. Under term limitation rules, Scott was unable to run for another term in office.

## At the Library

Sunday, December 29 - Libraries are closed.

Tuesday, December 31 - Libraries close at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1 - Libraries are closed.

Thursday, January 2 - 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for 2-year-olds with caregiver.

## Help Rid the Park Of Invasive Plants

Invasive, non-native plants have become a problem. Join a hands-on preservation activity on Saturday January 4 at 11 a.m. at the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland.

For information or directions call the park at 301-344-3948 or check the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## CARES Offers Free Babysitting Course

Babysitting is a responsible and important job, and students planning to seek such part-time work would be well advised to take the free babysitting course offered by Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau. The winter session will take place on Tuesday morning, December 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the second-floor council room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. The free course is aimed at students currently in grades five to eight and stresses responsibility and the health and safety issues involved in taking care of children. Poison control and fire prevention are also covered.

Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in Greenbelt CARES' Odd Jobs/Job Bank program.

For additional information and enrollment, call 301-345-6660, ext. 144.

## Try Nature Stories At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park will hold a children's reading program featuring nature stories. Elementary age children are welcome but parents or guardians must be present during the program, which will be held at the Park Ranger Station on Monday, December 30 at 10 a.m. For information call 301-344-3944.

## New Year's Eve Volunteers Meeting

Volunteers providing supervision and security at the Community Center for this year's celebration will meet on Monday, December 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center to review policies and procedures. To offer services and receive free admission and an "Event Staff" T-shirt call Dan Hamlin at 301-982-0048.

## GHI Notes

GHI will be closed on New Year's Day. For emergency maintenance that day, call 301-474-6011.

The next board of directors meeting will be Thursday January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The next pre-purchase seminar will be Saturday, January 11 at 11 a.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meeting.

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delicious edibles provided by the Swim Team in the Community Center, and pizza and snacks provided by the Boys and Girls Club and St. Hugh's in the Youth Center. Don't eat at home - eat at the celebration.

Reasonably priced tickets, as well as beautiful T-shirts, are available at the Community Center. Children under five are admitted free. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Don't miss Greenbelt New Year 2003 - a fun time will be had by all.

## City Notes

The Public Works horticulture crew replaced an adopt-a-tree that died over the summer; removed a tree that fell from city property onto private property, pruned and removed dead wood nearby.

The parks crew collected trash and litter along city streets and in parks and city facilities; installed concrete benches at the Youth Center; lined the football field at Schrom Hills Park for a tournament; over-seeded and installed turf at Braden Field; received a new rotary spreader for broadcasting fertilizer and seed; continued leaf collection; repaired and serviced tractors and other snow equipment and repaired the main bearing in the leaf vacuum.

The automotive mechanics repaired strobe lights on a refuse truck and lights on a pick-up truck and the Greenbelt Connection, repaired the hydraulic line on a refuse truck and a pick-up truck, cleaned and adjusted the street sweeper, replaced the exhaust system on a pick-up truck, towed two vehicles to the shop for repair, and repaired specialized equipment in a pick-up and a refuse truck.

The streets crew repaired snow plow and salt equipment, repaired pot holes throughout the city, cleaned storm drains and underpasses, assisted with leaf vacuuming in Boxwood, filled cracks in asphalt on Ora Glen Drive; and cleaned streets in Springhill Lake and Greenbelt East with the sweeper.

The special operations crew replaced a bulb in the traffic light at Green Ridge House; made and installed four new "NO PARKING" signs on Rosewood Drive and Tamarisk Court, began installing the new crosswalk signs, assisted the Town of Seat Pleasant by using the aerial lift truck to hang banners, and completed the new sign for the Lake Park.

The facilities maintenance crew continued work on the remodeling of the police station, began remodeling the dark room at the Community Center, and removed the ice machine from Public Works and ordered a new one.

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visitors to the Washington area who are staying at nearby hotels and are referred to her. Many of Maria's own customers are senior citizens. "I prefer to work with them," she says. "Older people know what they want and like." Many of the younger clientele of the salon come to see Donna, who is "very good with the latest stuff," or Nina and Miriam.

### Not Ready to Retire

Long happily remarried to Rodrigo Fuentes, a computer analyst she met through friends, she occasionally thinks about retiring. After all, 30 years as a hairdresser is a long time. "But the thought of being in my house all the time scares me. I love my job. The shop has been like a place for social moments. It's nothing but fun, most of the time. When you really enjoy your work, the years don't mean anything."

Maria now works "only" 30

hours a week. She orders a take-out lunch every day from Generous Joe ("I love his food") and eats between appointments at the salon. She says, "I've seen many businesses come and go in the Center in the last 30 years. The only ones that are still here are the Co-op, Generous Joe, the theater, the dry cleaner, and me."

### Greenbelters Are Different

Maria expressed so much enthusiasm about her friends in Greenbelt that this interviewer asked if she thought Greenbelters were really different from other people. She replied: "Greenbelters are warm people. I feel I'm related to them or something. They really make me feel I'm a friend. A lot of my customers have taken a little place in my heart. I get to see them more than my own relatives. Someday I hope I can give them back as much love and friendship as I've received from them."



## Here's to Thirty Wonderful Years

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a woman who is about to begin her thirtieth year in serving our community. Although I have graced her with the well-suited nickname

"Chiquita," you all know her as Maria.

I met Maria initially at the ripe old age of 12 and began working with her at the age of 17. I have quite a history with her, which I will always treasure. We've seen each other through some very good as well as very difficult times. All the while, I have watched her provide very caring and personal service for many of the women, children and men of our community. She always goes the extra mile to see that whoever patronizes her salon is treated kindly.

I would also like to proudly say that Maria's very first customer at her salon was Mrs. Libby Rice, who still comes in weekly to have her hair done.

I could not begin to tell you all the wonderful things I have seen Maria do for the people she comes in contact with, but I can tell you what a beautiful example she has set for me over the years. And I know for a fact "that which you give out, always comes back to you." Therefore, I would have to consider her a very rich woman!

With all my love to you, Chiquita, in celebrating your 30th year in business.

Please join me for an open house celebration at Maria's Beauty Salon on Saturday, December 28, to bring in the New Year of 2003 and congratulate Maria Wyman on a job well done!

Donna L. Price

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# Seniors' Issues Addressed

by Mary Moien

The Senior Citizen Open Forum, which was held in late September, raised a number of issues. Transportation issues led the list which also included the possibility of establishing a be-  
reavement group and ongoing speeding problems. Kenny Hall, director of the Department of Public Works, provided city council with responses and suggestions on some of these issues which are helpful to all residents, not just seniors.

### Transportation Issues

Riders on the Greenbelt Connection on Sundays reported a number of incidents where the bus did not pick them up as scheduled. Hall indicated that different drivers are now assigned to Sundays. The drivers have been given a list of Public Works Department personnel phone numbers with instructions to call specific staff immediately if there is a coverage problem on a Sunday.

Some seniors asked if the city van could take people to the New Carrollton Metro station in addition to the Greenbelt station. Because there is only one van, Hall indicated that they could not take people to New Carrollton. He pointed out that, while it is not as convenient, residents can get to the orange line from the green line. With the exception of some doctor's appointments, the van takes residents around only

inside of Greenbelt.

Hall pointed out that city residents can also use the County Call-a-Bus. They should call 301-499-8603 to obtain information on that service. In addition, some residents, including seniors, are eligible for the Call-a-Cab program which provides rides with half-price coupons. They can be contacted at 301-883-5656.

Some residents asked for the Greenbelt Connection to schedule trips to shopping centers outside of Greenbelt. The Recreation Department has set up two shopping trips for seniors using the Recreation Department van. The first will be to Laurel Mall on February 13 and the next to Columbia Mall on March 12. Depending on the success of these trips, additional shopping trips may be added in the future.

### Bereavement Group

A topic of great interest at the Forum meeting was the establishment of a bereavement group. It was pointed out that residents Leonie Penney and Pearl Siegel are bereavement facilitators and would assist in starting a local group. Since that time members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Group have begun working with the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and the AARP to start a bereavement group in Greenbelt. It is anticipated that the group may begin meeting by May.

# Sucher's Art at Berwyn Cafe

Many Greenbelters know Dorothy Sucher as a long-term staff member of the Greenbelt News Review and a published author, but few are aware she is also an artist. Now, however, she is showing some of her paintings in public for the first time at the Berwyn Café. Also currently there on display are the twig sculptures of Greenbelter Paul Downs.

As a girl in New York City, Sucher studied art at the Brooklyn Museum, the Art Students' League, and the High School of Music and Art, where she tried her hand at life drawing, oil painting, and ceramics. Married at 19, she moved to Greenbelt when her husband, Joe, accepted a position as a physics professor at the University of Maryland. They raised their family in Greenbelt.

Later Sucher became a psychotherapist and author. Although she had little time for serious painting, she never lost her interest in art, which for many years she expressed mainly through quilting and gardening.

For the last 20 years she and her husband have divided their time between Maryland and Vermont, where they have an old farmhouse. In the summer of 2002 she began to study water-

color with artist Kathrena Ravenhorst Adams in Barre, Vermont, and before long was painting every day. Sucher is drawn to the subjects that have always fascinated artists: landscape, still-life and the human form. She especially enjoys painting flowers, an outgrowth of her love of gardening.

The Berwyn Café is an organic vegetarian restaurant in the building that for many years housed the Beautiful Day Trading Company, an organic grocery store. It is located at 5010 Berwyn Road in College Park, and is closed on Mondays.

### Amahl Production At Community Center

The Maryland Boy Choir directed by Joan McFarland will present Amahl & The Night Visitors on Sunday, January 5 at 3 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

# Warm Slice of Community Life Served Up at New Deal Café

by Anne Sucher

Over the years as I've returned to Greenbelt, the city where I grew up, I've watched the fits and starts with which the town has attempted to rise above its staunchly idealistic Depression roots to a kind of artsy, eco-conscious sophistication. At the New Deal Café, young and old, skateboarding kids, retirees and workers on their break can enjoy a coffeehouse atmosphere reminiscent of San Francisco, New York and other big cities. What a pleasure after all these years to find such a community asset thriving in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center.

The cracked terrazzo floor, pale yellow walls and early garage-sale furniture lend the perfect laid-back unpretentious air to this little bit of California in Greenbelt. Tie-dyed fabric festoons the ceiling; Perrier bottles hold carnations past their peak; reclaimed church pews, complete with hymnal shelf, offer straight-backed repose; a mustard-yellow couch sags knees-to-chin; all conspiring to create a welcome-home, no-fuss flavor. It warms my heart.

While most New Deal food is health-oriented - fresh juice and vegetarian cuisine - there are luscious cakes and pies. Recently they got a liquor license and offer eight varieties of beer and several kinds of wine.

The walls sport vibrantly colored paintings reminiscent of the

60s. The artist apparently is a good natured "back-to-the-lander" who recently pitched a tent in a local backyard.

As I sit one evening scribbling notes for this article, a group of teens is reading aloud with great hilarity excerpts from one of the donated books about "what real women don't do." The girls go up to examine the mural behind the stage. One girl proclaims confidently, "This is definitely anarchist/pagan ... this is the most cool part of the whole thing." They settle back on the couch.

Reggae music is pulsating, followed by a Celtic CD. A blond boy with ponytail expounds what he's learned at school about segregation and then chats with an elderly woman in a green suit and fluffy white scarf, assuring her that "The coffee is very good today."

### All Ages

But teenagers aren't the only customers. A freeze-frame would show a tidily dressed white-haired librarian-type in a plaid skirt, sensible shoes and prim red blazer donning her trench coat as she leaves. At the next table a contemporary in T-shirt and sweat pants finishes her coffee and Danish after exclaiming with the waitress over the Taliban's treat-

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Marine Corps Cpl. Roberto Fernandez, son of Kathleen Fernandez of Hillside Road and a 1996 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

During the course Fernandez learned how to operate, inspect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. He also studied how to prepare weapons for shipment and storage and related safety precautions.

Fernandez is now ready to work at a military base armory providing weapons support to troops deploying for exercises and operations.

Congratulations to Lynn Eppard, who does the pre-press weekly set-up of the News Review, and husband Kenny Young on the birth of son Ibraheem Abdullah, 8 lbs., 10 oz. on December 16, 2002. Ibraheem joins sisters Kamilah and Sakinah, little brother Yusuf and big brother Jarrett, who has been doing the News Review for his mother during her recuperation.

Ottilie Van Allen, formerly of Greenbelt, has moved to Florida. She would like to hear from friends and former neighbors, who may write her at 500 Mt. Zion Church Rd., Frostproof, FL 33843.

Van Allen lived for many years in the 18 court of Ridge Road and later with her daughter-in-law on Eastway.

**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  
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 Services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
 Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

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**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
**301-474-9410**  
**SUNDAY**  
 Children and Adults 9:30 am  
 Bible Study 11:00 am  
 Worship Service  
**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**  
 www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt  
 Mon. Disciple Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
 Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**  
 Dec. 29, 1st Sunday after Christmas - Sermon: "The Child destined for the falling and the rising of many" 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, New Year's Eve: Covenant Renewal - Sermon: "Time to Throw Away"

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**  
 SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
 Municipal Building  
 SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.  
 Sunday, December 29, 2002  
 Meet at St. Hugh's School  
 Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

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**10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted**  
  
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ment of Islamic women. Paul Downs, a café volunteer, begins unpacking candle holders from his backpack. After musical performances (which happen regularly), he takes them home to get off the wax.

Richard McMullin, a tall middle-aged man and organizer of the Café's music comes into prepare for the evening's musical entertainment. Yards of blue cable wiring are unrolled, tables moved, everything rearranged. He does this swiftly with a practiced air.

The band members begin to show up – some seven college kids in their early 20s. They're trying to figure out how to set up, an unexpectedly lengthy process.

It's 6:30 p.m. There are more people in the band than the audience.

The teenagers' parents suddenly appear and scoop up their offspring. The music doesn't start for another half hour, but now the place is filling up. I recognize an employee from the House of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park. He's there to help set up the sound, an iterative process. "Put that into channel one in the amp — echo one would be a bus, echo two would be a bus – that should be going into the monitor, Jeremy, how are you?" (Jeremy is the keyboard player.) The student vibe prevails.

By 8:20 the place is packed. I've never seen it so crowded. Folding chairs are set out, and tables taken outside. The air gets hot and humid. Bodies press together – expectation is high for the band to begin. Mostly it's friends or family of the band members and those who read a good review of the band's previous gig here.

Soon the music starts. Everyone is settled with coffee and cake or hummus, maybe falafel and a beer. The stage becomes the focus. We listen. Maybe we like it and maybe we don't, but you can't beat the price of admission; free.

A coffeehouse is a slice of life, a cross-section of community, a great place to hang out, listen to music, see local artists, meet, greet and discuss life at anytime. Long may it thrive!

**Volunteers Needed To Deliver Meals**

The work of Food & Friends does not stop on New Year's Day. Food & Friends provides home-delivered meals and groceries to people living with HIV/AIDS, breast cancer and other life-challenging illnesses. The organization delivers needed meals six days a week, 52 weeks a year, and that includes holidays.

Volunteer drivers are needed Wednesday, January 1. It will take between one and three hours to deliver meals and groceries to some clients. Come make a difference in someone else's life.

Deliveries are scheduled in the morning, so people can help deliver much-needed meals to clients and still have time for holiday plans with friends and family. Maryland deliveries will be made January 1 at 9:15 a.m.

To volunteer call the Christmas Holiday Hotline at 202-863-1859 or send an email to Christmas@foodandfriends.org.



# City Information

**You are invited to a RECEPTION TO HONOR**  
 State Senator Leo E. Green  
 State Delegate Joan B. Pitkin  
 State Delegate Mary A. Conroy  
 State Delegate James W. Hubbard  
 County Councilmember Audrey Scott

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2003**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
*The Greenbelt City Council invites you to attend a reception to honor these individuals for their years of service to the Greenbelt Community.*

**NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY**  
 City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2003  
**THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT OPERATE ON THAT DAY.**  
**REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION**  
 Week of December 30th

Monday Route.....Regular Schedule  
 Tuesday Route ..... Regular Schedule  
 Wednesday Route.....Collected Thursday  
 Thursday Route.....Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collection on Friday, January 3rd.

**RECYCLING REMINDER: Cardboard and mixed paper can be taken to the Recycling Drop-Off Center on Hanover Drive or the Recycling Drop-Off Center at Buddy Attick Park.**

**MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 5-10**

**Sunday, January 5, 1-3:00pm, RECEPTION FOR CITY'S OUTGOING STATE & COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES,** Municipal Building.

**Sunday, January 5, 4:15pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD OPEN MEETING ON CITY ARTS POLICY,** Community Center.

**Monday, January 6, 8:00pm, WORK SESSION-FY02 REPORT ON VISUAL ARTS ED. PROGRAMS,** Municipal Building.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR Greenbelt New Year 2003**  
 Tuesday, December 31 -  
 Wednesday, January 1  
 Community Center/Youth Center/  
 Art Center/Old Greenbelt Theater  
 & New Deal Cafe  
 6:45pm - 1am  
 All ages are welcome.  
**Advance sales:** 11/26 - 12/30: Ages 0-4/FREE; Ages 5+/\$5;  
**After 12/30:** Ages 0-4/FREE, Ages 5+/\$7



Finish 2002 and end the year with an alcohol free New Year's celebration for all ages.  
**DEFINITELY A DON'T MISS EVENT!!**  
 Hosted by: Greenbelt New Year Committee and The City of Greenbelt

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS**

As part of the New Year's Eve festivities, fireworks will be set off on Braden Field at  
**6:30PM on December 31, 2002.**  
 In the event of inclement weather, fireworks will be set off the next clear evening. Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event.

**OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Public Safety Advisory Committee**  
 For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

**HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS RECYCLING**

The Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Committee is collecting used greeting cards for recycling. These cards will go to a charitable organization, which will make new cards from them to benefit and support the organization. Card fronts only are being collected - backs must be cut off the cards. Collection bins will be located at the Co-op Supermarket, Greenbelt Community Center and Greenway Safeway between **December 20<sup>th</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup>.** Cards may also be mailed directly to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude Street, Boulder City, NV 89005.

**Christmas Tree Collection** Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pickup trees at the locations listed below. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas **beginning December 30, 2002, ending February 7, 2003.**

- GHI
- 73 Court Ridge Road -Playground opposite
  - Plateau Place & Ridge Road -Corner on Playground side
  - Research Road & Hillside Road - Corner
  - 44 Court Ridge Road - Area near playground
  - Eastway & Crescent Road -Corner
  - 21 Court Ridge Road - Across from Green Ridge House
  - Crescent Road & Ridge Road-Playground at junction
  - Parkway
    - Corner across Community Church
    - Corner across from 58 Ct.
  - 7 Court Southway-Playground at Little League Field
  - 11 Court & 13 Court Ridge Road-Park area between courts
- Boxwood
- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane-Playground
- Lakewood
- Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)
- Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North
- Adjacent to Attick Park
- University Square -Front of swimming pool
- Lakeside North- Near swimming pool
- Springhill Lake --Community Building
- Greenbriar
- Between buildings 7708 and 7710, Hanover Parkway
  - Between buildings 7728 and 7730, Hanover Parkway
  - Between buildings 7826 and 7828, Hanover Parkway
  - Between buildings 8003 and 8009, Mandan Road

- Glen Oaks
- Between buildings 7903 and 7905, Mandan Road
  - Between buildings 7509 and 7511, Mandan Road
- Hunting Ridge
- Between buildings 6936 and 6978, Hanover Parkway
- Windsor Green
- Court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff
- Greenbrook Village and Estates
- Southeast corner of Ora Glen Dr. and Mathew Drive
  - Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
  - In front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street
- Greenwood Village
- Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
  - Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
  - Opposite 7648 Mandan Road
- Greenspring and Greenspring II
- Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
  - Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive
  - Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
  - Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive
- Belle Point
- Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way
  - Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive
  - Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Drive
- Greenbelt Village
- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
  - Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
  - Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive



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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.

### Robbery

6100 block Breezewood Court, December 14, 8:25 p.m., a man was walking to his vehicle when he saw two men stealing someone's vehicle. The man approached them, at which time the thieves demanded the man's cellular telephone. After obtaining the telephone, the thieves told the man to leave the area. The victim did so and called police. The vehicle stolen is described as a blue 1992 Dodge van, Md. tags 972689M. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 6', 190 lbs., wearing all dark clothing and (2) a black male, 5'7", 150 lbs., wearing a blue or black jacket and light-colored pants.

7800 block Hanover Parkway, December 17, 8:51 p.m., a woman had parked her car and retrieved packages from the back seat. As she turned to walk to her residence she was approached by two men, one of whom tried to take the purse from her shoulder. A struggle ensued, at which time one man produced a "stun gun" and pushed the button so the victim could see it arc. The struggle for the purse continued, and the man took the purse when the strap broke. Both men then fled on foot. The purse was recovered from the trash room of a nearby building. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, twenties, 5'10", medium build, wearing a light grey jacket, white hooded sweatshirt and dark pants, and (2) a black male, twenties, 5'10" with a medium build, wearing a dark jacket.

### Assault

100 block Centerway, December 17, 8:51 p.m., a woman and a man were engaged in a verbal altercation over a traffic-related incident which occurred near Southway and Crescent Road. The man followed the woman to the area of the Aquatics and Fitness Center, where he used his vehicle to block in the victim's vehicle, then got out of his car and began shouting at the victim. The man returned to his vehicle, retrieved a spray bottle and sprayed it on the victim's vehicle. The suspect then fled the scene in a vehicle described as dark green, Md. tags KTY133. Investigation is continuing.

### False Statement

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, December 15, 9 a.m., after a traffic stop, a 22-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with false statement and hindering. The man gave the officer a false name. A computer check also revealed that the man had an open warrant with the county Sheriff's Department. He was released to the De-

partment of Corrections for service of the warrant.

### Burglary

200 block Lakecrest Drive, December 17, 9:45 a.m., a woman was sleeping when she awoke to the sound of someone trying to force open a window. She found the window open and saw an unknown person outside running from the area.

6400 block Ivy Lane, December 10, 8 a.m., several offices in an office suite were broken into. Nothing appears to have been taken.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, December 16, 12:08 p.m., someone entered the Center, possibly by forcing a window. Nothing appears to have been taken.

6200 block Springhill Court, December 16, 3:01 p.m., someone forced open the door of a vacant apartment.

### Deadly Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, December 13, 10 a.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt juvenile was arrested after he was found to be in possession of an open lock blade knife following a verbal altercation inside the school. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Indecent Exposure

100 block Westway, December 13, 10:10 p.m., a man was observed standing on a patio, nude from the waist down. The suspect ran when the observer tried to confront him. The man is described as white, about 30, 5'10", 200 lbs., light brown hair, wearing a dark blue or grey tank top shirt.

### Drug Arrests

Area of Cherrywood Terrace and Cherrywood Court, December 19, 2:47 a.m., after a traffic stop, a 23-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and a 24-year-old resident of Adelphi was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license. Located inside the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

Area of Mandan Road and Mathew Street, December 19, 12:44 a.m., a Greenbelt resident, 22, was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after paraphernalia used to store marijuana was located in the vehicle. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

### Disorderly Conduct

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, December 14, 12:31 a.m., a 20-year-old Forestville man was arrested after an officer responded to a report of an altercation in the restaurant bar. The man was told to leave and was arrested when he refused.

The man was released on citation pending trial.

Martin's Crosswinds, December 12, 10:04 p.m., a 36-year-old Silver Spring man was asked to leave the establishment but refused and was arrested. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Theft

Beltway Plaza, December 14, 8:02 p.m., someone removed a purse from a stroller at the mall.

### Trespassing

Beltway Plaza, December 16, 6:12 p.m., a 16-year-old Lanham female was arrested after being detained by mall security. She had been banned previously by agents of the property. She was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Vandalism

Greenbelt Baptist Church, December 15, 4:08 p.m., someone vandalized the front door of the church by drawing a swastika on it.

### Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a green 2000 Dodge Neon four-door, Delaware tags 731429, December 14, from the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive; a 2002 Chrysler Sebring four-door, December 15, from the 7900 block Mandan Road, which was recovered the next day by D.C. police in southeast D.C.; a red 1999 Ford Mustang two-door, Arkansas tags 210FST, December 15, from Beltway Plaza; a red 1988 Buick LeSabre four-door, Md. tags VMV740, December 16, from the area of Crescent Road and Eastway.

In the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, on December 15, after a traffic stop, a 16-year-old Laurel male was arrested and charged with two counts of theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and driving without a license. A computer check showed that the 1998 Ford Taurus four-door had been reported stolen to county police. The juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Nine vehicles stolen earlier were recovered; no arrests were involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Springhill Court; Beltway Plaza; 7800 block Mandan Road; 6200 block Springhill Court; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents); 9100 block Springhill Court; 6100 block Springhill Terrace; 6500 block Capitol Drive; 9100 block Edmonston Terrace.

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.

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Co-op that day, but never made it to the store. Someone saw her walk over to an older-model, full-size, light tan or beige Ford Bronco and get in on its passenger side. The Bronco then made a U-turn and drove away from Roosevelt Center at high speed, tires squealing. A witness recognized the truck.

The witness's identification led Greenbelt Police to McClure and

Millegan. Although Millegan agreed to assist federal officers, he failed to contact the FBI as he had agreed to do. Agents located him on Tuesday, July 3, hiding in the closet at the home of one of his friends. He agreed to come to the FBI office in Calverton for an interview. There he admitted to the May 1 murder of Tessa Osborne, committed also by Cornell McClure. He told investigators he agreed

with McClure's proposal to take Tessa to the Agricultural Research Center "and confront her with guns to scare her."

He said after they arrived there, McClure argued with Tessa and then used a 9 mm. gun to fire several gunshots at her. Millegan then fired two bullets from the second gun, the .32 caliber revolver, and gave the gun to McClure. McClure then fired more shots from the second gun.



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2-Story home with lots of upgrades and improvements. Newer windows & sliding door. 3 brs., 1 full- and 2 half-baths. \$115,000 SOLD

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### Woodland Way - Single Family Home

Rare! Detached home in GHI- structure maintained by the Co-op. Everything on one level; no stairs. Garage included. \$158,000 SOLD



### ACT Gives Advice on Financial Aid

The start of a new year is approaching and that means students who plan to start college next fall should begin working on financial aid. Experts at ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork.

The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Beginning January 1, students will be able to submit the form that determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Students will need family income statements from 2002 earnings to complete the form. Colleges and universities use the FAFSA, but may also require students to fill out additional forms. The FAFSA is available from high school counselors or on the web at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Tips from ACT: apply early for

admission and financial aid; check with the college to determine if other financial aid forms are required; apply for scholarships and grants; look into work study programs; and surf the web for financial aid information.

#### Useful Websites

Financial Aid Need Estimator and financial aid information: [www.act.org/fane](http://www.act.org/fane)

Free college scholarship search: [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

The Financial Aid Information Page: [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

The Federal Government Financial Aid Page: [www.ed.gov/finaid.html](http://www.ed.gov/finaid.html)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Scholarship scams: [www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship)

For more financial aid specifics, visit a guidance counselor or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

### Art Works Needed For Montpelier Show

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center is accepting works of art for their exhibition to run from January 4 to 15. The show, which will exhibit all entries, is open to all Maryland and District of Columbia artists. To enter the show, bring one artwork to the center (no larger than 35" x 35") on Thursday, January 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There is a reception for the artists and the public on Friday, January 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Call the center for more information. The numbers are 301-953-1993; TTY 301-490-2329. The center is located at 1282 Laurel-Bowie Road.

### New Phone Numbers To Help Taxpayers

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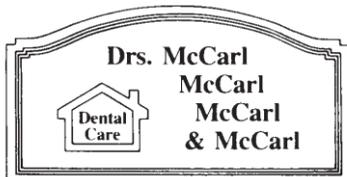
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by Cathie Meetre

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# City Sets 2003 Legislative Priorities

by Barbara Young

The city has set forth Greenbelt's legislative priorities for 2003 in a December 12 written presentation prepared for State Senator Paul Pinsky, Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Justin Ross as well as County Councilman Douglas Peters.

Legislative priorities are listed below and summarized individually later in this story.

State legislative priorities are:

1. A bond bill to provide \$300,000 in matching funds for the addition to and renovation of Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

2. Opposition to reduction in funds for income tax, police aid, youth and family service bureaus, Program Open Space and other municipal funding sources.

3. Enabling municipalities to lower the speed limit on city streets.

Greenbelt's joint state/county legislative priorities are:

1. Opposition to funding for the inter-county connector and support of funding for the inner beltway purple line.

2. Giving Prince George's County municipalities full planning and zoning authority.

Listed county legislative priorities are:

1. The overturning of CB-40 and enactment of Adequate Public Facilities legislation with no loopholes so that new development is prevented when school, transportation and/or public safety facilities are inadequate.

2. Restoring the practice of the County in paying half dues for membership in Council of Government of municipalities in Prince George's County.

Shown as "information items" in the presentation are renovation of Greenbelt Middle School, the status of the Metroland development proposal, a noise barrier study and funding and the salt dome on Kenilworth Avenue near the office park. Each of these is summarized in paragraphs to follow.

"Other issues of city interest" are support for car-sharing programs, funding for law enforcement equipment, the upgrading of police communications systems to make them interoperable between agencies, the banning of items used as drug paraphernalia and fast-fill natural gas fueling stations.

## State Funds

Because of the severe deficit in the state's project budget the city is concerned about the potential loss of direct aid and shared revenues coming from the state. For example, several key state funds which the city received in fiscal year 2002 were income tax, \$1,700,000; police aid, \$495,000, Program Open Space, \$173,765, and Youth Service Bureau grants, \$77,500. Program Open Space funds have been "banked" by the city for several years, looking toward land acquisition purchases of the Sunrise property and the Jaeger tract. The city announces it is "very concerned" that the state will try to "take back" the accumulated funds.

## Speed Limits

Currently an expensive engineering traffic study is required if a local government wishes to lower the state-mandated speed limit of 30 miles per hour. Greenbelt wishes to eliminate the requirement for the traffic study.

## Transportation

According to the city, "... this [inter-county connector] proposed project will increase sprawl, cause significant, irreparable environmental damage, and do little to relieve traffic congestion." The city states that a better solution is the inner beltway purple line, "which would provide direct relief for traffic congestion on the Capital Beltway . . . encourage additional "smart growth" and revitalization in older inner beltway communities and would create far less environmental damage."

## Zoning

Although Greenbelt, Bowie and College Park are three of Maryland's ten largest cities, all lack the planning and zoning authority that 119 other cities and towns in Maryland possess. The three cities propose a process whereby planning and zoning authorities are transferred to municipalities over a period of five years, and the county and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are allowed to retain control over truly regional functions such as adequate public facilities.

## CB-40

The city believes that when public facilities, particularly schools, are not adequate, new development should not proceed. In the city's opinion, CB-40, passed in 2001, circumvents existing regulations designed to prevent development when adequate schools do not exist.

## COG Dues

For over 30 years, Prince George's County paid half the dues for municipalities in the county who are members of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). The rationale was that since the counties perform many governmental functions such as schools, planning and zoning for residents who live in municipalities, both jurisdictions should share the cost of membership dues. In 1995, however, the county discontinued the practice. The city believes the practice should be restored.

## Middle School

The city points out that since 1988, renovation of Greenbelt Middle School has been listed on the Board of Education capital improvement's list. It also points out that the school is part of Greenbelt's National Historic Landmark District designation and as such, portions of the school are protected and must be retained. The school is one of the oldest

middle schools in the county and renovation "should occur as soon as possible" and not be pushed back on the capital improvement program list.

## Metroland

The city has had serious concerns about development for the Greenbelt station site proposal from the beginning, including failure to follow transit-oriented principles, environmental issues, size and scope of the development, and traffic concerns. However, despite the city's concerns, the district council has approved a conceptual site plan and the planning board has approved a preliminary plan of subdivision. The city has appealed these actions to the Circuit Court.

## Noise Barriers

Although the State Highway Administration (SHA) has a program to install noise barriers along major highways in Maryland, Greenbelt has no barriers near Springhill Lake or Buddy Attick Park, both of which abut the beltway. SHA agreed to conduct a study to determine if these areas qualify for the barriers, and the outcome of the study is not yet known. However, even if the city qualifies, adequate funding is apparently not available to install the barriers.

## Salt Dome

An SHA salt storage dome is located at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane. While the city understands the need for this facility, located at a major entrance to Capital Office Park and the Federal Courthouse, it believes an industrial location would be more appropriate for the dome.

## Drug Items

Certain products such as papers, "blunts," etc. can be used as drug paraphernalia. The city asks the state to consider banning items known to be frequently used with the use of illegal drugs.

## Fuel Stations

The city has begun to purchase some natural gas vehicles. To service them, it has a slow fill station requiring 12 hours to refill a vehicle and only two such vehicles can be filled at a time. Because natural gas vehicles have a relatively short range (less than 100 miles), the ability to use them is accordingly limited. Because the cost of a fast-fill station is high (over \$150,000), the city believes the state should consider some kind of matching funding or incentive program for establishing such stations.

## BONE MARROW continued from page 1



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Greenbelt resident Tim Murphy doesn't mind the prick of a needle, wielded skillfully by phlebotomist Starlet Barber. Volunteers helped screen potential donors by looking over their medical forms and answering questions.

ter gym from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. "People were lining up at 10:30, to be the first in line," Eichhorst said. Another screening is set for Thursday, February 6 in College Park.

The initial screening takes just a few minutes, after donors fill out a brief medical questionnaire that includes a request to join the National Marrow Donor Program. Blood samples are then screened for possible donors, which are hard to find — in some cases, only one in one million is a match. Lab results take eight weeks to process. If a match is found, the donor will receive further tests and counseling. Volunteer donors have the right to withdraw at any time. Confidentiality is maintained, with

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For more information on P.J. see [www.newweb.net/~pg](http://www.newweb.net/~pg). To learn more about marrow donation, visit the web site of the National Marrow Donor Program at [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org). For details about the drive to help P.J., call Julia Eichhorst at 301-345-5508.

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