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ACE awardees are (l. to r.): Front row – Pat PETERS, Springhill Lake; Jean DeVERIN, St Hugh's; Catherine DUFF, Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Iesha YOUNG, Greenbelt Middle; Donna MARTIN, Magnolia Elementary; Donna STURGILL, Greenbelt Elementary; Middle Row – Pat UNGER, representing Senator Pinsky; Titus HAMLET, Delegate Ross' aide, representing Delegates Healey, Gaines and Ross; Mary Alice CARROLL, ACE member; Leta MACH, ACE Chair; Eva GRIFFIN, ACE member; Back Row – Douglas PETERS, County Councilmember; Wendy WEXLER, Greenbelt CARES Staff liason to ACE; Councilmember EDWARD PUTENS; Mayor JUDITH DAVIS; Councilmember THOMAS WHITE; Councilmember RODNEY ROBERTS; Councilmember ALAN TURNBULL; Jeff MORISSETTE, Ace Member; and ACE member KATHY LEWIS (not pictured).

Six Local Teachers Receive ACE Educators Awards at Ceremony

by Bay Woods

Before the March 10 City Council meeting, ACE (Advisory Committee on Education) awards in honor of Greenbelt's Ace Educators were presented at a ceremony. Every year ACE holds the awards ceremony to help support Greenbelt's schools.

Leta Mach, chair of ACE, introduced each of the honorees. A city proclamation was read aloud

for each honoree. All received standing ovations. The honorees also received "Greenbelt Is Great" mugs in recognition of their part in making Greenbelt great and gift certificates from Books-A-Million in Beltway Plaza. Proclamations from the County Council and State legislators also were presented by County Councilmember Douglas Peters and Leg-

islative Aide Titus Hamlet on behalf of District 22's senator and delegates.

Honorees

Donna Sturgill, from Greenbelt Elementary School was honored first. She is a sixth grade teacher who has been in Prince George's County schools for 27 years. A

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Council Rejects Tree Policy, Looks at State Legislation

by Sandy Smith

At its March 10 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council agreed not to pursue an overall tree and vegetation policy for the city such as has been adopted by Takoma Park. Mayor Judith Davis, who had heard of that policy, had asked the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) to review it for possible use in Greenbelt, another city proud of its trees.

Charles Jackman, representing ACT, described the Takoma Park policy as "somewhat draconian." He described the policy as very complete and detailed, but too far-reaching and difficult to enforce. In ACT's report on a tree policy the committee stated that most Greenbelters nurture the trees on their property and take steps to control hazardous trees and vegetation.

If anything, Bill Phelan, assistant director of Public Works, was more negative about an all-encompassing tree policy. He thought it would create "one problem after another." He agreed with the committee that it would be hard to enforce and re-

quire additional staff just to administer it.

On the other hand, ACT thought that the city needed additional enforcement capability when violations of existing regulations occur on commercial property. ACT supports a new initiative to provide zoning enforcement authority to the City of Greenbelt, stating that the city can be more effective than the county in acting on violations of approved landscape plans for commercial properties.

Budget Worries

Council unanimously agreed to send a letter to the county's state delegation conveying the city's concerns about Maryland's financial situation and possible reduction in services and programs. The letter urged the delegation to consider the needs of all citizens and Maryland's reputation for providing a high quality of life. The letter also argued against quick fixes for the budget crisis, such as slot machines.

Council asked David Moran, assistant to the city manager, for his perspective on programs that

may be up for cuts. Moran responded that highway construction, Project Open Space and funds for parks and playgrounds were likely candidates. Moran also mentioned that protecting municipal funding is a priority of the Maryland Municipal

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What Goes On

Monday, March 24
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Budget Presentation, Municipal Building
Tuesday, March 25
7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
Wednesday, March 26
8 p.m., City Council Worksession – Briefing on Joint Police Communication/Dispatch System, Community Center
Thursday, March 27
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Council Meets with M-NCPPC For Improved Relationship

by Judy Bell

Mayor Judith Davis defined Greenbelt's stakeholders as "about 20 groups that we consider very important components" of the community. She was speaking at a March 12 work session with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Meetings are scheduled regularly with these groups to present concerns of the city council and to offer a forum as well for the stakeholder to bring up issues.

Referring to M-NCPPC, Davis stated that there now "seems to be a more positive relationship and we would like to improve on that relationship." Elizabeth Hewlett, chairman of the Prince George's County Planning Board, responded to Davis' overture, saying she "always considered it a positive relationship," and "I will agree with you that perhaps it can be more positive."

Greenbelt Station

Davis noted that there are "new plans out there" for Greenbelt Station. "We are hoping," she said, "that they will be more responsive to what we are hoping for. Our concept of mixed-use is that retail and resi-

dential are all together. The last plan we saw was, here's the hotel, here's the retail, here are five parking garages, way more than walking distance, in terms of residential area. If you're transit-oriented, someone would have to get in their car and then go to the Metro," concluded Davis.

"We share your opinion about mixed-use," Fern Piret, planning director for M-NCPPC, remarked.

Davis added that council opposes a Beltway interchange because of traffic, safety, and environmental issues. Greenbelt Planning Director Celia Craze noted that there was to be a meeting scheduled on March 14 with M-NCPPC and the developers. Piret added that there was to be a briefing by the State Highway Administration on the new plan the following week.

Goddard Master Plan

A proposal is included in the Goddard Master Plan that would create room for office space for Goddard's private contractors. Council is concerned that such a proposal would severely under-

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Virginia Beauchamp Named To Women's Hall of Fame

by Mary Moien

Greenbelter Virginia Walcott Beauchamp is receiving one of the highest honors bestowed on women in Maryland. On March 26 she will be inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. There she joins such past and present Maryland notables as Barbara Mikulski, Rachel Carson, Harriet Tubman and Gladys Noon Spellman.

The Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland established the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame in 1985. The Hall of Fame seeks to honor Maryland women who have made unique

and lasting contributions to the economic, political, cultural and social life of the state and to provide visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders.

Beauchamp is an educator, author, journalist and community activist who has made significant contributions to the status of women and to women's literature and history. Her many accomplishments were highlighted in her nomination by colleagues, especially the groups represented by the Women's Action Coali-

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PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Committee Chair Bob Zugby announces Virginia Beauchamp as this year's Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen for 2002 at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival.

Letters to the Editor

Sarbanes Responds To Council Letter

Dear Mayor Davis:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns about possible United States military action against Iraq. I appreciate having the benefit of your thoughtful comments and suggestions at this critical time.

In my view, the Administration is pursuing a policy that leaves military action as the only option for addressing the Iraqi threat. The international inspections effort, which is continuing to expand across the country, should not be short-circuited by United States military intervention. The presence of international weapons inspectors, in and of itself, effectively constrains the development, deployment, or use of any weapons of mass destruction Iraq currently has. The United States should support a marked increase in the number of weapons inspectors in Iraq and provide them the resources they need.

Because this issue is so complex and because it has so many important ramifications, it may be helpful to have an overview of the events of the last several months. On October 11, 2002, the Senate approved House Joint Resolution 114, giving the President very broad authority to take unilateral military action to "defend the national security of the United States against the continuing threat posed by Iraq" and "to enforce all relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions regarding Iraq," including a series of resolutions unrelated to Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The resolution was approved by a vote of 77 to 23. I voted against the resolution and during the debate on the Senate floor I made a statement outlining my concerns in some detail. A copy is enclosed for your review.

In the United Nations, on November 8, 2002, the United Nations Security Council unanimously approved Resolution 1441, which establishes a heightened inspections regimen in Iraq by the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); required full disclosure of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs to the inspection teams and the Security Council within 30 days; and calls for an immediate Security Council session if

inspectors conclude that Iraq has failed to comply with disarmament obligations. Pursuant to Resolution 1441, Dr. Hans Blix and Dr. Mohamed El Baradei, who head the two inspection teams, have presented reports to the Security Council.

At the present time, two proposals are pending in the Security Council. The first, a resolution introduced by the United States, the United Kingdom and Spain, declares that Iraq has failed to take its final opportunity to comply in disarming. The second, a memorandum co-sponsored by France, Germany and Russia, states that the conditions for using force against Iraq have not been fulfilled and urges the Security Council to step up efforts to "give a real chance to the peaceful settlement of the crisis" through a reinforced weapons inspections program.

[Editor's Note: Since this letter, the United States dropped its efforts to obtain another resolution by the UN Security Council.]

In recent hearings on Iraq in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which I am a member, Administration witnesses have found their arguments unpersuasive. In my view, the United States should take the lead in building a rigorous, expanded, stepped-up inspections regime to contain the Iraqi threat. Toward this end, I have joined Senator Byrd as a co-sponsor of his resolution, Senate Resolution 28, a measure urging the United States to work through and with the United Nations to exhaust all peaceful and diplomatic means before launching an invasion of Iraq and redouble our efforts to secure the U.S. homeland.

Finally, the President's narrow focus on Iraq has obscured other pressing problems, including nuclear activities in North Korea, our flagging efforts to support reconstruction of a civil society, a viable economy and democratic institutions in Afghanistan and our faltering and uncertain economy. Our broad national interest is at stake, now and long into the future and I think it is ill served by the short-sighted policies of this Administration.

I appreciate having the benefit of your views on this most important issue and I hope you will continue to contact me about this and other issues of importance to you.

*Paul Sarbanes
United States Senator*

Letters to the Editor

Every now and then the News Review receives a letter to the editor which the author, for one reason or another, has neglected to sign. Some of these letters present valid points of view, worth discussing in the public forum which this newspaper provides to the community. Unfortunately, we cannot publish such letters unless we know who wrote them. We may, if requested, withhold the name of someone who wants to preserve anonymity, for a valid reason, but we must know the author in order to consider its publication.

Visual Artists Apply For Studio Space

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now accepting applications from visual artists interested in studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. Applications are available at the Welcome Desk of the Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. Electronic copies may be obtained by writing to Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us. The deadline to apply is April 4.

Studios are made available to artists from Greenbelt and elsewhere in Maryland through Greenbelt's Artist in Residence program. New residencies will begin in July and monthly fees apply. Participants enjoy 24-hour access to their studios and the stimulation of working among a group of other artists and dozens of artist educators who are creating in diverse media.

Artists are selected for inclusion by a panel of independent arts professionals. Greenbelt residents receive an advantage in the application scoring process. Evaluation criteria include the artistic merit of the applicant's work and the artist's capacity to engage the broader community. Artists participate in at least 9 out of 12 monthly studio open houses which take place on the first Sunday of every month in conjunction with the Recreation Department's Artful Afternoon series. Each artist also leads at least one community art activity during the year, which may involve a workshop, installation, exhibition, or other program.

For further information, call Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 27, 2003, 7:30 p.m.
GHI BOARD ROOM

GHI Key Agenda Items

- A & E Committee Recommendations for Rules Governing Outbuildings
- Woodlands Committee Recommendations on Use of Herbicides
- Absentee Members Subcommittee's Recommendations
- Spring Gutter Contract – 1st Reading
- Request for Contributions
- Schedule Manager's Annual Performance Review
- Restoration of 6F Plateau – 1st Reading

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
Vice President Micki Weidenfeld opened the March 12 meeting. Tonia Fike announced the American Legion and the city are sponsoring the U.S.O. Benefit and would like names of Gold Star families to honor.

The Travel committee has been hard at work and presented a tentative schedule for upcoming trips: April 24, Monticello, Va. with lunch; May, Ludlow Topiary Gardens; and June 26, Lady Baltimore Lunch Cruises (must be paid by May 27).

The 50/50 winners were Alberta Tompkins and Arlie Dobbin.

The March 26 meeting will be a "Sing-A-Long" with Chris Cherry.

Remember to sign up for the anniversary luncheon on April 16 at La Fontaine Bleu. Dues must be current.

John Taylor resigned as Travel Committee chair. Thanks to him the club has enjoyed many good trips. We appreciate all of his hard work.

USO Benefit Dinner

Tickets are on sale now for the second annual USO Benefit on May 9 to be held at Blob's Park, featuring the Fabulous Hubcaps. The ticket price includes a buffet dinner. For tickets see Steve or the front office at the American Legion, the business office at the Greenbelt Youth Center or Kathie on Sundays between 7 a.m. and noon at the Mobil gas station at Centerway/Roosevelt Center. For more information call Kathie Linkenhoker at 301-474-1776.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of March 10, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted its annual ACE Educators Awards. The evening began with a reception followed by the awards presentation at the city council meeting. Each local school (Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, St. Hugh's School, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School) selected one staff member to honor for exceptional work on behalf of students. Awardees received citations from the city, Prince George's County, the Maryland State Delegates and Senators.

Elissa Levine has arranged a free presentation entitled "Separation, Divorce and Child Custody Issues in Prince George's County" to be given by Monica M. Haley-Pierson. The presentation will be Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Haley-Pierson is a partner in the law firm of Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum & LaPlaca, P.A. and specializes in family law.

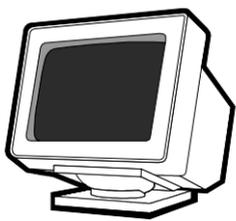
Community Events

Folk Dancing Open House Set

Shake a leg and shed those extra winter pounds. Roland Forbes' International Folk Dance is a fun way to exercise. Check it out at the open house on Friday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. The spring session of eight affordable classes begins April 4.

GIAC Shows How To View and Delete

On Friday, March 28 Mary Camp will show how to view, delete and organize your computer files in "How to Manage Your Computer Files - Part 2." There will be a brief review of January's Part 1 for those who missed it. This free Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) sponsored class will be at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Dining Hall 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. Registration is unnecessary, but to reserve a copy of the handouts call GIAC's voice mail (301-419-8044) by Wednesday, March 26.



Explore New Card For Prescriptions

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Constance Todd and Daniel Evans on Friday, March 28. Todd and Evans work for the National Council of Aging in Washington, D.C. and they will be introducing a new prescription card savings program that offers qualified Medicare enrollees a free card to access savings of approximately 20 to 40 percent on more than 150 medicines at the pharmacy counter.

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

GHI Notes

The 2003 Community Beautification Program flyers will be delivered this weekend. GHI members are urged to work together to give the community an attractive curb appeal.

The Architecture & Environment Committee will meet March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors will meet March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Intern Art Show At Community Center

Beginning March 28 through April 25 the Community Center will present an art exhibit showcasing the artwork of the Community Center's 2003 art interns, as well as art produced by students in classes offered by the center.

For the past seven months the interns, Asma Nasr, Meredith Dupree, Devin Watson and Erin Whiting have been coming to the Community Center from Eleanor Roosevelt High School to enhance their art education through their internships. This includes maintaining art facilities, assisting with children's classes and helping arrange seasonal activities such as "Halloween Haven" and "Festival of Lights."

The interns used various media to create self-expressive artwork during their open studio time (weekly sessions in which they worked freely on their own artwork).

Watercolor, charcoal, oil and acrylic paintings are among a variety of media featured in this exhibit. Series to be displayed include animation, still life and nudes to name a few.

A free reception for the exhibit will be open to the public on April 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. The gathering will be in conjunction with the Recreation Department's "Artful Afternoon" series. Events that day will include Easter crafts for children, a studio open house with the Community Center's artists and a ceramics sale with Greenbelt Pottery.

The annual exhibit is sponsored by the Recreation Department and based at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information about the City of Greenbelt's arts program call 301-397-2208.

Electronics Recycling Grows

The January collection of electronics for recycling "was one of our largest," reports Cindy Murray of Public Works. The total weight of recovered materials was 7,812 lbs.

Total electronics recycling for fiscal year 2001 was 2,700 lbs.; for fiscal year 2002, 11,886 lbs - of which about 3,000 lbs. is attributed to old police radios.

The next collection is set for Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to noon at Schrom Hills Park.

AI-Anon Changes Meeting Time

The Greenbelt Friday night AI-Anon group that usually meets at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Ridge Road will meet at 8:30 p.m. on April 11.

Belle Point Day Care Plan Approved

On March 6 the Prince George's County Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the detailed site plan for the proposed daycare center in the Belle Point office development. The city's recommendations relating to an additional shade tree, enclosure of heating/air conditioning units, noise study and a parking policy were addressed in the Planning Board's conditions of approval.

While sensitive to the city's concerns, the Planning Board did not believe it was within their legal authority to require a traffic signal study since levels of service were found to be adequate at the time of the preliminary plan of subdivision. The Planning Board also did not accept the city's condition that all shade trees be 4 inches in diameter. The county planning staff did place a condition on the detailed site plan that all trees must be a minimum of 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Greenbelt planner Terri Hruby believes that with the additional shade tree and shade structures the applicant is proposing, the required 2 1/2 to 3 inch trees will provide sufficient shade.

The Planning Board did hear concerns from adjacent property owners regarding compatibility of uses and the use of the common area as a play area. However daycare is a permitted use in the Commercial-Office Zone and issues of compatibility are not open for debate. The Planning Board also advised neighboring property owners that the issue of the validity of any agreement between the developer and the daycare applicant was for a court to decide.



At the Library

Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, March 26, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, March 27, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

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



Del. Ross Seeks Fast-fill Gas Stations

Delegate Justin D. Ross, Democrat of the 22nd Legislative District, testified March 17 in front of the Environmental Matters Committee in support of a bill he is sponsoring, House Bill 1038. This bill will create a state program that would fund the construction of up to five fast-fill natural gas stations in conjunction with local jurisdictions.

The first five local jurisdictions that apply to the state to construct a fast-fill natural gas station would receive 75 percent of the cost of a station. In order to receive this money, the local jurisdiction would have to demonstrate an ability to pay the remaining 25 percent.

Ross said, "This would greatly benefit the city of Greenbelt. Greenbelt currently owns three natural gas powered vehicles and has a slow-fill natural gas station. It takes 10 to 12 hours for a vehicle that runs on natural gas to be refueled at a slow-fill natural gas station. At a fast-fill station a car can be refilled in the time it normally takes to fill one's gas tank at a regular gas station. This would increase the practicality of utilizing natural gas to power vehicles and the city of Greenbelt has noted that with a fast-fill natural gas station, it would look to acquire an additional 15 to 20 vehicles that run on natural gas."



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Piano Duo Presents



Piano Concert

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Free-will donation



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Pianist Duo Returns For Greenbelt Gig

Wei-Der Huang and Hsien-Ann Meng will give a duo piano concert on Sunday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads. The two talented musicians, both doctoral graduates of the University of Maryland School of Music, previously performed at the church last year. The Greenbelt concert is one of a series the two will perform between now and May 2. Other concerts will be held at the Levine School of Music, Strathmore Hall and the Washington Conservatory of Music.

In this year's performances the duo will continue to reach the audience through a wide scope of repertoires. At Greenbelt Community Church they will perform the U.S. premier of a four-hand piano piece composed by a young Taiwanese composer, Sally Chen, titled Once Upon a Spider. They will also perform the Brahms's Liebeslieder Waltz with four vocalists from the Cantate Chamber Singers. Other selections will include works of Bach, Beethoven, Bizet and Gershwin.

The concert is open to the public and there is no admission fee. However, free-will donations will be accepted.

For more information on this or other concerts, email hmpianoduo@yahoo.com.

Choral Society To Perform

On Saturday, March 29 at 8 p.m. the Prince George's Choral Society is performing "An American Celebration" at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road. The program will include selections by Aaron Copland, selections from "The Music Man" and "West Side Story" and two Robert Frost poems set to music by Randall Thompson. The concert will also feature a performance by Rejoice, a local gospel ensemble.

For information or tickets, call Frank Leonard at 301-538-1532. Discounts will be available to seniors, students and anyone buying 10 or more tickets.



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Vacation Bible School Previewed

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will offer a free preview of its summer vacation Bible school on Saturday March 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. The program will include songs and storytelling. The community is invited to join in. The church is located at 40 Ridge Road.

Peace Vigil In Greenbelt

Greenbelters who oppose the war on Iraq gathered for candle-light vigils Sunday from 7 to 8 pm. Thirty people went to Greenbelt Road near the Berwyn Presbyterian Church and others met at the city building on Crescent Road. The vigils were in concert with 6,400 vigils held in 129 countries

Voices XXI Sings de Sermisy Music

Voices XXI, a choral group under Music Director Jesse Parker, will present a performance featuring the music of Claudin de Sermisy (1490-1562), master of the French Renaissance and composer to the kings of France.

The concert will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville (across from the Prince George's Plaza Metro stop on the green line). There is no admission charge, but donations are accepted at the door. Parking is free.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations -

To Fatmata Smith on her August 2002 graduation (B.S. in business) from Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa.

To Amy Hansen, writer and president, Greenbelt Writers Group. Her article "No Energy Shortage at Kids' Open Gym" was published in the Washington Post on March 13.

"Meals on Wheels" Seeks Recipients

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new meal recipients. Meals are delivered to recipients' doors Monday through Friday. A hot meal is included, delivered between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To get more information and the cost per week, call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

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"master teacher," she is "teacher in charge" when the principal is out of the building. She is also test coordinator and math specialist at Greenbelt Elementary.

Pat PETERSKI from Springhill Lake Elementary School was honored for the blend of personal and professional qualities that help to bring out the support of staff, students and parents alike. She came to Springhill Lake in 1991 as an instructional assistant for special education students. She has made great progress with these students and has earned their trust. Also the co-founder of the school store, she comes to school an hour early every day to answer the telephone and greet everyone.

Donna Martin, from Magnolia Elementary School was honored next. A first grade teacher, Donna has been in education for 33 years, the last 16 of which have been spent at Magnolia Elementary. She was honored for her enthusiasm, creativity and humor. Her other school-based activities include grade level chair and math chair. She is also the representative to the Prince George's County Educators Association.

Jean Deverin from St. Hugh's School was honored for her involvement with education for the past decade. She has been the full-day kindergarten teacher at St. Hugh's for the last five years. Her concern for the academic and emotional well-being of her students was recognized. The individual attention this requires her to give to each student makes her stand out.

Greenbelt Middle School's awardee was Iesha Young, who has been at the school for three years. She works in the social education comprehensive program and was selected for her dedication to the children. As a strong advocate for children, her colleagues hold her in high regard.

Finally, Catherine Duff was selected from Eleanor Roosevelt High School where she has been for the last 13 years. She is an experienced chemistry teacher who often helps her colleagues grasp difficult concepts. She is also the coordinator of the science department and has served as the Science Fair chair for the last 11 years. This is a tremendous job, with over 650 student projects and 100 judges. Duff was held up as a model of the principles of excellence that underlie the ACE Educators Award.

Each of the honorees said a few words of appreciation before the ceremony closed to much applause.

ACE undertakes many other programs to support Greenbelt's schools. On May 12 they will hold the awards ceremony for students, where they will welcome donations for the ACE scholarship program. The committee also has several ongoing programs to encourage reading such as the Buy a Book Program and the ACE Reading Club. The Reading Club is sponsoring a Poetry and Short Fiction Contest, whose winners will be presented in the City Council's meeting room on Friday, May 2.

ACE Hosting Youth Literary Showcase

ACE and the ACE Reading Club are hosting a Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase on Friday, May 2 in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. This ACE event is free and open to anyone interested in reading and writing. The Showcase is being hosted in conjunction with the High School Poetry and Short Fiction Contest.

All high school students residing in or attending school in the City of Greenbelt are eligible to enter the contest. This is an opportunity for high school students to get recognition for their writing outside of school, and participation can be an excellent addition to a college resume. Some participants will be invited to perform at the Showcase, which will be videotaped and aired on the city's cable channel.

Officials who have been invited to the event include Mayor Judith Davis along with the other members of the Greenbelt City Council, the Maryland governor and lieutenant governor, and even President and Mrs. Bush. Not all officials are expected to attend, but hopes are high that there will be a good turnout to support the youth.

The Showcase is possible due to the support of local businesses: Chef Lou's Desserts, New Deal Café, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Food Co-op, Greenway Shopping Center, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Access Cable Channel, and the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre. These supporters have contributed merchandise certificates or cash awards to be presented to the contest winners. Additional contributions will be accepted until March 28.

High school students interested in entering the contest should hurry as the deadline is Friday, March 28 at 5 p.m. There are four categories each in poetry and short fiction. Poetry categories include social issues, environmental/nature, love and miscellaneous. Short fiction categories include social issues, environmental/nature, science fiction/fantasy and miscellaneous.

Middle-school students can also participate in the Showcase. These entries must meet the same guidelines as high school entries, and should be submitted by April 18 in the Greenbelt CARES office in the Municipal Building.

Contact Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or email emurray@att.net to receive guidelines and an entry form, or for more information on the contest.

we never said we would reduce Greenbelt a third, and a third and a third. We said if we had to reduce, we would look at all of the [legislative] mandates and we would reduce those mandates, if it was necessary, a third, a third, a third. It would be collectively, and that's over \$1.5 million, we would look at that incrementally if we had to. I hope you understand that however this got out, that was a mistake."

Hewlett added, "If I could just make a suggestion that when this kind of issue ever comes up, I'm just a phone call away. That kind of issue could be nipped in the bud."

Councilmember Thomas White replied, "We have egg on our faces." Davis asked McLaughlin to notify all parties of the misunderstanding.

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mine the private office market throughout Prince George's County and could remove significant taxable business activity from the tax rolls. Piret commented that if the Goddard proposal should become a reality, it wouldn't be implemented for 20 or 30 years.

Authority

"I look at this as a constitutional issue," declared Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts. "It's not fair to have outsiders deciding what's going to happen to you." Roberts was referring to the issue of planning and zoning authority, over which M-NCPPC holds sway at the moment. Bowie, College Park and Greenbelt have been seeking to change that status. A proposal has been submitted to the General Assembly for this authority (MC/PG 108, now HB 901.)

Elizabeth Hewlett, chairman of the Prince George's County Planning Board, commented that "There's probably room for some incremental" changes. "I don't think we're that far apart," she said, but "it's going to take some work. I'm a big believer in due process," added Hewlett.

Adrian Gardner, general counsel for M-NCPPC, clarified that "It's the state's police power that we're talking about. Prince George's County is the only county that has 27 municipalities. Most of them are jammed in the same area of the Beltway. As a legal matter, the only way to do a countywide plan is to have a bi-county agency try to look at things from a regional perspective. It's frankly the only way under the state constitution that's possible. There are about six steps to something becoming a development. The city should

have a role, and the city does have a role. The problem with the bill [HB 901] is that it's taking little pieces out of the process. It's never been a question of whether there are cities or municipal jurisdictions that are capable of doing this work. The question is how to find a system that balances the needs; in the long run, we're all on the same side."

Hewlett concluded, "I still think there's room for us to work together."

Funding

Last year Greenbelt paid \$700,000 in recreation taxes to M-NCPPC and M-NCPPC provided \$79,000 in funding to the city. Davis alluded to a letter to the city stating that the funds would be cut. However, Michael McLaughlin, city manager, clarified that "We never got a letter. In doing budget preparation and checking our sources we were told that this was a possibility." Under this assumption, the city sent out a letter, with copies to, among others, legislators stating concerns about the funding.

Hewlett rejoined that "Our budget has been submitted. The money is in the budget, plain as day. You can still see the same money for the Greenbelt Community Center, the afterschool arts program, the therapeutic program and it's not just limited to \$79,000. You reap the benefits from a lot of other things that we do."

Davis explained that the city had understood there would be a three-year phase-out of the \$79,000. Mary Wells Hurley, Parks and Recreation director, responded, "We did have discussions about what kinds of things we would do if we had to, but



City Information

**CITY COUNCIL-Regular Meeting-Monday, March 24th
8:00 p.m. - Municipal Building Council Room**

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award - FY 2003
- City Manager's Proposed FY 2004 Budget

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

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda-marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Report on Briefing on Greenbelt Metro Access Project
- Letter to Comcast
- I-Net Committee By-Laws
- Pending State Legislation
- *Appointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 24-28

Monday, March 24, 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building.

Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 pm, Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center.

Wednesday, March 26, 8:00pm, Briefing on Joint Police Communication/Dispatch System, Community Center.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Vacancies exist on the:

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 24 at 8pm-City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, March 25 & 27, 6pm "ACE Reading Club at Greenbelt Middle School" 6:20pm Reading is Fundamental- "Multicultural Books" 7:20pm "Senior Center presents Cantanti" 8:30 "Replay of Council"
Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 26 & 28, 7pm "Love Foundation" 7:30pm "Democratic Club January 17, 2003", 8:45pm "Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Street Theater Fest/Puppet Tragedies" Sunday, March 23 at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

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Identity Theft a Problem By Phone, Computer

by Shirl Hayes

Like nature's hunters pretending to be something they are not, human predators can blend in to prey on others. They steal by masquerading as their victims. Identity thieves are pretending to be you.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses stolen personal information; a name, date of birth, address, credit card number, social security number, etc., to commit fraud. According to the Federal Trade Commission's website at <http://www.consumer.gov>, for the year 2001, there were 86,168 reported identity thefts. The most common type of theft involves credit cards set up using someone else's information.

Identity thieves can be anyone. "We have no way of characterizing identity thieves except that we know that sometimes [they] are persons you may know, even in your own families. Other times, [theft] is committed by organized groups that are happening to practice identity thefts," says Claudia Bourne-Farrell, spokesperson for the Federal Trade Commission.

How are identity thieves getting so much personal information? If the thief is someone you know, then they may have access to your home like a roommate or a cleaning service. Unsolicited phone calls from people claiming to be with your credit card company who say they need to "verify" information is one way. Stealing unshredded, personal information out of people's trash cans, "dumpster diving," is another. Stealing from home mailboxes is a growing problem.

Mail Theft

"[Mail theft] has grown over the years and it's changed from just stealing birthday cards for cash. [It's] kind of blossomed into identity theft," says Inspector Mike McCarthy of the US Postal Inspection Office. "Now they are looking for bank checks or credit cards. With checks that people mail to pay their bills, a lot of crooks out here can use chemicals to wash the inks off. They put their own [information] on it, change the amount of money and go to the bank to deposit them in accounts they control. Get a mailbox that locks."

Identity theft is a relatively new category for a growing, specific kind of fraud. "Numbers are hard to come by because identity

theft hasn't been quantified," says Agent Linda Vizi of the FBI. "We haven't kept specific statistics on it. Mail fraud and fraud by wire are the two specific statutes that the Federal government could use to prosecute the crime."

Internet

The Internet also opens up new opportunities for theft. "The Internet makes it easier and cheaper for fraud perpetrators to strike and to escape," says Bourne-Farrell. "[They] have anonymity if they wish. They can get on the Internet and tell someone they're the Queen of Tasmania and no one knows the difference."

Chief Privacy Officer Les Seagraves of Earthlink, a national Internet service provider says, "When you are online try not to give out your information except to a [site] you are certain is legitimate.

"Also there have been situations where people will get an email, presumably from their ISP [Internet service provider], saying 'we lost all your information and we need to re-enter it, go to this site.' [Identity thieves] then create websites that look like the customer's ISP site, [with entry forms] that look legitimate, but the graphics are often stolen from the ISP sites. If you get a letter like this, report it to your ISP and they will block access to that site," says Seagraves.

When a person's identity is stolen, they may be unaware of it for some time.

"It's very frustrating for the victims because it takes hours and hours to sort out. They may not know about it for a long time until they want to use their credit for something like to get a loan and are told that their credit is no good," says agent Vizi.

"Contact the three major credit reporting agencies for a copy of your file - Equifax at <http://www.equifax.com> or 1-800-525-6285, Experian at <http://www.experian.com> or 1-888-397-3742 and Transunion at <http://www.transunion.com> or 1-800-680-7289," says Bourne-Farrell. "File a police report. Call the FTC or go online to <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft> and post a complaint. Call and notify everyone in writing. Keep copies of everything."

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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

7800 block Mandan Road, March 11, 4:17 p.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt resident demanded money and punched a victim before throwing him to the ground and taking money. As officers arrived, the suspect fled but was apprehended nearby, arrested and charged with robbery and assault. He was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Area of Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, March 12, 12:26 a.m., a man walking to a residence was approached by another male who demanded money. After wrestling the victim to the ground, the man took money, keys and a gym bag and fled on foot. He was last seen on Edmonston Road running toward Edmonston Court. The victim was not injured. The perpetrator is described as a black male, 16 to 18, 5'6", 140 lbs., dark complexion, wearing a black jacket.

6200 block Springhill Court, March 12, 6:30 p.m., two male roommates were arguing when one of them pulled out what appeared to be a handgun and threatened to shoot the other. As the victim started to call police, the other roommate fled. He was located and found to be in possession of a BB-type handgun. The suspect was taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

6100 block Greenbelt Road, March 3, 3:52 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the area of the ATM at the Bank of America.

9100 block Springhill Lane, March 9, 7:22 p.m., a woman was walking home when she was approached from behind by two individuals, one of whom grabbed her purse and lunch bag.

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.

Both then fled on foot. They are described as two black males wearing dark clothing.

Vandalism

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, March 10, 7:26 a.m., someone used unknown means to break windows at the Center.

Burglary

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, March 9, 12:53 p.m., someone tried to force open the front door. Entry was not gained.

9100 block Edmonston Road, March 10, 6:58 p.m., someone entered a residence via the sliding glass door and took a personal computer, DVDs and jewelry.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1997 Honda Accord four-door, March 6, from the 100 block Westway, which was recovered in Hyattsville the next day by county police; a green Toyota 1995 Tercel four-door, Md. tags JDE375, March 11, from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a dark green 1998 Cadillac Seville four-door, Md. tags AO79887, March 12, from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, which resulted in issuance of an arrest warrant for a Greenbelt man, 22; a 1999 Acura RL four-door, March 12, from the 9300 block Edmonston Road, which resulted in the arrest of a 19-year-old Greenbelt resident; a white 1993 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, no tags, March 13, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a blue 1994 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, Md. temporary tag 43080DG, March 13, from the 6000 block Springhill Court.

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

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were

reported in the following areas: 7500 block Mandan Road (two incidents); 7100 block Ora Glen Court; 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; 400 block Ridge Road; area of Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Terrace; 6000 block Springhill Drive (four incidents); 6100 block Breezewood Court; 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 7700 block Hanover Parkway (three incidents); 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 7400 block Greenbelt Road; 9100 block Springhill Court; 7500 block Greenbelt Road.

Homeland Security Planned for City

Lt. Thomas Kemp who is acting chief of police while Chief James Craze is away this week, conferred with City Manager Michael McLaughlin to discuss the plans for Greenbelt's Homeland Security. Because of President Bush's speech on Monday night, Kemp held a command staff meeting with department division commanders and the tactical unit supervisor.

Plans were made to tighten security in the city. These include putting the tactical unit/emergency response unit on alert, putting extra officers on the street and distributing to officers a list of specific terrorist-type activities that arouse suspicion. The department is in the process of researching the acquisition of personal protective equipment for all members. In addition, literature will be handed out to citizens at the Public Safety Forum in Greenbelt East so that city residents know what to do in preparation for possible chemical or biological incidents.

The group paid specific attention to high profile targets in the city such as high density buildings, apartment buildings, shopping malls, government buildings, commercial buildings and areas around public transportation hubs like the metro station.



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CCRIC to Hold Its Annual Meeting, Elect 2003 Officers

The Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold its annual meeting on Sunday March 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Members and non-members are invited to attend. The agenda includes a political update as well as election of the board of directors.

Last Year

The preliminary subdivision plan for Greenbelt Metro Station was approved by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. CCRIC has been following the legal challenge in District Court filed by the City of Greenbelt and Quantum Management (Beltway Plaza). The suit was filed on the grounds that the plan did not meet the criteria laid out in the zoning law passed especially for the site. The court case was heard November 9 and the judge has yet to issue a decision. Even if a decision confirms the legality of the site plans, nothing is over and public support is needed for alternatives to the plan. The developers have promised to meet with the public and CCRIC to reach an agreement.

Construction work has started at Indian Creek in Berwyn Heights, just downstream from the gravel mine site to install a fish passage as part of the mitigation for the new Wilson Bridge. CCRIC is following the development and its impact on stream health and may assist by relocating fish from the stream bed that will be drained to raise the stream back to the level of the Greenbelt Road underpass.

In partnership with the Maryland Native Plant Society CCRIC organized four plant identifica-

tion walks on the property owned by the State of Maryland along Cherrywood Lane. They also had bird walks led by Jack Saba with the Patuxent Bird Club. CCRIC hopes to continue those activities throughout the summer of 2003.

CCRIC sponsored three different activities for the annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. The first was at Walker Branch, a tributary of Indian Creek, involving students from Springhill Lake Elementary School. Secondly, they cleaned up a storm water control pond. Finally, they were able to go onto the state-owned area around the Greenbelt Metro site. An estimated 5,000 pounds of trash was collected at the three sites - with lots more remaining! New cleanups are planned for 2003, the first on April 5.

The Year Ahead

With the help of the Town of Berwyn Heights and Prince George's County Department for Environmental Resources (DER), CCRIC is planning for the construction of a rain garden in Berwyn Heights.

There will be two training sessions by the DER to teach people to be Stream Team Members. Also, at a date to be set later, CCRIC will be sponsoring in partnership with DER a how to make a rain barrel workshop. Several activities are being planned for students at newly opened Berwyn Heights Elementary School, including help with the grounds. Check the website for future details and how to get involved.

For more information contact CCRIC at 301-441-3844 or at www.greenbelt.com/civic/CCRIC.

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tion of Prince George's County. Beauchamp was a professor of English and, later, Women's Studies, at the University of Maryland, College Park, for 25 years. She was among the first academics to work to make a place for women's studies in college curricula and became the first coordinator of Women's Studies at the university.

Beauchamp was a member and chair of the President's Commission on Women's Affairs at the university. She was honored as Outstanding Faculty Woman on Campus in 1990. After retirement she was named special assistant to the president of the University of Maryland College Park on Women's Issues.

Chancellor Kirwan

University of Maryland Chancellor William Kirwan wrote about Beauchamp that "under her collegial but strong leadership, the university successfully addressed issues such as gender equity in salary and promotion, the development of a strong, nationally recognized Women's Studies Program, an increase in the presence and influence of senior women faculty and greater participation by women in the sciences and engineering." Kirwan continued, "When one considers Virginia's decisive contribution to creating an inclusive culture at the university and the impact her dedicated work will have on future generations of students and faculty of both genders, I believe her selection to the Hall of Fame is richly deserved."

In addition to her university career, Beauchamp has been a pioneer in community efforts to improve the status of women. In 1976 she was a founding member of the Women's Action Coalition of Prince George's County.

She was a member of the Prince George's County Commission for Women and the Maryland Women's History project and is a member of the American Association of University Women.

Beauchamp was named to the Prince George's County Women's Hall of Fame and appeared in "Women of Achievement in Prince George's County" and "Women of Achievement in Maryland History." She received the Governor's Citation for contributions to achieving sex equity in Maryland educational institutions during the first decade of Title IX. Among other accolades she was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen at last year's Labor Day Festival. Beauchamp is a long-time member of the board of the Greenbelt News Review, a reporter and former editor.

Other Honorees

Five other women are being honored this year. Kathryn DuFour is the first woman circuit judge in Maryland; The Catholic University law library is named in her honor. Ruth Kirschstein was acting director, National Institutes of Health and a recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Women of Achievement Award. Deborah Yow is the athletic director at University of Maryland College Park and is president of the National Association of Collegiate Athletic Directors. Posthumously, two women are being honored. Edith Clarke is being recognized as the first woman to receive a master's degree in electrical engineering, which opened the door for women in the field. Etta Maddox was the first licensed woman lawyer in the state and the first woman graduate of the old University of Baltimore law school.

The Auction is coming!

Greenbelt Nursery School Auction 2003

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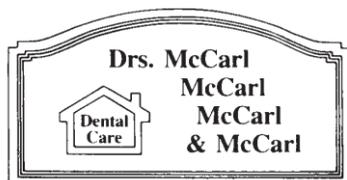
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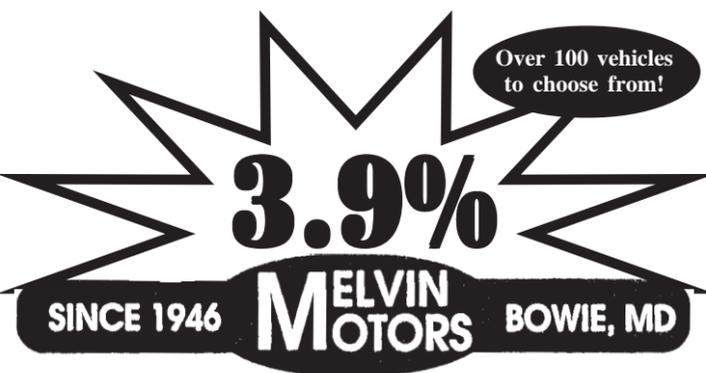
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Fendlay Makes Nationals

by Chuck Rall

The Tri-City Eagles Bantam AA ice hockey team arrived in Ellenton, Fla., last Thursday with one objective; to win the Southeast District Championship and represent their district in the Nationals. Greenbelter Shane Fendlay, a key forward on the team, has played hockey since he was six. His team has won the Capital Beltway Hockey League Championships for the last two years, finishing undefeated in regular season play both seasons. Last March the Eagles fell one game short of the Nationals when they were defeated by the Florida Goldenwolves in the District finals.



Shane Fendlay in action.

This year the Eagles defeated Team Carolina, the Palm Beach Panthers and the Huntsville Chargers to advance to the semi-finals where they beat long-time rivals, the Ashburn Extreme, by a score of 10-3. The championship game did not disappoint spectators. The Eagles faced the Florida Junior Panthers who finished first in their division. The game ended in a 2-2 tie after the Panthers leveled the score with five minutes left in the third period. The Eagles dominated the first few minutes of sudden-death overtime and quickly scored the winning goal. The team was presented with the District Championship banner which will hang

alongside the others at the Gardens Ice House in Laurel which is their home ice.

Shane Fendlay was ranked in the top 20 players at the District tournament. He also played on the varsity hockey team at DeMatha Catholic High School where he is a 14-year old freshman. Shane was fortunate enough to play in the MSHL championships for DeMatha as well. Even though they lost to Mt. St. Joe's, it was an incredible experience. The Nationals will be held in Orlando, Fla., on April 2 to 6. All Shane's family and friends will be cheering him on as his team skates for the chance to be called the best in the nation. Good luck, Shane!

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League. Maryland municipalities, including Greenbelt, fear that if the state drops needed services, cities will be expected to fill the gaps.

State Legislation

Three bills under consideration in Annapolis received council support. House Bill 142 proposes that a \$3 fee be imposed on vehicle rentals. There is a possibility that the fee would be raised to \$5, with the additional \$2 going to municipalities. Greenbelt's only concern was that this new fee might impact Zipcar. Members of the city's delegation expressed a willingness to make sure that car-sharing programs are exempted from the bill.

Council supports efforts to establish the crime of homicide by aggressive driving. A House bill to do so was defeated in committee, but a similar Senate bill is still alive, although it is late in the session for action.

There was some discussion on Senate Bill 720 which requires that the state and all of its political subdivisions purchase alternative-fuel or electric hybrid vehicles. Beginning with fiscal year 2005 at least 50 percent of cars, light trucks and buses purchased by these jurisdictions must be alternative-fuel or hybrid vehicles. Although the bill is viewed as unlikely to pass council voiced its support.

The city staff, however, was concerned about the 50 percent requirement, given the limited availability of those types of vehicles. Councilmember Alan Turnbull thought that the 50 percent requirement was fine.

Councilmember Thomas X. White wondered if it could be phased in. Mayor Davis thought that there might be some type of funding to help with the initial purchase of such vehicles.

Concrete Contract

Council awarded a contract of \$140,000 to NZI Construction of Beltsville for concrete work, primarily for replacement of curb, gutter and driveway aprons on both sides of Northway from Crescent Road. In doing so the city will piggyback on an existing county bid for adjacent concrete work at a very favorable price, far below current prices. This decision prompted council to ask why such a favorable price is being offered and whether the quality of work is acceptable.

Director of Public Works Kenny Hall responded that he is familiar with this company's work and vouches for its quality. He also said that NZI had done other work in the city, that there were good working relations and that the company actively sought work in nearby Greenbelt. City Manager Michael McLaughlin added that he thought the good bid was a reflection of excellent staff work at the Department of Public Works.

Councilmember Edward Putens wanted to be sure that residents on Northway would be informed of this work and offered the opportunity to contract for individual projects, such as driveways, at the same price as the work being done on their street. Hall indicated that residents had been notified and a meeting would be scheduled.

Street Paving, Red Light Camera Late Fee Approved by Council

by Bay Woods

At the March 10 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council authorized a new type of street resurfacing for five city streets and codified a \$25 late fee for failure to pay red light camera fines on time.

Street Paving

A negotiated purchase resolution for the installation of Novachip asphalt paving from the Gorman Group of Quakertown, Pa. was unanimously approved by council.

Novachip is a relatively new paving process that the city is trying on a pilot basis this year. This thin overlay extends the life of the asphalt and can be applied as the street is milled. It is considerably less expensive than traditional resurfacing.

Five streets, including Lastner Lane and portions of Lakeside Drive, Northway, Ora Glen Drive and Ridge Road would be resurfaced using Novachip. City staff has estimated that this will require 37,676 square yards of Novachip asphalt.

Staff has located a March 2002 Charles County bid for Novachip resurfacing. Only two firms responded to this request for bids. The firm that provided the best prices was the Gorman Group in Quakertown, Pa. In September 2002, they quoted Charles County a bid price of \$4.14 per square yard. Since then, however, because of the recent increase in oil prices they have raised their price to \$4.21 per square yard, a 1.7% increase. A \$1,500 transfer charge will bring the cost to \$160,116. Staff believes this is still a good price.

There was some discussion on the issue before the resolution passed. Councilmember Alan Turnbull asked about the lifespan of Novachip. Director of Public Works Kenny Hall responded that such preventive maintenance

would increase the life-span by eight to 15 years. Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked about "spot repairs." Hall responded that a base repair would be done first and then every crack would be sealed before the whole street was covered with a sealing membrane. Councilmember Edward Putens asked if this process had been successful elsewhere and Hall replied that he had seen good results.

Late Fee

An ordinance to codify the late fee for the Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System citations was unanimously adopted by council. As part of the its red light camera program the city charges a \$25 dollar late fee. The fee is assessed when violators fail either to pay the fine within 105 days of the violation or to file a notice of intent to stand trial at least five days prior to the payment due date.

The city is in the process of modifying its citation document and wished to include this fee therein.

Turnbull asked if a \$25 late fee is comparable with other cities. Cpl. Maria Parker answered that the fees range from \$3 to \$75 dollars, but that \$25 was most common.

New Deal Friends

Barbara Simon, president of The Friends of the New Deal Café Arts, announced that this support group has been recognized for non-profit status. Simon made it clear that it is not the Café itself that has non-profit status, but only the support group. Their funds would go towards supporting the musical and artistic events at the Café. Café President Ray Stevens added that "Part of the mission is supporting historic Roosevelt Center."

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The draft EA is available for public review. Comments must be submitted within 14 days of publication of this notice. Comments should be submitted in writing to:

Kevin Thorpe
USDA, ARS
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