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City Manager Proposes Budget With Four-Cent Tax Increase

by James Giese

At the beginning of the March 24 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, Mayor Judith Davis recognized City Manager Michael McLaughlin for receiving an award from the Government Finance Officers Association for having a distinguished budget presentation. This was in regard to last year's budget submission and was the fifteenth time in a row that the city manager had been so recognized by this national organization. However, after learning that McLaughlin was presenting a budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1 that proposed a four-cent tax rate increase, city councilmembers reserved judgment as to the quality of this year's presentation.

McLaughlin used a slide show to explain why it was necessary for him to recommend the four-cent tax rate increase; this will be the tenth year in a row for a city property tax rate increase, if council approves the recommendation.

Four major blows to balancing the budget at the current tax rate were detailed by the city manager. State fiscal problems will result in less state revenues being shared with the cities and counties, the biggest cut being \$170,000 in highway user rev-

enues which the city uses for street maintenance and construction. The national economy has affected interest rates and the city's earnings from invested monies will drop from \$215,000 to \$75,000 for the new fiscal year. The cost of health insurance is expected to go up dramatically over the previous year and McLaughlin had to budget \$128,000 more for health insurance costs in the new year. The fourth blow was council's decision this year to give Greenbelt police officers a new and better pension option called LEOPS. City staff had expected a big invoice from the state for the cost of the unfunded liability of officers in the new pension plan, but the state bill they received turned out to be more than two-and-one-half times than expected. Another \$80,000 will have to be budgeted for that unless staff can successfully challenge the state's calculations. These four blows totaling \$518,000 require more funds than the yield of a four-cent tax rate increase, since a penny tax levy yields an expected \$124,700.

These are not the only increases reflected in the budget. There are also increased costs of doing business and proposed in-

creases in compensation for city employees. The \$17.9 million budget represents a 6.2 percent increase over the current year's budget even though city's authorized personnel ceiling will be reduced by one full-time employee, an unfilled police cadet position.

There are some increases in expected revenues as well. McLaughlin cited added hotel and motel taxes to be paid by the new Residence Inn at the Golden Triangle as one increase. However, without increasing the property tax rate, revenues are expected to increase by only 2.9 percent.

Meeting Schedule

McLaughlin announced that the budget document would be available in about a week to those interested. Council's first worksession on overview, revenues and general government portions of the budget will be held Wednesday, April 2. Other worksessions are on public safety, April 7; planning, community development and capital projects, April 9; CARES, miscellaneous and other funds, April 21; public works, April 23; contribution groups, April 30; F.O.P., May 5; recreation, May 7; Green

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Councilmember and Editor Walter Volckhausen Dies

Greenbelt pioneer Walter R. (Bob) Volckhausen, 91, died Sunday, January 26, 2003, at his home in Hampton, Va.

A graduate of Columbia University, he received his M.A. in mathematics from the University of Maryland in 1937. After teaching at Paterson Collegiate Institute in Fairlawn, N.J., he taught at the University of Maryland from 1935 to 1941. In 1941 he became business manager for Group Health Association, a cooperative medical plan in Washington, D.C., where he served until 1946.

Serving as secretary of the Potomac Cooperative Federation until 1956, he went on to become controller and public relations director for the Peninsula Cooperative Association in Va.

He taught mathematics at Hampton Institute from 1959 to 1979, working with advanced placement programs in nine high schools from Norfolk to Richmond, receiving the Lindback Foundation Award for distinguished teaching.

Greenbelt

Mr. Volckhausen and his family were one of the first families



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Walter Volckhausen speaks at the Greenbelt News Review's 25th anniversary dinner in 1962.

to move into Greenbelt, where they lived at 6K Hillside Road. Strongly believing in the cooperative movement, he took an active part in helping to form cooperatives in the new community. In 1938 he was editor of the Greenbelt Cooperator, the original name of the Greenbelt News Review. He also served on the newspaper as staff member in other capacities such as features editor.

A member of the Cooperative Organizing Committee (COC) he

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Council Protests Dropping Baltimore Cable Channels

by James Giese

Besides taking a first look at the proposed budget at its March 24 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council, council took a first step toward hiring a surveyor to determine some of the boundaries of Alfred S. "Buddy" Attick Park, agreed to send a protest letter to Comcast concerning new changes to the cable channel lineup, approved bylaws for an I-Net committee and appointed Esther Herold to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Comcast

The council unanimously agreed to send in its name a letter prepared by Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau protesting Comcast Cable's recent decision to eliminate the Baltimore TV channels from the Prince George's cable system and demanding that Comcast continue carrying these stations as part of its extended cable package. The letter notes that Anne Arundel, Howard and Calvert Counties will still receive these channels. While there is much duplication between the Baltimore and Washington channels, the letter notes that viewers watch Baltimore stations for better coverage of state news and for their local broadcasts of Orioles and Ravens games. Other county municipalities that have cable franchise agreements with Comcast are expected to send similar letters. They contend that Comcast's changes fail to maintain the

"mix, quality and level of services provided over the system" at the time that Comcast took over the franchise and entered into agreement with the cities.

Under Petitions and Requests, Sheldon Goldberg complained that Comcast has been unable to provide him with necessary information to subscribe to Turner Classic Movies or professional sports events that they will broadcast.

Park Survey

Responding to concerns about water quality improvement at Greenbelt Lake, council budgeted funds for a property survey of the southern boundaries of Albert S. "Buddy" Attick Park. Staff proposed employing Greenhorne and O'Mara to do the survey and a resolution was introduced at the meeting authorizing that firm's hire for \$12,200. It will be considered for adoption at the April 14 regular meeting. Although staff noted options as to how much of the boundaries should be surveyed, the resolution introduced calls for surveying the entire boundary behind the homes on Lakeside Drive, Maplewood, Olivewood and Pinecrest Courts and the University Square Apartments.

(Historical note: There has often been controversy between some of the owners of homes in the Lakeside subdivisions and

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For Greenbelter Esther Webb Getting Arrested Is Old Hat

by Anne Sucher

"Monday, I plan to get arrested again," said 86-year-old Esther Webb when I first contacted her for an interview. Okay, so Monday was out. I'd been told that Webb, a longtime resident of the 7 Court of Crescent Road in Old Greenbelt, recently had the distinction of being the oldest person arrested during an anti-war demonstration at the steps of the Capitol building in Washington, before the official start of the war against Iraq. "I was treated like a VIP," she said.

The peace group had planned to put their homemade cardboard coffins on the Capitol's steps and then stage a "die-in." But first they had to cross a line of more than 200 police officers, many more law enforcers than there were protestors. There were 23 people from the Greenbelt area who took the challenge and were arrested by the police.

"We do not like to arrest grandmothers. Why are you doing this?" said a policeman as Webb crossed the line. She told him, "Because I am a grandmother and I don't want my grandchildren to

suffer as a result of this war." After the arrest they searched her modest backpack and fannypack for pointy objects. The sharpest thing they found was a peace button.

Webb was the last person loaded onto the bus. An officer had to help her up. Then her arms were locked behind her back with heavy plastic handcuffs that hurt because she has an arthritic wrist. Inside a nearby building they made the octogenarian lean up against a wall and a female officer patted her down "twice, very thoroughly." After she was fingerprinted five times she took the Metro home.

Webb, a slight woman with straight shoulder-length gray hair, was wearing black slacks and a bright red polyester sweater when I met her. Her voice is high-pitched and soft, almost childlike. But get her talking and she has no lack of things to say. "Tomorrow I'm planning to get arrested again, somewhere around the Capitol. I might have to spend the night in jail because

it's a weekend. But it's wonderful being older," she says laughingly, "because you can do anything you want! You don't have to worry about being fired. Nobody can dock your pay."

Activist Parents

Longtime peace activist Esther Webb was born in Mississippi and raised in Louisiana. Her father was a farmer who moved to the South from the West because land was cheap.

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What Goes On

Tuesday, April 1
7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
Wednesday, April 2
8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Overview, Revenues and General Government, Community Center
Thursday, April 3
7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession with GEAC, Windsor Green

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Even so, she said, "When we were young we were so poor, we almost starved one winter." It was the Deep South, a time and place of intense racial segregation and tension. "Schools, water fountains, bathrooms were all segregated. I never met an educated black person."

Webb's parents believed segregation was wrong and her father spoke out in church against it. But the people in favor of segregation were intimidating, and a friend of Webb's father who sold real estate to blacks received threats on his life.

Seeing such social strife at an early age may have influenced her decision to apply to Antioch College in Ohio. Webb wrote in her application, "My goal in life is working toward peace." She has always remained true to that mission. She entered Antioch during the Depression of the 1930s and worked her way through school. It was there, as she put it, that she was "radicalized."

Antioch attracted liberals from all over, including big cities like New York. The school had a reputation for radical philosophy. It was frequently investigated by the government because of rumors that communist ideas were taught there.

Quaker Convert

It was at Antioch also that Webb, raised a Methodist, converted to the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). "I wanted to belong to a church that emphasized peace."

Webb was enthusiastic when telling me about the history of the Quakers, who date back to England and Oliver Cromwell's regime. "They were considered a very radical group," she said, "and many of the members were arrested and put in jail for years. So many Quakers were in jail that there were special committees to take care of the children left behind."

It was through the Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C. that she met her husband-to-be, John Webb. After college she moved to the District of Columbia because the New Deal offered people jobs, although 60 years ago Washington was just as segregated as where she'd grown up. She became a teacher and counselor in the city's school system.

War broke out in 1941. John Webb was a conscientious objector (CO) who refused to be drafted, preferring to do alternative service or, if necessary, go to jail instead. The government would not grant him CO status because he had been raised Presbyterian. Generally, the government recognizes as COs only those who have been religiously trained from childhood not to kill or fight, allowing them to work in the medical corps or perform other services on the homefront. In the end, it was John Webb's bad eyes that kept him from fighting in World War

II. Although her husband was a pacifist, he was against civil disobedience. Says Esther, "He thought it was a waste of time." But she disagreed.

History of Arrests

The first time she was arrested in the name of peace was during the Nicaraguan war, when she prayed with a group in the lobby of Congress in front of a statue of Martin Luther King, Jr. By law, groups are not allowed to pray in the rotunda of the Capitol.

The second time was at the White House during a demonstration against nuclear weapons. "It was funny," she told me. "We had tied ourselves with ribbons to the fence around the White House and the police came out with these great big iron scissors to cut us off of there, and they carried us to jail." When she got home, her husband didn't even know she had been gone. A senior citizen, he had slept late that morning.

The next time she got arrested was at the Department of Energy. "We'd decided that the quickest way to get at the top brass was to sit down in their parking spaces, and we did. Boy, were we arrested fast!"

Move to Greenbelt

In the early 1940s the Webbs moved to Greenbelt. They had four children: three boys and a girl. During the Vietnam War all the children filed for conscientious objector status because they had been raised within the Quaker community. She tells me, chuckling, that the oldest son wanted to go and fight in the Vietnam War. His peace activist mother had to sit him down and say, "No, I didn't raise you for that purpose. I'm not going to allow that."

After her husband's death, Webb started a Greenbelt branch of the Gray Panthers, a radical group of older people. Eventually, though, "a lot of people got burnt out. We don't have it anymore, though there's still one in Montgomery County. But we lasted about 12 years. When I first organized the Gray Panthers, I wasn't sure it would be successful because there were so many other active groups in Greenbelt. I didn't know if we would survive at all but Maggie Kuhn, who was the leader at that time, told us, 'seniors should do something outrageous every day.'"

Webb tries to live by that credo. She is known for her ardently written letters to the editor, which she tries "to make as outrageous as I can, without using profanity." She's been giving her feedback via the media since the Vietnam War and has had letters published in The Washington Post and other papers.

I asked Webb what she considered to be her greatest achievement. She said, "When you're working for peace it's difficult to see what your achievements are." But after a reflective moment, she said it was the dismantling of the

D.C. public school system's Junior Cadet Corps. During her 20 years in the D.C. public schools, all boys in junior high and high school had to wear a uniform and were required to do military training. By patiently working within the system, Webb was eventually able to do with away the program. Today students still have it as an option, but not many participate.

As we sit and talk in her living room, on the plaid couch that reminds me of the one our family had in the '70s, the doorbell rings. A smiling new neighbor named Eugenia is stopping by. I overhear her saying, "I wanted to meet you. Thank you very much for what you do." As my hostess returns to the couch, she tells me that Eugenia just brought her a gift of 15 front yard signs that proclaim, "War is Not the Answer," beneath the blue outline of a dove. "It was very kind of her," she says.

This has brought the conversation back to the present political situation and Webb's mood has changed. She begins voicing her opinions about the situation in Iraq. (Note: This interview took place before the beginning of military action in Iraq.)

"This is the stupidest war," she declares angrily.

I ask this woman who has seen a lot of years and a lot of conflicts what she would prefer to see instead of wars. She replies that we need more conflict resolution to solve world problems, adding that today wars are "very impractical" because not only nuclear weapons but also conventional weapons are so dangerous and destructive that they don't really solve problems. She wants to see countries cooperating to solve problems like environmental degradation, overpopulation and diminishing water supplies.

Webb's voice is fading as the shadows in the room lengthen. She says, "I'm not used to talking this much," and takes a sip of water. "I feel the older I get, instead of getting less radical, I get more radical, because I think time is running out." She pauses. "I want to see something happen, some peace come, while I'm still around."

GHI Notes

Flyers for the 2003 Community Beautification Program have been distributed. Those without a copy should call the GHI receptionist at 301-474-4161.

Blood pressure testing will be on Wed., April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Pre-Purchase orientations will be held on Mon., April 7 at 7:15 p.m. and Sat., April 12 at 11 a.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors meetings will be held April 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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Citizens Owed Jaeger Donations

The Greenbelt News Review learned this week that the National Park Trust (NPT) has sent letters to individuals who contributed to the "Save the Jaeger Tract" fund.

Contributors were given three options regarding the disposition of their individual donation: 1) have the NPT return the donation; 2) allow NPT to apply the donation to the National Capital Campaign that includes

parks in the D.C. Metropolitan area (Greenbelt Park, Harpers Ferry National Park, Harriet Tubman's Birthplace, Rock Creek Park and other sites); or 3) allow NPT to apply the donation to its efforts to protect all national park sites.

NPT Vice President Jim Coffin told the News Review that any contributor not receiving the letter should call him at 202-548-0500.

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For more information, or to enter a team, call Frann Fendlay at 301-345-2948. As in previous years, there will be a home run derby, souvenir shirts, M.V.P. Awards, a 50/50 raffle, and concessions. The home run derby will be dedicated to Jim "the Beaz" Beasley and will be named after him. Come out to show support for the teams and the friends and family of both Steve and Jim.

At the Library

Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, April 2, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, April 3, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Explore Growing And Using Herbs

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Donna Almquist, a member of the Prince George's Herb Society, on Friday, April 11. Almquist, who has been growing herbs for over 10 years, will present an introduction to herb gardening starting with a discussion on how to select the best herbs for Maryland's soils, as well as soil preparation and site planning. She will also give tips on preserving, storing and using herbs.

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.

Water Polo Returns

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Greenbelt Swim Team are co-hosting Indoor Water Polo (WP) on Saturday, April 12 at 9 p.m. Swimmers must participate in the clinic that is held 9 to 10 p.m. if they wish to play in the game that follows from 10 to 11 p.m. There is a drop-in fee. Players aged 12 to 19 are needed.

Community Events

Potomac Watershed Cleanup Here

The 14th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. In three hours, people can make a difference. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground in Greenbelt Park. Large groups should call ahead. For more information or directions, call 301-344-3944.

Greenbriar Clothing Drive During April

The Greenbriar Community Association will be collecting clothes for the annual clothing drive during the month of April. Clothing will be donated to Prince George's County local charities. Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are encouraged to do some spring cleaning and give unwanted clothing to someone in need. Boxed or bagged, clean clothing may be brought to the Greenbriar Management Office in the Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway, #101 during the entire month of April. For more information, call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096 ext. 4.

English, Poison Ivy To Be Eradicated

The GHI Woodlands Committee is sponsoring a community effort to eradicate English ivy from GHI's beleaguered woodlands. The next step in the battle plan is to stop the mature ivy at the tree tops from continuing to go to seed and spreading itself throughout the woodlands. This is done by removing the vines from a swath around the trunks of trees under attack. The equipment helpers need is a good pair of protective gloves, pruners or lopping shears and a linoleum knife (helpful in prying the vines away from the bark without gouging the bark). Participants will be given instruction.

Wear protective clothing and use ivy block if sensitive to poison ivy. The poison ivy and English ivy often grow together. Some people are sensitive to the English ivy also, so preventive steps taken are a good investment.

Meet at the top of the tunnel underpass on Hillside (Near 13 Court Hillside) Sunday, March 30 at 10 a.m.

The group will work for about two hours.

(English Ivy Quiz Question - English ivy spreads by: a) vines; b) roots; c) seeds; or d) all of the above. Want to know the answer? Find out Sunday.)

Registration Is Set For GED Course

Greenbelt CARES is publicizing its Spring 10-Week GED Course. Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 1 beginning promptly at 10:30 a.m. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, April 3. GED is held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road.

GED I is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students taking this course need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Students taking this course have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

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

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents in either course. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$150 registration fee. All students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook and calculator from Greenbelt CARES.

Students should be 16 years of age in order to enroll in CARES' GED course. Students can take the GED practice test at Greenbelt CARES at no cost. The State of Maryland administers the actual GED test, but Greenbelt CARES can provide the student with the application form needed to register for the GED test.

Contact Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660, ext. 144, or jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

WWI Draft Records Are Genealogy Topic

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present Charles S. Mason speaking on "World War I Draft Records" from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 2 at the Greenbelt Public Library, 11 Crescent Road. (Park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance.) A brief business meeting will be held to update attendees on upcoming society activities, followed by a short refreshment break, and then the guest speaker for the evening. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call 301-262-2063 (Wed. only).

Enjoy Family Fun At Artful Afternoon

On Sunday, April 6, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an "Artful Afternoon" at the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. All the activities will be free.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Pamela Hagerhorst, an Artist in Residence at the Community Center, will lead a workshop for all ages to create Easter bunny necklaces, cards and jacket pins. Visitors are also invited to help work on community tapestries started with Artist in Residence Elizabeth Morissette using recycled materials. Supplies for both activities will be provided, although participants are invited to contribute additional materials of interest to add to the tapestries.

From 2 to 4 p.m. there will be a reception in the art gallery to celebrate the opening of a new exhibition featuring the work of the Recreation Department's talented interns from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. These young artists include Meredith Dupree, Asma Nasr, Devin Watson and Erin Whiting. The interns' exhibition will remain on view through April 25.

There will be a 3 p.m. drawing to choose a winner in the children's "i spy" drawing. To enter, children completed questions about the last exhibition, which featured the work of artists Patrick Craig and Emily Conover. The drawing is a regular feature of "i spy," a gallery guide designed especially for children and families.

Other activities will include a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists in Residence, a Greenbelt Pottery ceramics sale and tours of the nearby Greenbelt Museum.

Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series of open houses for the arts sponsored by the Recreation Department on the first Sunday of every month at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information, call 301-397-2208.

Greeters Wanted

Help is needed in greeting diverse visitors from all around the world, answering phones and other administrative duties at Greenbelt Park. Skills required for this volunteer position are the ability to communicate, ability to read and write and an outgoing, friendly personality.

Three hour shifts are available Friday through Sunday. Student service hours can be earned through this position. To schedule an interview call Park Ranger Kevin Barry at 301-344-3944.

Free Talk on Divorce And Child Custody

The Greenbelt community is invited to attend a program about "Separation, Divorce and Child Custody" issues in Prince George's County. Sponsored by Greenbelt CARES, this free presentation, with time for questions, is given by Monica M. Haley-Pierson. It will be held Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Haley-Pierson is a partner in the Prince George's County Maryland law firm of Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum & LaPlaca, P.A. and a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore. She was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1989. In her current practice she focuses on both family law and small business matters. In 1992 Haley-Pierson took over the firm's family law practice, which includes divorce, legal separation and child support matters, as well as adoptions, contested custody, inter-state custody disputes and contested property disputes. She is often appointed by the court as mediator in property disputes resulting from parties' separations.

Haley-Pierson is a member of the Prince George's County, Calvert County, Maryland State and American Bar Associations; she is licensed to practice in all Maryland counties.

Seating is limited and registration is recommended by calling Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660.

Invasive Plants Will Be in Jeopardy

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic area. This program will be held every first Saturday of the month, come rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch/snack. This activity is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Al-Anon Changes Meeting Time

The Greenbelt Friday night Al-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.

Piano Duo
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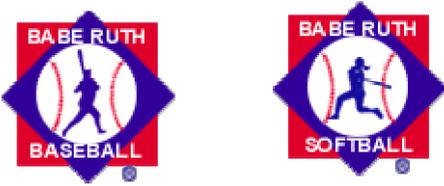


Piano Concert

Sunday, March 30th, 2003
7:00 pm
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Music by Bach, Beethoven,
Bizet, Brahms, Chen & Gershwin

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In Memoriam

Jeff Stevens, Greg Vella Die;
The "Old Boys" Will Be Missed

by Rick Ransom

Those of us in the family of Greenbelt who grew up here note the recent passing of two men, Jeff Stevens, 60, and Greg Vella, 58, who were Greenbelt Boys in their day. I knew both, although they were more the friends of my late older brother than myself in their youth. Jeff's death was noted in this paper two weeks ago. I attended a memorial service for Jeff at the S&J Café in Riverdale on March 22. Others in attendance included Mike and Judy Holmes, Paul Remenick, Bill Barber, Pam Moore (whose husband Tim is in California and could not attend), Richard Perry, Mary Ann Tipton and Betsy VanOrmer. Friends from the Riverdale area and others who "ran" with the Greenbelt crowd were also present.

Jeff's sister Maria spoke briefly about her love for her brother, calling him a "free spirit" and definitely "unique." She said that "Jeff was the only patient at the nursing home in Annapolis where he died who had a prescription for 'two Buds' (Budweiser beers) every day. She noted that "He always made us laugh, even when he wasn't trying to."

I can picture and hear Jeff saying "What?" sometimes when we would laugh. He often wore an army fatigue uniform and, as Bill Barber noted, "always had a twinkle in his eye and really appreciated just being alive."

Mike Holmes tells a funny story of a time when he and Jeff and another friend, Bob, worked for Rogers Tree Service during the 1970s. Mike and Bob were the tree surgeons (there's a funny thought in itself!) and Jeff was the ground crew. His job was to run the fallen debris through the chipper machine ... but Jeff was afraid of the machine. As a result, Mike and Bob adopted the name "Elmwood Stacker" for Jeff on that job, and called him by it for years. They got many laughs recalling the sight of Jeff trying to push those limbs through the chipper from a "safe" distance.

Another story came from a friend Jeff lived with for a time who said that Jeff came home late from a party and entered the house next door, where a party was being held by a Japanese group. He remained at that party for some 30 minutes, thinking perhaps his roommate had simply invited them over, until he finally realized he was in the wrong house. He said later that the Japanese at the party were "weird." But what did they

think of Jeff? Yes, definitely a Greenbelt Boy.

Greg Vella

Greg Vella I really only knew to say hello to, although I recall the black 1958 Chevrolet that he treasured and maintained in his youth. He was one of those who called me "Little Ram" in my youth. (My brother, four years older, was called "Ram" by his friends.) Paul Remenick noted that Greg was extremely smart, and their yearbook said Greg wished to be an electrical engineer. Mike Holmes noted that Greg had graduated from the University of Maryland and obtained a master's degree. Paul said that Greg had become a successful engineer, working with the Department of the Navy on advanced weapons systems, and later in private industry.

Mike recalled that Greg co-owned a "head shop" in College Park during the mid-1960s called "Joint Possession," along with Woody Marshall. They sold sandals that Woody made, as well as black lights and other items typical of the psychedelic era of the 60s. Greg was a compassionate individual and lived a number of his adult years out of state.

I write these articles because Greenbelt was a special place in our childhood. All of us in my generation were connected somehow, partly through Roosevelt Center, where we met to discuss the day and last night, and what was happening tonight! This lifestyle fostered the name "Center Bums," which is cherished in some strange way by those of us who survive. Bottoms up to two more who have passed and to their part in the history of Greenbelt's kids.

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became president in 1939. The COC had been formed in 1938 to work toward the takeover of the cooperative food store and other businesses in the Center from the Filene-sponsored Greenbelt Consumer services. By late 1938 a citizens' meeting overwhelmingly voted to approve the organization of a cooperative in Greenbelt. In December 1939 the takeover was approved and by January 2, 1940 the transfer was made. This became a cooperative owned by the citizens of Greenbelt.

City Council

In 1938 he was elected to the second Greenbelt City Council, serving a one-year term of office. The first two councils were elected for one year to allow time for late newcomers to be able to participate in further elections.

In December 1939, with citizens so busy in the active formation of the new town, the Citizens Association voted that there be no meetings from Christmas to New Year's so that people could enjoy the holidays with their families.

Some of the area press reacted to this negatively, seeing it as a retreat from the idea of planning the city. They interpreted this as a desire to withdraw from group participation. But Mr. Volckhausen, replying to an editorial in the Evening Star, ended by saying, "If the Star and other Washington newspapers would endeavor to see the significance of this town ... they would find that they have been scorning a development which holds more for the future of democracy than all the impassioned utterances that will ever decorate their pa-

pers. Democracy will grow not from your saying things but from people doing things."

Mr. Volckhausen was a fervent supporter of social integration, social justice and world peace from World War II when he applied for conscientious objector status until, more recently, the Persian Gulf War.

Mr. Volckhausen was an active volunteer in the cooperative and peace movements throughout his career. He edited the Peace Advocate, a monthly newsletter of the Peninsula Peace Education Center after his retirement.

Co-op Camp

Most summers were spent near Lake Garfield in Monterey, Mass. He worked with others to develop a cooperative camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains, where, in addition to hiking, swimming and picnicking, he wielded a hammer, saw or whatever tool was needed to repair the camp's cabins.

He is survived by his wife,

Jane Braucher Volckhausen and his children: Janet Rose Volckhausen of Prescott, Ariz.; Paul Volckhausen and his wife Karen of Orland, Maine; Tom Volckhausen and his wife Françoise of Boulder, Colo.; and Jim Volckhausen and his wife Christiann of Ithaca, N.Y., grandchildren Betsy Van Pelt Carens, Molly Van Pelt, Peter Van Pelt, Taran Volckhausen, Tasia Poinsette, Surat Lozowick, and Galen Volckhausen and three great-grandchildren: Madeline, Benjamin and Alexander.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, February 2, 2003, at the Unitarian Fellowship on Youngs Mill Lane in Newport News, Va. Contributions to his memory may be made to the Peninsula Peace Education Center, 681 Dresden Drive, Newport News VA 23601 or to the American Friends Service Committee, 501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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April 2, Lenten Dinner and Study, 6:00 p.m.



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Wednesdays, March 12-April 9
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Michael Newheart, Associate Professor at Howard University, will discuss the **Gospel of John** from his book "Word and Soul". A light soup dinner will be served. Free child care provided. Donations welcome.



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In Memoriam

Former News Review editor and cartoonist Isadore (Izzy) Parker remembers Walter (Bob) Volckhausen as a very good man. Parker was impressed that no matter what the provocation, Mr. Volckhausen never struck back at an adversary. He continued to treat everyone with kindness, goodwill and respect.

In his column, "Custer's Last Stand," in the Cooperator in December 1939, Howard C. Custer spoke highly of Mr. Volckhausen.

Custer's Last Stand, December 1939

This week I nominate for Greenbelt's Hall of Outstanding Citizens Walter Volckhausen. I would go so far as to name him citizen of the year.

His work as chairman of the Cooperative Organizing Committee has been extraordinary; much more so than has been evident because he has avoided personal publicity. A great portion of the work of the Committee has been concerned with technical details that are not noticeable to the casual observer.

But believe me - one who has had a ringside seat at the fight - he has fought a hard battle well. Time after time his persistence, his labor, and his understanding of the problems involved have readily overcome official inertia and technical obstacles that were supposed to be insurmountable in the time provided. His grasp of the legal and accounting details involved in the organization of the Cooperative has been acknowledged by distinguished lawyers and

accountants. His determination that every document and proposal approved by the Committee should be for the best interests of the Cooperative has caused him to drive himself to studies and labors that were all out of proportion to what might be expected of anyone in his position. His official correspondence has been distinguished, as have been his official reports. Many safeguards to the Cooperative were put into the Financial Agreement only because of his insight and insistence. His labor during the last months of the organization has been downright prodigious and inspired.

I do not mean to belittle the contributions of the other members of the Committee, both past and present. Those have been, on the whole, highly praiseworthy too; but I know that by far the greatest thanks for the truly distinguished work of the Committee are due Walter Volckhausen.

Gypsy Moth Spray Will Be Assessed

The National Park Service is proposing to administer a gypsy moth spray program at Greenbelt Park. Approximately 352 acres of the park and portions of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway would be treated. An environmental assessment for the proposal has been prepared and copies are available for public review at www.nps.gov/gree/index.htm (click on the Facts/Doc link); National Capital Parks-East Headquarters, 1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E., Washington, DC 20020; or Greenbelt Park Headquarters, 6565 Greenbelt Road.

A 20-day public review period for comments will conclude on April 11. Send comments to James Hemsley at National Park Service, National Capital Parks-East, 1900 Anacostia Drive, S.E., Washington, DC 20020.

The preferred method is aerial treatment with two applications of Gypchek® to help manage the forest-damaging effects of gypsy moths.

This method is preferred for gypsy moth suppression because of its effectiveness. Gypchek® is a biological rather than chemical insecticide. Gypchek® is registered by the Environmental Protection Agency and is produced from a naturally occurring virus which is toxic only to gypsy moths and is harmless to humans, pets and wildlife.

The spray operation would consist of two separate applications conducted three to five days apart. Aerial application of Gypchek® is scheduled to begin the last week in April and continue through the first week of May or later, depending on insect development and weather conditions. The spray operations would be conducted during daylight hours only. For further information, contact Hemsley at 202-690-5164.

Nursery School Holds Auction

Greenbelt Nursery School announces its annual auction, to be held on Saturday, April 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. The location is the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium at 15 Crescent Road.

Many bargains are up for bids at Auction 2003; examples: a week at a Florida resort condo, a compact home theater speaker system, Baysox tickets, family excursions, Maryland Jockey Club box seats, family membership at the National Aquarium, a studio portrait, restaurant gift certificates, museum and theater passes, a Radio Flyer wagon, a stained glass panel and more. Live and silent auctions begin at 5 p.m.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit parent cooperative in its 61st year of operation. The school is licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The auction is the school's major fundraiser. Proceeds enable the school to offer quality pre-school education to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. Visit the school's website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk for more information.

There is a fee. Admission includes the live auction, silent auction, entertainment and a buffet supper compliments of Greenbelt area restaurants. For auction information and tickets, call Cathy at 301-345-0861.

UM Offers Faculty Spotlight Recital

The University of Maryland (UM) School of Music will offer a free concert of voices and strings when they present a UM Faculty Spotlight Recital in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m. Distinguished faculty artists of the School of Music will perform.

Jackie Shabe-Rochefort

Longtime Greenbelter Jackie Shabe-Rochefort died Tuesday, March 25, 2003. Friends may visit Gasch's Funeral Home on Friday night, March 28 from 7 to 9

p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Saturday, March 29 at 11:15 a.m.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the deaths of former editor Walter (Bob) Volckhausen and former Greenbelters Jeff Stevens and Greg Vella.

Our sympathy to the family of Jackie Shabe-Rochefort who died Tuesday night.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 31-APRIL 3

Monday, March 31, 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION, Personnel Matter, Municipal Building.

Tuesday, April 1, 7:30 pm, Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center.

Wednesday, March 26, 8:00pm, STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, GEAC, Windsor Green Community Room.

GREENBELT RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST.

Design the City of Greenbelt's Official Earth Day 2003 T-Shirt! (Please limit design to 4 colors). This year's theme is "Protecting Greenbelt's Future: Water, Forest and Air Quality." Submit your design by 12 noon, Monday, April 7th. Mail your design to REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...or drop it off at this address! The winner of this contest will receive a 4-pack of tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. **For more information, contact Cindy Murray at 301-345-9334.**



Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee

FOOD DRIVE APRIL 13-19



Non-Perishable food should be placed in boxes located throughout the community. The collected food will be given to the local parish pantries.

Your Contribution is Greatly Appreciated!

ARTFUL AFTERNOON SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 1-5PM GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Featuring Easter Workshop, Reception, Prize Drawing and More!

Create Easter bunny necklaces, cards and jacket pins from 1-3pm; work on Community Tapestries; from 2-4 attend an Artist Reception for works by Eleanor Roosevelt Art Interns; 3pm drawing for the winner of the children's *i-spy* contest.

For more information contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

LAKE PARK~SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH 9am-12noon

Part of the Potomac Watershed Cleanup Join your family and friends to help clean up these areas. Student volunteer hours will be given...please bring forms.

Springhill Lake Stream: Meet next to the parking area for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Lake Park: Meet on the lake path near the playground. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CINDY MURRAY AT 301-345-9334.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, April 1 & 3, 6pm "ACE Reading Club at St. Hugh's School" 6:30pm Reading is Fundamental- "Father's Roles/Men's Voices" 7:30pm "Senior Center presents Cantanti"
Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 2 & 4, 7pm "Love Foundation" 7:30pm "Nordiques vs DC Fire Hockey@Garden's Ice House", 8:45pm "Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Street Theater Fest/Puppet Tragedies" Sunday, March 23 at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

GREENBELT CARES WILL HOST A FREE PRESENTATION BY MONICA M. HALEY-PIERSON ON...

SEPARATION, DIVORCE AND CHILD CUSTODY IN PG COUNTY Tuesday, April 8th 7:00pm Greenbelt Municipal Building

Seating is limited and registration is recommended by calling Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660.

Greenbelt CARES SPRING GED COURSE

APRIL 1-JUNE 12

Course is free for Greenbelt Residents, \$150 for non-residents. Students will be required to purchase calculators and textbooks. Classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Municipal Building. GED I: 10:30pm-12:30pm GED II: 1:00pm-3:00pm For enrollment info call CARES at 301-345-6660, ext. 144 or jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us

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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

6900 block Hanover Parkway, March 17, 10:44 a.m., a woman walking to her vehicle was approached by a man who grabbed her by the throat and threatened her with what she believed was a handgun. He took her purse and pulled necklaces from her neck before fleeing on foot. The man is described as a black male, thirties, 5'7", medium build, wearing a blue, yellow and white wind-breaker jacket, black sweat pants and black boots.

Indecent Exposure

9300 block Edmonston Road, March 18, 7:50 p.m., a woman was walking to a bus stop when the honking horn of a red Ford Mustang attracted her attention. She walked over to the car, whereupon the individual exposed himself to her. The woman ran and the man fled. He is described as a black male with a light complexion.

7300 block Morrison Drive, March 19, 10:29 a.m., a woman looked out her patio door and saw a man exposing himself. He then fled on foot in an unknown direction. The man is described as a black male, 6'1", medium build, medium complexion, big eyes and a gap in his teeth, wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

Arrests

Concerning an assault on March 5 in the area of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, an arrest warrant charging assault has been obtained for a 20-year-old non-resident.

In the case of an assault on February 7 in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane, an arrest warrant charging assault and carrying a handgun has been obtained for a 45-year-old non-resident.

Burglary

6100 block Springhill Terrace, March 15, 6:02 p.m., someone entered a residence by unknown means. Stereo speakers were taken.

6000 block Lake Park Drive, March 19, 3:04 p.m., someone entered a residence through an unlocked window and took a computer, jewelry and money.

9100 block Edmonston Court, March 20, 4:54 p.m., someone entered a residence by unknown means and took a video game player, video games and money.

Theft

Beltway Plaza, March 15, 1:26 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from the Mantrap hair salon.

Beltway Plaza, March 18, 2:32 p.m., money was taken from a file cabinet at Gold's Gym.

Beltway Plaza, March 19, 8:56 p.m., an unattended purse was taken at the Dollar store.

Beltway Plaza, March 20, 6:36 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a shopping cart at Value City department store.

Vandalism

5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, March 20, 4:36 a.m., someone threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee, March 16, which was recovered March 18 in the parking lot of the Mishkan Torah synagogue; a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, March 13 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court, which was recovered March 16 in Forestville by County police; a grey 1994 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags AO42627, March 17 from the 7700 block Jacob's Drive; a green 1987 Chevrolet Suburban, Md. tags M535244, March 18 from the 7200 block Morrison Drive; a green 1992 Ford Victoria four-door, March 20 from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; a blue 1995 Dodge Stratus, Md. tags KLB879, March 21, from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

After an officer responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle driving through a parking lot, the vehicle, a 1996 Nissan Maxima four-door, was located and a computer check revealed that it was stolen February 25. The computer also revealed that the driver had an open arrest warrant with the Sheriff's Department. An 18-year-old resident was arrested and taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

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

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.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Court (two incidents); 7600 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents); 6100 block Springhill Terrace; 200 block Lakeside Drive; 54 Court Ridge Road; 9100 block Springhill Lane; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; 6200 block Springhill Court (two incidents); 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents); 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 3 Court Laurel Hill Road; 7300 block Morrison Drive (two incidents); 8000 block Mandan Road; Beltway Plaza; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; 7400 block Greenbelt Road; 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

Man Is Sentenced For Penney Death

Scott Ashley Davis, 24, of Silver Spring, was sentenced to seven years in jail, with all but three years suspended by Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Durke G. Thompson. Davis also received 240 hours of community service, three years of probation and a \$1,500 fine. Davis was found guilty by a jury on November 22, 2002 of auto manslaughter and all other related traffic charges.

On January 10, 2002, at approximately 11:30 a.m., the victim, former Greenbelter Walter Penney, was riding his bicycle on Sligo Creek Parkway just east of Dallas Avenue. Davis was driving his car westbound on Sligo Creek Parkway at an excessive speed when he attempted to negotiate a curve but lost control of the car. Davis' car spun around, crossed the double yellow center line and then crossed into the eastbound lane, where it struck Penney. Davis' car finally struck a tree and came to rest off the roadway. Penney was transported to Holy Cross Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

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the city over property boundaries along the lake with some occasional flagrant intrusions by homeowners onto city property including the clearing of trees. To better delineate city boundaries, Buddy Attick, who was then Public Works director, with the help of other city employees performed his own survey of the boundaries, probably in the late 1960s. Using known reference points and the city's surveying equipment, Attick, who was not a professional surveyor, found the various corner points in the city's line and marked them with concrete markers and metal pins, many of which still exist. Earlier Attick also had to survey the boundaries in order to lay out the route for that part of the path around the lake that went behind the Lakeside homes. It had been only a foot trail until council directed the path's construction in 1963, in part to satisfy those residents who were concerned that the new residents in Lakeside would claim the city parkland as part of their back yards.)

Bylaws

Council approved the bylaws of the Prince George's Intergovernmental Network Community Coordinating Committee. As part of the franchise agreement the city has with Comcast, that firm was obligated to build a county-wide Institutional Network (I-Net) connecting more than 174 public facilities within the county. Part of the franchise fees from each city and the county pays for building the system as a Public, Educational and Governmental grant paid by Comcast. The new I-Net Committee will only consist of the county's municipalities, as efforts to work with the county have failed so far. The county decided to equip and operate its own system and expected to charge the municipalities to use it, but the municipalities have refused on the basis that they shared in the cost of building the system. Negotiations are

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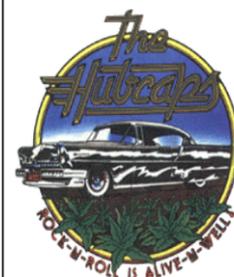
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Ridge House, May 14 and a final worksession on May 19. Public hearings will be held as part of the regular meetings of April 28 and May 27 and adoption will take place at the June 9 regular meeting. The Monday meetings are at the Municipal Building, the Wednesday meetings are at the Community Center and the Green Ridge House meeting is at Green Ridge House. All meetings are at 8 p.m. except for the ones on contribution groups and Green Ridge House, which begin at 7:30 p.m.

now taking place with the new county administration in the hopes that the municipalities will be able to join with the county in a more equitable arrangement. According to Palau, the new system, which connects police, fire, public works, schools, libraries and other public buildings, could prove to be a very useful means of communication and security for homeland security.

State Legislation

Davis brought to the council's attention three legislative proposals. All received council's support. In conjunction with other county municipalities, legislation is being requested to close a loophole in the Admissions and Amusements Tax laws opened by the courts that permits live musical entertainment in restaurants or clubs without paying the tax on drinks or food served if there is not an admissions or cover charge. House Bill 370, if enacted, will require the Public Service Commission to establish a Clean Energy Portfolio Standard that applies to retail electricity products sold in the state and to establish a market-based clean energy credit system and a Clean Energy Fund to support grants to local jurisdictions. House Bill 642, if enacted, would increase the fines for littering. These fines are paid to the local jurisdictions in which the violations occurred.



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- American Legion Post 136 see Steve
- Business Office at the Youth Center
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Train for the Ride of a Lifetime

Becoming a Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Rider can be a life-changing event.

Don Comis, a local biker, will train prospective participants to be fit enough and have the confidence to ride in Greenbelt's second annual Bike4Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon bike ride – on Saturday, October 4 – for a distance of 10, 25 or 40 miles. The class is for beginner bicyclists.

For those that don't have a bike or are considering upgrading, the first class will be on "How to Buy a Bike." This class meets at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, at Proteus Bikes, 9217 Baltimore Boulevard (Route 1), in College Park. The store is located about one mile south from the Beltway exit, an immediate left after the first light south of the light at Cherry Hill Road.

The first bike training ride will leave from outside the Youth Center in Old Greenbelt, behind the pool, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 24.

The second training ride will also leave from the Youth Center, at 6 p.m., on Thursday, May 1. This ride will be followed by a clinic on bike safety. Subsequent rides will be followed by clinics on simple bicycle repair and maintenance, changing tires,

what tools should be carried, etc.

The ride lengths will start short, maybe one to three miles for the first ride – depending on the ability of the most inexperienced rider – and increase in length gradually, maybe by about a mile a week. All the rides and clinics are free. Helmets are required.

The rides/clinics will be most Thursdays at 6 p.m. through September 11. Later rides may start at different locations to allow for longer trail rides.

The Bike4Breast Cancer organization that sponsors Greenbelt's pink ribbon ride will donate all proceeds from the October 4 ride to Y-Me of the National Capital Area. Y-Me is a nonprofit support group that provides hotline services, peer mentoring for breast cancer patients and educates communities through free workshops and lectures about breast cancer.

For more information on the free bike training for this event, call Don Comis at 345-5408 or e-mail DonaldComis@msn.com. For more information on Bike4BreastCancer's Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride, log on to bike4breastcancer.org, e-mail sylvialewis@bike4breastcancer.com or call 301-474-3635.

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Emory Harman will be the recipient of the Gottwals Memorial Award of the University of Maryland Alumni Association. The award is presented annually to the alumnus who "has provided service and promoted the welfare of the University Alumni Association over a period of years." Harman, who graduated from the University in 1948, will receive the award at a gala on April 12 at the Inn and Conference Center on the Maryland campus.

Harman, a Greenbelter since 1948, served as the city's postmaster for 20 years and has been active in many community organizations. He is a former president of the Greenbelt Historical Society, was twice president of the Lions Club and served as vice president of the Greenbelt Democratic Club. A long-term

member of the Labor Day Festival, he chaired the festival one year and presided over the Labor Day parade as M.C. a number of times. He was a member of the committee that planned the book, "Greenbelt: History of a New Town 1937 - 1987," edited by Mary Lou Williamson.

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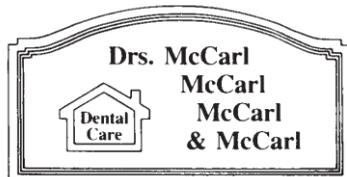
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The girls' next game is this Saturday (March 29) at 11:30 a.m. at Marlton Park.

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Kerrs Leave Greenbelt

by Sue Krofchik

After a half-century of living in Greenbelt, in the same home on Forestway, Russell and Marca Kerr are moving to Leonardtown to be nearer their son Michael. In the last 50 years, "Greenbelt has turned into a city. It was just a town when we first moved here" said Russell.

The Kerrs moved to Greenbelt in November of 1952, when they bought their house on Forestway. "We loved the layout of the home," said Marca. According to the Kerrs, the nine homes on Forestway were built in 1937 as housing for the "bosses" who were building what is now known as Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). She stressed the homes on Forestway were always privately owned and not part of GHI, even though they were located next to it.

In 1952 Marca remembers Forestway surrounded on three sides by forest. This is probably how the street got its name, "Forestway." Russell remembers that the woods came right up to the back door. "I had to cut down 18 trees" to make space for a back yard.

Forestway, a short street, branching off Woodland Way, ends in a cul-de-sac. The brick homes one now sees on Woodland Way, from Forestway to Northway, were built later. Even so, Forestway remains tucked away in the forest. To find it, take Crescent Road to Hillside to Woodland Way.

Buddy Attick, then superintendent of public works, lived at the entrance to Forestway and according to Russell, when it snowed, Attick would plow the streets and sidewalk all the way down to the shopping center now known as Roosevelt Center.

The Kerrs also fondly remember Dr. James W. McCarl, founder of the McCarl Dental Group, now in its third generation, as a resident of Forestway.

Fire Department

Russell is a life member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department who served for 45 years. He got his start there through his son, Michael, one of the first junior associate firemen in Greenbelt. Michael recruited Russell to join. Both father and son enjoyed and rode motorcycles. Russell remembers that when the fire siren went off, they



Russell Kerr looks at brochure describing the Cedar Lane Apartments, a senior living community where he and his wife Marca are moving.

PHOTO BY SUE KROFCHIK

would jump on their motorcycles to get to the firehouse. In those days the fire department was located between the side of the Co-op grocery store and the apartments, in the low building facing the parking lot.

In the early 1960s the current firehouse on Crescent Road was built. Russell remembers the day when the fire department had three ambulances. When Russell was on overnight duty, he would stay at home instead of staying in the bunk house. When a call went out for service, he would run through the woods at the end of the Forestway cul-de-sac and meet the ambulance at the foot of the hill on Crescent Road.

Both Marca and Russell retired in 1973. Marca worked for a number of years for the medical doctors who had a practice at what is now Roosevelt Center. She also did volunteer work with many organizations at St. Hughs. Russell served in the Air Force and then worked as a civilian at Andrews Air Force Base from 1952 to 1973.

The Kerrs have many fond memories of their home and the work they did on it. Originally all homes on Forestway had flat roofs. They were the first to put on a peaked roof and the first to add a side porch.

One evening earlier this week there was a knock at the Kerr's door. Russell went to the door and turned on the light. There he found every neighbor, at least 14 people, who had come to say goodbye and present him and his wife with a gift – a painting of their house, the home they had lived in for just over one-half century. It nearly brought tears to their eyes.

Sparks Joins Ballard Team As JASON Teacher Argonaut

by Leslie Hilliard

Marjorie Sparks, St. Hugh's middle school science and seventh grade teacher, has been selected as a "Teacher Argonaut" for the JASON Project. She joined Dr. Robert Ballard and a team of leading researchers and students on an exploration of the Channel Islands region of California. Only eight teachers across the globe, selected for their outstanding leadership skills and passion for teaching, were chosen as "Teacher Argonauts."

The expedition, JASON XIV – "From Shore to Sea," was led by Ballard, founder of the project and discoverer of the R.M.S. Titanic. Using new NASA satellite technology combined with data collected in the field, the team studied the interconnected ecosystems, physical geography, geologic history, biology and human history and culture of the unique Channel Islands. Students around the world, including Sparks' students at St. Hugh's, participated in the expedition via satellite and the Internet. The National Geographic Channel also broadcast the expedition.

"It was the opportunity of a lifetime," said Sparks.

Their day began at 4:45 a.m. Breakfast was followed by preparation for the morning live broadcast from the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Sparks' students visited the Owens Science Center for one satellite broadcast and watched as she and Julie Tumamait-Stenslie, a Chumash Indian descendent, demonstrated making musical instruments using methods and tools of the native Chumash culture. Following the broadcast students from several schools had a few minutes to ask them questions.

"The days usually ended around 8 p.m." Sparks said "Everyone would be exhausted." "But one



Teacher Argonaut Marjorie Sparks (left) works on a clapper stick alongside host Julie Tumamait-Stenslie.

evening we had an opportunity to attend, along with 2,000 others, a lecture by Dr. Ballard. He is such an inspiring speaker."

Anacapa Island

Sparks also spent time on Anacapa Island, where a contingent of the JASON expedition team (students, teachers and scientists) enjoyed their wilderness camping experiences as they studied the island's ecosystem. Climbing up the 150 steps anchored to the rockface cliffs of the island, they hiked the rugged terrain. "The views were magnificent," remarked Sparks in her diary, which was posted on the JASON website. "Some of the most beautiful scenery I have ever seen. We even saw harbor seals sunning on a rock in the cove as well as seals swimming in the kelp forests."

Two weeks before Sparks left for California, News 4 technology reporter I.J. Hudson visited St. Hugh's School. He filmed a segment on Sparks and her students working on a unit of their JASON curriculum dealing with the rare Channel Island fox. The feature was aired twice by Channel 4 News.

At the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, Sparks was featured again by News 4 in a satellite interview of her activities. "I couldn't see the screen from where I was standing, so all

I could do is talk into the camera," she remarked of her experience. "I was interviewed along with Dr. Ballard and the crew had to put me on a box to stand next to him because of the difference in our height (me being the shorter one)."

"The experience here (in Santa Barbara and Anacapa) has changed my life," Sparks wrote again in her diary on the web. "I will always carry with me the memories of the friends I've made and the experiences that I've had while on this expedition." She is also sure to bring them back into the classroom.

Inspiration

Sparks' enthusiasm for science and her many years of involvement in the JASON Project have inspired others. William Sarkis, Jr., ('96) was an Argonaut on JASON VII – "Adapting to a Changing Sea" (1996) and studied the ecology of fishes in the Florida Keys. Sarah Bates ('99) was an Argonaut on JASON XI – "Going to Extremes" (2000). At the Johnson Space Flight Center in Houston, Texas, she studied the physical, mental and social challenges that humans will face as a team in working in the International Space Station.

Three St. Hugh's students have also applied to next year's JASON expedition to Panama's rainforests: JASON XV – "Rainforests at the Crossroads."

Those interested in learning more about the JASON Project and what Sparks and her students are involved in may visit the JASON Project website at <http://www.jasonproject.org>.



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A Celtic Concert

Featuring
"The Homespun Ceilidh Band"
Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m.
\$10, \$8 students, seniors

Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the post office at Roosevelt Center)



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The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club honored Karen Haseley and Kenny Hall at its Annual Greenbelt Sweethearts Night. From left: Kirk Walter, Haseley, Hall and J Davis.

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