

# GREENBELT

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### Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

## Springhill Lake Improvements And Repairs Please Inspector

by Maria Piazzola

Renee Landen, community development inspector for the city's largest apartment complex, Springhill Lake (SHL) says that she has seen great improvement over the last year in both the physical appearance of the complex and the speed in which the management corrects the housing code violations that she issues. In the past, prior to Apartment Management (AIMCO) becoming owner and manager, the city council and staff had expressed concern about neglect at the project.

Last February Landen was assigned, as part of the city's aggressive inspection program, to devote all her time to inspection of the facility, which is one of the largest apartment complexes in the country.

"The first three months were a learning process for the city, the new owners of Springhill Lake and myself, but now the whole program is going smoother," Landen said. "The bottom line is: were improvements made? Yes. Is Springhill Lake better for it? Absolutely."

Back in August representatives from SHL management, AIMCO, met with the Greenbelt City

Council to present its budget for improvements of \$8 million. City officials, as well as county and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission personnel, had been increasingly concerned about the future of the complex, of which the first buildings are now 37 years old.

SHL general manager Michael Glass said that many of the projects presented to city council back in August should be finished by mid-month. The old social building, Fountain Lodge, is being renovated and converted into a leasing office and welcome center. Glass said it should be finished by February 15. AIMCO is also in the process of renovating an on-site child-care facility to provide residents with expanded child-care options.

Improvements have been made to every major system throughout the property, he said. Roofs have been replaced, apartments have been repainted, plumbing and drainage systems have been upgraded, and new washers and dryers have been purchased for the laundry rooms.

### Signature Units

Forty-five units are undergoing what Glass calls "gut renovation" in order to be converted into new

"Signature Units." The units will have a unique floor plan and will feature French doors, Corian countertops, Pergo flooring, Berber carpets, new appliances and double-pane windows. Another feature to come is the "Boatel," an area to be designated for boat and R/V parking. Glass said that if the area is not filled to capacity by SHL vehicles and boats, it will then be made available to the rest of the community. The management is also in the process of restoring an old fire engine and a speedboat to be used as playground equipment.

Glass said that the aggressive improvement process was made possible by the redesigned maintenance department headed by director Carl Mayes. The Maintenance Action Department (MAD) strives to make repairs before Landen issues violations and to correct expeditiously any violations issued. "We are committed to maintaining the excellence of Springhill Lake," Glass said. In November 2000, Landen had listed the lack of a preventive maintenance program as one of the main problems at Springhill Lake in a memorandum.

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## January Profits, Fundraising Plans Cheer New Deal Café

by Dorothy Sucher

There was good news and bad news about the struggling New Deal Café at a meeting on February 4 of the board of directors. A number of new and old members were present.

The good news was that January turned out to be an excellent month for the precariously financed café and music venue in Old Greenbelt. The six-year-old café, which moved to Roosevelt Center last April, is a cooperative run largely by volunteers.

### January Profitable

Terri Rutledge, the café's manager, reported that revenues had exceeded expenses by about \$1,500 in January, the café's second-best month since the move — despite the fact that the winter months usually bring in the least money to the merchants in the Center. Attendance at the café has been excellent, and more people have volunteered to help with the café and with fundraising.

A fund drive, chaired by Earl Kepler, will kick off this week with an ad in the News Review appealing for contributions from the café's supporters. At the meeting, plans were discussed for a variety of fundraisers, including three indoor concerts and the sale of T-shirts and raffle tickets.

### Accountant Found

Comments from the audience explored various possibilities of

dealing with the café's financial problems, especially stressing the importance of finding an accountant to get the organization's books in order.

[According to a late communication to the News Review from board member Wendy Turnbull, the New Deal has now found an accountant. Patty Snell, CPA, has agreed to organize the café's books from the organization's inception in 1995 through the end of 2000. Turnbull stated, "Patty was an angel of mercy to Greenbelt dot com, which runs the community website. They're a co-op, too, and their books were as mixed-up as ours. She got them in order and even found they were entitled to a tax refund!"]

### Bad News

As for the bad news, it won't be news to readers of the Greenbelt News Review, which in the last few weeks has been running a series of articles about the financial crisis that brought the café's board to consider closing the place at the end of January. The café owes about \$50,000 (the exact amount is still unclear), reportedly due in large part to start-up and installation costs incurred in April by the undercapitalized co-op. However, the café also ran in the red during four of its first eight months of operation in the Center, and — most pressing — taxes are overdue.

Now there is less talk of closing and more about finding ways to solve the New Deal's problems. This week the board mailed a status report to members (copies are available in the café). It was an attempt to improve communication within the organization.

The report states that "the Board admits to not having done the best possible job of informing, involving, and valuing members, and intends to improve." The report said that the board has authorized a "full independent audit of the café's Year 2000 finances... as called for in the Bylaws," but acknowledged that "the café faces immediate financial difficulties that may not wait for completion of the audit."

### What's Good

The report also noted that "there are so many indicators of the café's success other than money... the fine coffee that's organic and ground daily... incredible music... a place where

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### What Goes On

Mon., February 12, 7 p.m. Meeting of Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, 54 Lakeside Drive

8 p.m., Regular City Council meeting, Municipal Building

## Pepco Chided on Outages

by Barbara Bonham Young

Pepco was given an ultimatum by a representative of the Maryland Public Service Commission at a January 31 city council work session called to discuss complaints of power outages in Greenbelt. In a News Review letter to the editor (November 16, 2000), resident Aaron Johns had written, "I have been to third world countries with more reliable power [than Greenbelt's]." Toward the end of the work session, Public Service Commission Manager Chrys Wilson told Pepco representatives, "When you go months and haven't contacted the customers — that is poor service. We will take some further strong measures if matters aren't corrected ...."

Also attending the meeting was another complainant about power outages, resident Stephen Jascourt. Five representatives from Pepco were present in addition to Wilson. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Thomas White represented the council; the main speaker on behalf of Pepco was Therese Yewell, senior government relations representative.

In answer to Roberts' question, Yewell said transformers have a 50-year life span and that "if we find transformers are overloaded, we replace them." She speculated that squirrels and tree limbs might be causing the electrical outages in Greenbelt.

Yewell described corrective actions that have been taken to improve feeder reliability. Davis inquired about underground wiring and Yewell responded that Pepco "thought about it at the time of the last ice storm." However, she said, electricians would have to re-wire homes, there would be major disruptions, and "people's bills would probably double." She also said the state is working on a pilot program in Garrett Park to see exactly how much is involved in putting lines underground.

## \$10 Million Land Purchase Provokes Council Concern

by Elaine Skolnik

"Meeting with Greenbelt officials helped us better understand each others' positions," said Richard Castaldi, former Greenbelt mayor and current aide to Governor Parris Glendening. He was referring to the State's \$10 million purchase of 75 environmentally sensitive acres of the A.H. Smith property near the Greenbelt Metro Station. Castaldi, Steve Cassard, acting deputy chief of staff for the governor, and Asuntha Chang, assistant deputy chief of staff, met with Greenbelt city councilmembers, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant to the City Manager David Moran, and City Solicitor Robert Manzi in Annapolis on February 1.

According to Moran, councilmembers were "vocal and

### Animal Guards

The squirrel problem and animal guard devices were discussed. "Our normal practice when we're working in an area and we notice that a transformer doesn't have an animal guard, is to put one on, or when we receive complaints from customers," a Pepco representative said. He added that "Animal guards are not 100% but they cut the problem considerably." He added that large birds can also cause problems.

The mayor noted that responses to Pepco customer complaints seem to take longer than might be expected. Yewell said Pepco has a 30-day window, but the mayor pointed out that one of the complainants in the audience had waited from November to January to receive a report from Pepco.

Davis asked how long it would take Pepco to respond to the city when it notifies Pepco of a complaint, such as a problem with blinking street lights. Yewell answered, "About five days." Davis said she hoped an ordinary citizen would get the same attention as the city.

Among upgrades recently made in addition to installation of animal guards on the top of transformers are additional fusing so Pepco can isolate problem sections, the replacement of two lightning arrestors, replacement of cross pieces and overhead wires, and additional tree-trimming.

Pepco will report back to the city and to the Public Service Commission in four months on the number of momentary interruptions to service. The company will also supply comparable figures for Berwyn Heights, where transformers have been replaced, and for another nearby jurisdiction.

At the conclusion of the meeting, complainants Johns and Jascourt said the city had been very responsive, and they were hopeful about improved service.

### Land Purchase

Although the state took title to the land on January 19, city council's meeting with the governor's representatives did not take place until February 1. Greenbelt officials explained that, while they believe a transit-oriented development that maximizes

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## Letters

### New Deal Extends City Living Rooms

The New Deal Café is living up to the dream we had back when co-op members were taking turns playing cook, dishwasher, and customer in the Community Center's lunch room. Now it is just steps away after the movie theater to go discuss and eat "chocolat"! You can wander into an evening of your favorite music (and get dinner). You can eventually meet up with everyone you know there, with time and space to really visit. A place for business lunch, for singles, for families, all ages of children, the grandchildren, room for everyone all the time, anytime.

Those of us with our cozy, smallish Greenbelt homes have needed this extra socializing space for a long time. The Community Center helps, and now with the New Deal Café's role in revitalizing Roosevelt Center — especially in good weather — (and not forgetting our other "downtown" places) we have got it!

But to keep the New Deal Café, we need new co-op members, more volunteers (it's fun to volunteer, actually), and well, just lots of support. In time, the New Deal can become a stable non-profit co-op — member-owned and responsive to the community's wishes for continued great food, local art and music, space for informal get-togethers, meetings, and parties even — just your basic extended living room.

Barbara Stevens

### Thanks for Blood

The American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department thank all those who contributed blood on February 5 at the Community Center. The blood that was collected will help alleviate the critical blood shortage that the Red Cross is experiencing in this area.

Thanks also to the volunteers who helped during the blood drive.

As usual, Red Cross personnel provided their courteous and professional services, which contributed to the success of the blood drive.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be held on Monday, April 16. Look for the announcements and ads in the Greenbelt News Review prior to the blood drive.

Janet Goldberg  
Recreation Department

### Thanks

Very special appreciation and thanks to the group of senior citizens who participate in the Senior Swim program on Monday mornings.

I enjoyed the luncheon and the companionship this past Monday, February 5, at the Beijing Chinese Restaurant. It was very thoughtful of all of you to plan a special birthday celebration for me!

Rose F. Haber

### City Charter School Needed

Time for the City of Greenbelt to organize a charter school, that is a public elementary/middle school organized by the city council and city government. It could draw on the wealth of expertise on education of many a Greenbelt citizen. Our public schools are not doing a good job of educating our children. Public schools have made the United States the great country it is. We have been loyal to the public schools. But ...

A City of Greenbelt charter school would admit children from anywhere in the county on an equal basis; but getting to school would be far easier for Greenbelt children.

Charter schools are not just for poor neighborhoods. A charter school was organized in Princeton, NJ by Princeton University faculty members and other parents who were aghast at the low level of learning at their children's public school.

Time for the City of Greenbelt to organize a charter school. Greenbelt CARES already runs a Graduate Education Diploma (GED) program. Time for Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education to monitor the core of education, that is the learning and non-learning in our local schools. If the city council is unwilling, then one of the cooperatives in town should, perhaps GHI and/or the Greenbelt (cooperative) Nursery School and Kindergarten. Time to lobby our state delegation and our county council member for laws setting up charter schools in the State of Maryland and the county.

Jerome Dancis

### ERHS Hits High Note with "Music Man"

by Judith Ransom Bell

Approximately 1,400 fans of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) productions were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable performance of the all-American musical "The Music Man" this past weekend. The play was produced by Judy Moore and directed by Julie Garner. The cast was ably accompanied by the ERHS Pit Orchestra, under the direction of Scott Laird.

The play is set in the summer of 1912 in River City, Iowa, when "Professor" Harold Hill, admirably played by the multi-talented James Gardiner in a difficult role to master, bursts on the scene to scam the citizens into buying instruments and uniforms for a marching band he has no intention of sticking around to develop. Leading to the discovery of the scam is a hilarious series of events, culminating in a surprise ending for everyone, including Hill.

Nicole Vadala saucily played the part of Marian "the librarian" Paroo, and warbled her notes with a strong, clear voice. Matthew Gardiner and Melissa Coleman both gave lively and accomplished performances as Tommy Djitlas and Zaneeta Shinn.

Other notable performances were given by Andrew Troy as Mayor Shinn, Kendal Sparks as Marcellus Washburn, Rachel Moore-Beitler as Mrs. Paroo, and

### School Art Exhibited At Court House

More than 150 works of art are currently on exhibit at the Greenbelt Federal Court House. These works are winners of the Regional Scholastic Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Prince George's Arts Council and the Prince George's County Public Schools. Since this is a regional exhibit, some of the artwork is by students in schools in Southern Maryland. One gold medal winner is Emily Condon-Douglas from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The art categories represented include drawing, painting, photography, computer graphics, print making, and mixed media. Winning pieces will be judged at the national contest in New York.

The courthouse has been the venue for a number of art exhibitions since its opening. This particular exhibit will give Greenbelt residents a chance to see both the Court House and the excellent art produced by county students.

### Group Energy Buys Introduced in Senate

A bill, SB77, to permit a county or municipal corporation to act as an aggregator to purchase electricity for residents was recently introduced in the Senate of Maryland by Senator Leo E. Green, 23rd District.

Aggregation or group purchasing allows small customers to purchase electricity in bulk at a cheaper price and better terms than most customers can get on their own. Deregulation has mostly helped industrial customers, a press release from Green states. For example, Chrysler pays 3 cents per kilowatt hour to manufacture sport utility vehicles in Toledo. Residential customers in Toledo pay 12 cents.

Jason Folks as Charlie Cowell. Aaron Reeder, Chris Cornwell-Shiel, Preston Miller, and Kevin Genson combined voices in a very authentic barbershop quartet.

The cast mastered a difficult play and performed with great enthusiasm. Among the exceptional musical numbers were "Pick-A-Little, Talk-A-Little" and "Shipooi." The choreography was delightfully executed, the student-designed props were well-constructed, and the costumes professional. The Eleanor Roosevelt Music Department, both students and teachers, is a talented and strong musical presence in our community.

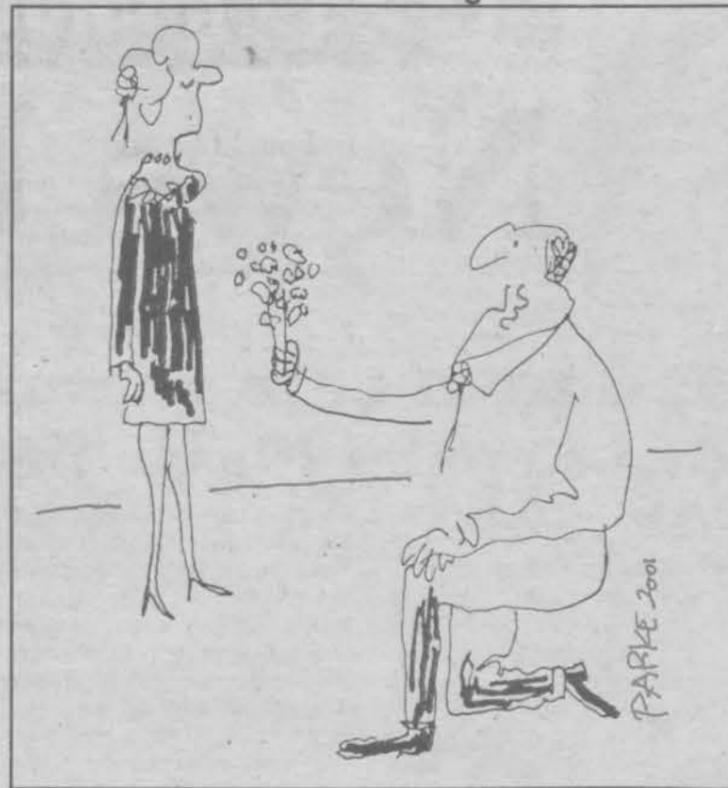
### Tour Marietta House At Reduced Price

Treat a sweetheart, son, daughter, friend, mom or dad, to a tour of Marietta House Museum at two-for-the-price-of-one admission on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11 from noon to 4 p.m. Learn about the Marietta "couples" who lived in the house. The rooms are Federal period to Victorian.

Light refreshments will be served and music will fill the mansion. There is a fee.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5625 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, off Rt. 193 just north of Rt. 450/Annapolis Road. For information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

### The Old Curmudgeon



"I need a quick answer... My knees are killing me!"

### Dems to Recognize Two City Sweethearts

A February "Sweethearts" Recognition Night has become traditional for Greenbelt's Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. This year's event will be held on Friday, February 16 at 8 p.m., and the two honorees will be city employees Consuela Harris and Kathleen Gallagher. Harris is the city's human resource officer and Gallagher serves as the city clerk. Following a short business meeting, each will speak about the duties and responsibilities of her job and take questions from the audience. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

All regular monthly meetings are held in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The general public is invited and prospective members are always welcome. Because of schedule changes, the next meeting will be on Friday, April 20.

Another annual February event is Legislative Night, which salutes 23rd District Democratic Clubs and election workers. The evening will be hosted in Annapolis by Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin, and James Hubbard in the Miller Presidential Conference Center East in the new Miller Senate Office building from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, February 19. Members and guests may reserve a seat on a rented bus, which will leave the Greenbelt library parking lot at 5 p.m. and the Bowie Community Center at 5:30. A tour of the State House and visit to a session of the General Assembly's House or Senate will round out the evening before the bus returns to Bowie around 9:30 and Greenbelt around 10 p.m. There is a modest fee for the round trip. Reservations can be made by calling the club president, Kurt Walter, at 301-345-3088.

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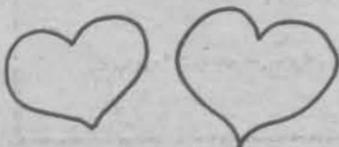
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**Donation Drop-Off**

The city's February Donation Drop-Off, which it cosponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, February 10 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

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

**Writers Group Plans Third Anthology**

At its January meeting the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) established a committee to begin planning for the group's third anthology. The committee will meet Friday, February 9, in the Media Room of the Greenbelt Community Center from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For those GWG members who wish to submit a piece for the anthology, the deadline is April 1. Writers may submit more than one piece but not all pieces may be published.

Pieces should be submitted to: The Greenbelt Writers Group, c/o Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Only members may participate in the anthology.

The February meeting will be held on Friday, February 16 in the Community Center. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. GWG member Laura Brown will give a one-woman presentation, followed by other readers and then by a book discussion.

The topic of the book discussion is "hometowns." What book captures the concept of hometown for you? For information, contact Marsha Barrett at flriday2000@yahoo.com.

**Exploring Genetically Engineered Plants**

During the last decade, genetically-engineered crops have burst upon the scene. This new technology has brought with it an intense global debate, and the crops that it has created are called everything from saviors of the world to Frankenstein foods. On Friday, February 16, at 1 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, Explorations Unlimited will present Dr. John W. Radin, national program leader, Plant Physiology, of the Agricultural Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville. Dr. Radin will describe some aspects of genetically-engineered crops, how they are being used, how they are different from conventional crop plants, and how they are similar. Discussion will touch on such questions as how genetically-engineered crops are regulated, whether they create a riskier agriculture than conventional crops,

**Community Events**

**Local Artists to Play In Benefit Concert**

Local artists will be featured in a benefit concert at Greenbelt Community Church, Crescent and Hillside Roads, on Sunday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. Featured soloists will be Laura Knutson, violinist; Jeff Knutson, trombone; Rachel Alexander, viola; Elizabeth Su, cello and Jui-Chi Chang, oboe. The soloists will play selections by Vivaldi, Grondahl, Enesco, Rachmaninoff, and J. S. Bach. Also featured is the Greenbelt Community Church Youth Choir, directed by Susan Breon and Wei-Der Huang. Huang will join Laura Knutson, Alexander and Su to play the third movement of Robert Schumann's Piano Quartet.

While admission is free, donations toward the purchase of a new piano for the sanctuary will be accepted. The piano is also used by the Greenbelt Combined Choir for its annual holiday concert.

A reception for the artists will follow in the church's Fellowship Hall.

**Second Passport Event Scheduled**

The second event of the 2001 Greenbelt Passport is scheduled for later this month. It is the Councilmembers Chautauqua. Current and past members of the city council will hold a discussion that will address their experiences as members of the council, the different challenges they have faced, and their accomplishments. The Chautauqua will be held on Saturday, February 24 at 2 p.m. in the Community Center Multi-purpose Room. Light refreshments will be served. Passports are still available and can be picked up, free of charge, at the Community Center office.

**Boys and Girls Club**

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club now has a web site containing information about intramurals and county teams. There are pictures as well as team schedules, team standings and game results and stats. The new address is "http://home.att.net/~gbbgc/greenbelt-bgc". Thanks to Jakob Post's mom aka Mrs. Post for her time, knowledge and expertise in this area, along with her love of community to take on such a project.

**Scottish Dance Group Hosts Valentine Dance**

The St. Columba's Dance Group of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is hosting a Valentine's Day dance Tuesday, February 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center gym from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Music will be provided by an open band and refreshments served. Admission will be charged for dancers; spectators are welcome at no charge.

The St. Columba's Scottish Country Dance Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center dance studio. Beginners' classes are open on a walk-in basis and the first class is free. For additional information call 301-441-1331.

**At the Library**

Tuesday, February 13, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, February 14, 4 p.m. BooKids Discussion Group for ages 8 to 12.

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

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

**GHI Notes**

The Marketing Committee will meet February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet on February 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

There will a Newsletter Committee meeting February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

**Pet Adoption Day Held at PetsMart**

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, February 11, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The public is invited to meet dogs and cats looking for loving, permanent homes. The animals foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications for the homeless animals. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the web site at www.pgspca.org for more information and fees.

**Recreation Review**

On February 13, a Valentine's Day cookie baking Kids' Quickie will be held from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at the Youth Center. Kids ages 5 to 11 can make and decorate special cookies to share with their sweetie. There is a nominal fee and registration prior to the day of the event is required. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

The Recreation Department is now accepting applications for summer camp volunteers. This is an opportunity for high school students to fulfill required community service hours. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age, and submit a City of Greenbelt Employment Application to the Youth Center no later than April 2001. For more information, call 301-397-2200.

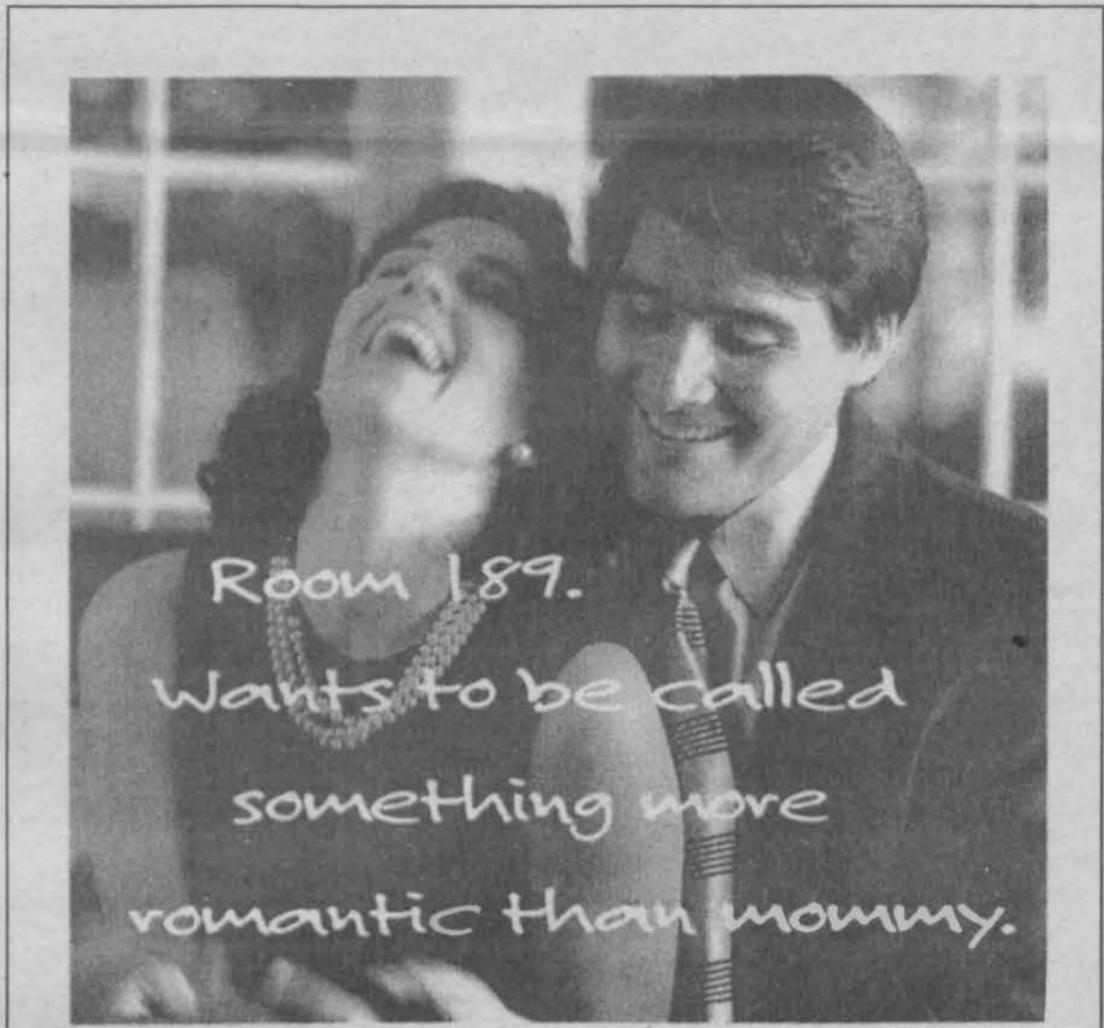
This is the time of year when bad weather can be expected, so be sure to call the Recreation Department's Weather and Information hotline at 301-474-5525 for updates on class cancellations and delays.

**City Notes**

The week of January 29, the special details crew regraded parts of the city cemetery.

The horticulture crew removed three Bradford pear trees at 7 Greenway and planted seeds in the greenhouse for spring landscaping. They also began cleaning perennial beds on Mandan Road.

The building maintenance crew painted the clubhouse at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



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Everything 10% off;  
some selected items 25% off.

**Benefit Concert**  
Featuring Local Artists  
Sunday, February 11 7:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Church • Crescent and Hillside Roads  
The concert will feature local artists Laura Knutson, violin, Jeff Knutson, trombone, Rachel Alexander, viola, Elizabeth Su, cello, Jui-Chi Chang, oboe and Wei-Der Huang, piano plus selections by the church Youth Choir.  
Admission Free  
Donations toward a new church piano gladly accepted

### Maryland Celebrated At National Cathedral

The largest-ever gathering of state worshipers at Washington National Cathedral celebrated the leaders and people of Maryland at a special service on January 21.

More than 700 people flocked to the landmark cathedral for Maryland State Day.

The Very Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, Dean of Washington National Cathedral, greeted the Marylanders with news they had provided the most enthusiastic participation for State Day worship. Through the auspices of the National Cathedral Association, the cathedral singles out a state each month for a special ecumenical service to fulfill its mission as a national house of prayer for all people.

"We thought that Texas, with close to 700 people, was the tops, but you have outdone Texas! Don't tell Mr. Bush," Baxter said to the assembled group. "State days are a special time we celebrate the life of our great democracy and the spirit of faith among its people. We are very grateful that Maryland has helped us to continue that tradition."

Sen. Paul Sarbanes and Rep. Steny Hoyer, representing Maryland's political leadership, read the lessons of the service. Sarbanes commented afterward that Washington National Cathedral occupies a part of the national life. "We need to recognize that things of the spirit represent an important dimension," he said. "The cathedral is a very powerful force in the community, in our nation."

Other Marylanders played roles in the service, including gift bearers Lenore and Gabrielle Moskey of Glenn Dale.

After the service, the Association, the organization of more than 12,000 cathedral friends across the country — including 1,500 in Maryland — hosted Maryland visitors at a reception.

Docents also led guests on a special tour that highlighted references to Maryland throughout the cathedral, notably the Maryland Bay window commemorating the 1649 Act of Toleration, one of the pioneer laws passed by a colonial government to guarantee any degree of religious liberty.

### Audubon Society Presepts Lecture

The Prince George's Audubon Society will present a look at the wildlife, plants and culture of Australia with naturalist Greg Kearns at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, at the College Park Airport Annex.

Join Kearns for a 5,000-mile, 30-day video/slide tour through the eastern half of Australia. His media presentation documents the flora, fauna and cultural aspects of Australia from the deserts of the Outback to the rainforests of Queensland.

The program is free. For more information, call Malcolm Doying at 410-721-6710.

### Baha'i Faith

"My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>



Stephanie Burt, Brownie, age 7, and Ken Ray, Cub Scout, also 7, receive "God and Me" certificate awards at Holy Cross Lutheran's Scouting Recognition Sunday program on February 4. The certificates are awarded in addition to a merit badge, an emblem to be worn on the uniform, after completing studies and a service project on religion. This badge is one of the few a Brownie or Cub can earn that they take with them when they move up into the Girl or Boy Scouts. - photo by Marie Ray

### The Soul of America Will Be Performed

Colours, a Prince George's County Public Schools' Performing Arts Program, will celebrate Black History Month with the words, music and dance of 20th century African-Americans in their latest production, "The Soul of America."

The performers taking part in this production represent 10 different public schools in Prince George's County ranging from grades 4 to 12.

"The Soul of America" will be presented on February 22 and 28 at High Point High School at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Director Jason Cook at 301-454-8388.

### Duo to Give Concert

Yizhak Schotten, viola, and Katherine Collier, piano, will give a free concert on Sunday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall in the Tawes Fine Arts Building. Featured works include the Bach Gamba Sonata #3, the Rebecca Clarke Sonata, and the Brahms Sonata in E minor (originally for cello). For information, call 301-405-7847.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
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"How Men Grieve"  
Neil Chetrik with  
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co-ministers

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101 GREENHILL ROAD  
301-474-4212  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

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Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm  
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410

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Handicapped accessible  
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Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

### Baha'is Give a Concert Benefit Concert For McCoy

The Sacred Power of Music, a program of inspirational words set to music, will be presented on Saturday, February 10, 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the multi-purpose room. Four members of the Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale will sing musical renditions of scripture in a variety of styles from classical to spiritual to folk, some solos and others in two, three and four-part harmony. Piano accompaniment will be provided by chorale accompanist Linda Head.

Included in the vocal foursome is husband/wife team Roya Bauman and George Branyon. Bauman holds a B.A. in Music from the University of the Pacific and studied locally with Rosa Lamoreaux, while Branyon was an Episcopal boy soprano and currently sings with the Woodley Ensemble in the D.C. area. Bauman has recently released a CD called "Love Setteth the World Aflame."

The program, sponsored by the Baha'is of Greenbelt, will be followed by a reception. The public is invited. No donations accepted. Call 301-345-3983 for more information.

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Municipal Building  
10 A.M.

Soprano and University of Maryland faculty member Linda Mabbs will perform a recital to benefit the Robert McCoy Collaborative Piano Library, accompanied by students of Dr. McCoy's piano studio on Saturday, February 17 at 8 p.m. in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Donations will be accepted at the door. For information, call 301-405-7847.

### Quintet Performs

The Prism Brass Quintet will perform free Saturday, February 10 at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

The new concert hall hosts its first performance as the Grand Prize winners of the 1999 University of Georgia Brass Quintet Competition of the Americas present classical and contemporary brass. For more information, call 301-405-7847.

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11 am Sung Service

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor  
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## NEW DEAL

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singles have met someone new and kids have learned how to play chess.... The café has enlivened the Center's plaza with evening concerts in the open air...."

In her report the café manager noted that she is "guardedly optimistic about the café's future," because the café has been building its customer base and refining operations. She praised the "magnificent job" resident volunteer artists Richard and Mike McMullin have done in filling every weekend with music and keeping art shows on the walls. "There has rarely been a day without artwork or a silent weekend," she said. "They feed the soul of our café."

### Letter from GCS

Communication with creditors has been another problem in 2000, as shown in a letter that was read at the meeting from Joseph R. Timer, treasurer of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (GCC), owner of the co-op grocery store in Roosevelt Center. The letter mentioned GCC's loan of \$7,000 to the café in April and pointed out that the New Deal had failed to send agreed-upon loan payments and financial statements. His letter added that GCC "is supportive of efforts to develop new cooperatives," but also "requires feedback and cooperation." The letter ended on a firm but friendly note, and the board agreed that GCC has been very patient. Director Wendy Turnbull stated that she will be communicating with GCC soon about making amends.

## Wildlife Photos Shown at Patuxent

An exhibit of the wildlife photographs of professional nature photographer and writer Eddie Talik will be on display at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center during February.

Admission is free. For special needs or further information, call 301-497-5763. The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197 south of Laurel.

## Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

Meals on Wheels of College Park is looking for additional drivers, with cars, and friendly visitors to deliver meals to residents living in the Greenbelt and College Park areas. Volunteers will be scheduled to work one day a week or one day every other week. For information, call Trudy Goodhue at 301-474-1002.

Jim Maher proposed that the café declare Chapter 13, which he described as a kind of bankruptcy that would keep the café's doors open "while you restructure your finances and propose a plan of action that would go before a judge." Maher also donated a mountain bike to be raffled off.

Alan Turnbull stated that the café's "potential membership is much larger than the present amount," and that the New Deal needs to do a better job of reaching out to potential members.

The next scheduled board meeting will take place on February 18 at the café at 8:30 p.m.

## "Slay the Dragon" For the New Deal

A Slay the Dragon fundraising concert series for the New Deal Café kicks off on Saturday, February 17 at 8 p.m. with Guys in Ties and Black Out. Watch for special guests. Tickets will be sold for the monthly concerts in order to raise money to help the Café pay off its debts. A new Titan trail bike will be a door prize at the concert.

The second concert will feature Stillwater and TEAS on Saturday, March 17. Magic and variety will continue for the April 21 program showcasing Eric Henning and Company.

"Come in to the café to enjoy a homey atmosphere complete with loungable sofa and books, great photography and, of course, the food," says chief fundraiser Earl Kepler. "This is the place to get your morning pancake fix, your hearty vegetarian or classic lunch or dinner and a real kid kid's meal. You'll find you want to keep the place."

For information on the concert series, special donations and life memberships, contact Kepler by e-mail at EKepler@aol.com or by phone 301-345-2670.

## Volunteers Needed

Doctors Community Hospital, in Lanham, is seeking friendly, dependable people to support various departments of the hospital as volunteers. Orientation and mandatory TB test are provided. Those available to volunteer for four hours per week who would like to work in a hospital setting, may call 301-552-8001 for a volunteer information packet.

## PGCC Offers Home Schooling Courses

The Continuing Education office of Prince George's Community College will offer several courses for home school students during the spring semester, beginning February 16.

The Home School Initiative, a new concept in partnership with home school families, includes classes designed to supplement home schooling already in place.

For information and a detailed brochure, call the Continuing Education office at 301-322-0786.

## Fourth Graders Need Materials Donated

The fourth grade teachers at Greenbelt Elementary School are asking for donations of material or scraps to create class quilts. The classes will be making the quilts with the background colors of the Maryland state flag. Scraps larger than 10 inches square in the colors of red, yellow, black and white would be appreciated. The classes will be making the quilts in April but will accept donations anytime.

To contribute material contact Beth Stewart at the school at 301-513-5911.



## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room

February 12, 2001

Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
  4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations  
*(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [\*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*
  5. Approval of Agenda and Additions
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
  6. Presentations  
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area - Update on the Heritage Area Initiative and Tourism Program in Northern Prince George's County
  7. Petitions and Requests  
*(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)*
  8. Minutes of Meetings
  9. Administrative Reports
  - \* 10. Committee Reports
- III. LEGISLATION
  11. Resolution to Authorize the Condemnation of Certain Real Property in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, for the Purpose of Providing Property for the Construction of a United States Postal Service Post Office Facility for the Citizens of the City of Greenbelt (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)
  12. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 894 and to Establish New Service Charges for Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective January 1, 2001 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
  13. Memorandum of Understanding with The Peterson Companies
  14. State Legislation
    - Arts and Entertainment Districts Bill
    - Retail Electric and Gas Industries - Aggregators - Counties and Municipal Corporations
    - Speed Monitoring Systems - Radar Cameras
  15. Selection of Audit Services
  - \* 16. Artist-in-Residence Program
  - \* 17. New Lease for Windsor Green Substation
  - \* 18. Request to Use Facilities
  - \* 19. NLC Small Cities Council Steering Committee Summer Meeting
  - \* 20. Appointments to Advisory Groups
- V. 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. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk



## HE-E-E-ELP! THE NEW DEAL CAFE

Greenbelt's non-profit, cooperative cafe and music venue in Old Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center is a **BIG SUCCESS!** It's a friendly spot with great coffee, healthful food, yummy desserts, live music, chess sets, and work by local artists on the walls.

### So how come the New Deal needs your help?

If you guessed "MONEY," you're right. When we moved to a new location and began staying open for regular business hours last spring, we didn't have enough capital to cover the normal start-up and moving-in costs. Now we have a substantial debt to pay off, or the cafe will close.

That's why we're appealing to all our friends to reach into your hearts and pockets and make a **GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION** to help insure the cafe's future. Of course we welcome contributions of any size. But right now a few really big checks would make a major difference.

Angel:	\$1,000 or more _____	Member:	\$50 or more _____
Benefactor:	\$500 or more _____	Friend:	\$25 or more _____
Founder:	\$250 or more _____	Supporter:	\$1 or more _____
Pillar:	\$100 or more _____		

Please write in the amount of your contribution and make check payable to:

**The New Deal Cafe**  
P.O. Box 896  
Greenbelt, MD 20768-0896

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

For questions call (301) 345-9421 or (301) 474-6673

*This ad paid for by friends of the New Deal Cafe*

## Boys and Girls Club Basketball News

by Coach Doug Mangum

There were some exciting finishes to last week's games, especially a (7-6) win for the Fireballs, their first win of the season, which was decided on a buzzer-beating basket by Carl Meakes. The Lakers, this year's most thrilling team, ended their three game win streak as the Manticoros defeated them for the second time this season, boosting the Mants to the top of the pile. Those same Lakers are in second place because of that win streak, two of which went to an overtime period. The third, a roller coaster ride of offensive runs Terps (6-2), Lakers (12-2), Terps (8-2) knotted the score at 16-16. The Lakers prevailed with Phil (the Energizer bunny) Bowie, converting a fast break lay-up to terminate the scoring and the game. The Terps bounced back from that disappointment to avenge an earlier loss to the Eagles with superb free-throw shooting and crucial defensive stops. Due to foul-outs and no-shows the Terps concluded the game with three first year players and two second year players.

### Basketball Standings

Intramurals	
Mants	(5-0)
Lakers	(3-2)
Terps	(2-3)
Fireballs	(1-3)
Eagles	(1-4)
County Teams	
11's	(5-1)
13's	(0-6)
13 AA's	(2-4)
14's	(3-3)
15's	(3-3)
16's	(3-3)

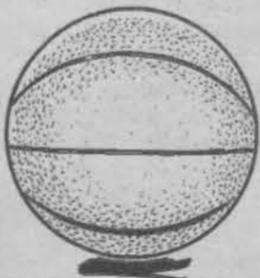
Games will resume on Wednesday, February 14 at 6 p.m., Mants vs. Terps, and at 7:15, the Fireballs vs. Lakers. Friday, February 6, at 6:45 p.m. begins with the Fireballs vs. Terps, and at 8 with the Eagles vs. Mants. Saturday, February 17 starts with the Lakers vs. Terps at 9 a.m. and at 10:15, Eagles vs. Fireballs.

#### County Teams

County games will be played on February 17 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center as follows: 11 a.m. (16 & under), noon (11 & under), 1 p.m. (14 & under), and 2 (age 13).

County away games for this week are as follows: Friday, February 9 at Phelps C.C., 8:30 p.m. (13'AA), Sunday, February 11 at Rollingcrest C.C., 2 p.m. (age 14), Monday, February 12 at William Wirt Middle School, 6 p.m. (Age 12) and the (age 14) again on Wednesday, February 14 at Buck Lodge Middle School at 7 p.m. vs. Beltsville.

The elevens have been the club's best kept secret this year with steady performances from a group of last year's graduates of the intramural program. That group includes C. J. Scites, Chris Boucarout, David Young, and Scott Mumammed.



## Lions' Roar

by Emory Harmon

The Greenbelt Lion's Club was quite active this past fall. They collected for White Cane in November, a fundraiser to help the Lions help the blind. \$3,158 was the total collected. On Saturday, December 2, the Lions served its annual Festival of Lights Pancake Breakfast to 227 adults plus children at the fire house. The breakfast raised over \$900. During the Christmas rush, Lions wrapped packages at the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center. This activity netted \$2,100. All proceeds from fund raising go back to the community in many ways.

Depositories placed by the club in various stores netted 160 used eye glasses. They were sent to the Lions district for distribution to persons in need in foreign countries. The club also helped to sponsor a toy drive and parade at the Beltway Plaza. This activity resulted in many toys being collected. They were given to needy children at Christmas time. Lions collected 200 used stamps and sent them to veterans at nearby hospitals for their entertainment. The club also helped sponsor a play at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The Greenbelt Lions Club thanks the residents of the community for their cooperation and participation in all these activities. This overwhelming interest and support certainly helps make the Lions meet the needs of the less fortunate in Greenbelt.

The club is always looking for new members (men or women) to join and assist in its many efforts to make life better for those in need and for the community. Anyone interested in joining should contact any club member or write to the Greenbelt Lions Club at P.O. Box 677, Greenbelt, MD. 20768. The club meets every second and fourth Monday for a dinner meeting at 6:44 p.m. at Avery Gardens, 9885 Greenbelt Road.

### Free Lecture Offered On Leg Problems

Fat legs, skinny legs, swollen legs, sore legs... Common leg problems will be discussed with a focus on diagnosis and prevention of peripheral vascular disease.

The free lecture will be held Monday, February 12 at 7:15 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park. Advanced registration is required. Call 1-800-542-5096.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of February 9

**Chocolat**  
(PG-13)

Fri. 5:00 @ \$4.00  
7:30, 9:50  
Sat. 2:30 & 5:00 @ \$4.00  
7:30, 9:50  
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## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the January 31 meeting. Florence Holly led members in prayer and read a poem.

Betty Petroff, Sunshine chair, reported she sent get well cards to Betty Deitch, A. Sue Powell, Dan Sillers, Nadine Connor, Irene Hensel, Otilie Van Allen, Pearl Siegel, Betty Wynkoop, and Ruth Raffo.

John Taylor, Travel chair, reminded Golden Agers that the February 16 trip to the Kennedy Center will leave Greenbelt at noon and return by 4 p.m. He also reminded Golden Agers to sign up for the March 22 trip to Timonium dinner theater. The bus will leave Greenbelt at 10 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. A trip is being planned for April 2 and also one in June. Cost and more details later.

Souser welcomed guests Jack and Elizabeth Maffay, Emory Harman and Shirley Clute.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Lillian O'Brien and Tom Dwyer.

The speaker was Tom Fields. He noted that he was familiar with Greenbelt because as a high school student in 1937, his summer job was helping to build Greenbelt. He spoke on the battle of Iwo Jima, the bloodiest battle the Marine Corps fought in World War II. The American flag was raised on the island the fourth day of the battle, February 22. When asked who were the heroes of the battle, Fields cited the 18-year-old Marines who fought and died securing the island to become a military air base from which to launch an air war against Japan. This resulted in the end of the Pacific War.

The February 7 meeting will be a board and business meeting. At the February 14 meeting, a speaker from Morningside House of Laurel will speak on basic first aid.



## Greenbelt CARES

Teresa Smithson and Robyn Strauss, crisis intervention teacher, interviewed fourth grade students at Greenbelt Elementary School for peer leadership development groups on Thursday, January 4. Groups begin meeting later this month. Students will learn skills to enhance their academic and social performance in the classroom.

During the week of January 26, the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus (MAYSB) held its annual reception for legislators in Annapolis. Michael McLaughlin and Carol Leventhal attended. A videotape was shown describing the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Reading Club, a program funded through a small grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Ingrid Kleckner and Genevieve Elazier attended a luncheon hosted by the National Domestic Violence Hotline. There were a number of presentations and speeches by local government officials and celebrities in support of the Hotline's efforts. Kleckner and Elazier are currently working with Jackie Curley of the Police Department to pull together area resources to aid domestic/family violence victims within the Greenbelt community.

Teresa Smithson also attended a workshop at College Park Youth and Family Services entitled, "Practical Approaches with the Parent Who Abuses."

Smithson attended a meeting of the Springhill Lake Neighbor-

## Lacrosse Clinic For Boys 9 to 14

A Greenbelt-based lacrosse club and the University of Maryland are sponsoring a free lacrosse clinic February 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for boys aged 9 to 14 at the AstroTurf practice field on the University campus. Prince George's Lacrosse Club fields three teams in the Southern Maryland Lacrosse Association, and plays and practices at Greenbelt Middle School.

Jim Ulwick, a spokesman for the club, said, "We'd love to see lots of Greenbelt kids come to our clinic. Maryland players will run the kids through passing and shooting drills, and show them how to play the game. It will be a great introduction to lacrosse, and should be a lot of fun." The season starts in mid-March and runs through mid-May. For more information, contact Jim Ulwick at 301-927-7943.

hood Improvement Team on January 31. The team discussed holding a neighborhood meeting to introduce residents to the team and its mission.

On January 22, Teresa Smithson held the last session of the seventh and eighth grade discussion groups at Greenbelt Middle School. The groups held a pizza party together. Interviews for the next two discussion groups will be held soon. Smithson is assisted by guidance counselors Mr. Davis and Ms. Johnson.

### Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Soccer Season Registration

Register for the Spring Soccer Season at the Greenbelt Youth Center Saturday, February 10th 10 to noon. Practices begin in February. Season starts March 10th.

For more information and future registration dates call 301-794-0100.



### The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Invites You to its monthly meeting

Friday, February 16, 2001 8PM

at the

Greenbriar Community Building

Our Valentine's Day Meeting features City of Greenbelt "Sweethearts" Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk & Consuela

Harris, Human Resources Officer

The meeting also serves as an opportunity to thank all of the pollworkers who worked so hard last November and to celebrate Black History Month

Also: On Monday, February 19, 2001, the Club is going to Annapolis to meet with our state delegation, Delegates Conroy, Hubbard & Pitkin, and Sen. Green will honor the pollworkers from the 2000 general election.

Fee for the round-trip via bus is \$15.

Bus will depart from the back Library parking lot at 5PM.

Information: (301) 474-6668.



## Student Population Drops At Elementary School

by Mary Moien

A drop in student population at Greenbelt Elementary School was the good news at the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA meeting on January 16. Becky Roper is this year's president. The school's principal, Katherine Curl, said that there are now 100 fewer students than were projected at the beginning of the year. The other major topic was a presentation on Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) scores by Mike Kulansky of the Prince George's County School Improvement Office. Vice Principal Paulette Watkins and a number of school staff and PTA members attended. Students had also been invited to attend this meeting and discuss any school issues they wished.

### MSPAP Scores

Kulansky touched on a number of issues related to Greenbelt Elementary and its MSPAP scores. The school has made gains in its scores, although the scores are still not where they should be. During the 1998-99 period, the composite scores rose 10 points. But this past year scores were down a little. Kulansky indicated that it is hoped that scores average a 6-point gain a year. But scores often do not go straight up but have ups and downs. The important outcome is an overall increase.

MSPAP tests are given to third and fifth graders. This year the third graders' scores were above the county average. Writing and science scores increased also. Over the two-year period (1998-2000), third graders were up in all areas but reading, which decreased one point. For

the fifth graders, Kulansky reported that for the two-year period combined, students made MSPAP gains in all areas but math.

### Recess

When asked if students had issues to raise, three boys nervously stepped forward to indicate that they wanted to discuss the short time for recess. They said that recess is only 15 minutes and that others in their classes had wanted them to bring this up at the meeting. Curl indicated that "they were very brave to come and talk." However, the school is considered a "Challenge II" school, which means their test scores are not high enough, so they have to spend as much time as possible on academic issues. She added that there was a consensus on the shortened recess time among last year's staff, teachers, and PTA.

One parent spoke up, saying that 15 minutes is not enough and that recess should be at least 30 minutes long. "They're children. They're not adults," she countered. The parent felt that the principal had dismissed the recess issue too easily. Curl responded, "It was not easy," but said she has to consider the good of the whole school. She also pointed out that the children are not sitting still the whole day, but moving around with different activities. The 15-minute recess will remain in place for the remainder of the year. A teacher commented that if students eat quickly they can go out early to recess and have another 10 to 15 minutes to play.

### Enrollment

At the beginning of the school year, Greenbelt Elemen-

tary was projected to have 636 students. Then residents of a large number of apartments in Landover were forced to move by year's end. In January the enrollment was 505. However, Curl indicated that new students are enrolling even as old ones are leaving. On the day of the PTA meeting, she said that six students had transferred and five new students had enrolled. She also said it appears that the number of Talented and Gifted (TAG) students might be on the rise this year. She has 35 students in TAG and another 40 waiting to be tested. It is too soon to tell how the downsizing of the school will affect next school year's budget and staffing.

### PTA Issues

PTA president Becky Roper described PTA activities that have taken place since the beginning of the school year. PTA enrollment is now at 93, higher than last year, but short of their goal of 150. The PTA made a profit of \$1,700 at their Greenbelt Labor Day Festival book booth and donated that money to the school to pay for copier supplies. In the fall they sponsored a book fair, which provided \$900 profit and a number of free books. Roper emphasized the need for parents to come to meetings and become more involved in the schools.



## Nominations Accepted for Tawes Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2001 Tawes Award for a Clean Environment, named in honor of the late J. Millard Tawes, governor (1959-1967) and first secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. The awards are co-sponsored by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Maryland Petroleum Council.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the annual state-wide environmental recognition program that seeks to involve youth, adults, private and public organizations in the restoration and protection of Maryland's many natural resources and attractions.

Entries are divided into two categories — youth (individual or organizations with members under 21) and adult (individual or organization). Activities or projects may include, but are not limited to, recycling, ecology, animal habitat, community and stream clean up and conservation.

Winners and runners-up and their guests will be honored at an awards luncheon to be held in mid-May at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis.

For more information or a nomination form, contact the Maryland Petroleum Council office at 410-269-1850 or email to mdpc@toad.net. Deadline for submissions is April 10.

## Humanities Council Invites Speakers

The Maryland Humanities Council is now accepting applications from prospective speakers for the Speakers Bureau 2001-02 season. The Speakers Bureau brings scholars and citizens together from across the state to analyze, interpret, and discuss ideas related to the humanities and to learn from one another.

Any humanities scholar who is a resident of or employed in Maryland is eligible to apply. Scholars should be educated in at least one of the humanities disciplines; and typically will possess an advanced humanities degree and remain abreast of studies in their respective fields. They may

be teachers, researchers, writers, editors, librarians, archivists, curators, or persons otherwise professionally engaged in the humanities. They must also be willing to travel throughout the state. An honorarium per presentation plus travel expenses will be paid; speakers schedule presentations at their own convenience.

Finalists will be auditioned on April 3 and 4. Written applications must be postmarked by March 12 and must include personal contact information, a resume, and a lecture description.

For more information call Polly Weber at 410-771-8974.

## Astronomy Guide for Greenbelters

A free copy of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club's new publication "A Brief Guide to the Night Sky in Greenbelt, MD" is available to all Greenbelt residents. The two-page guide briefly covers when particular planets, constellations, meteor showers and other astronomical objects of interest are observable from

Greenbelt for the year 2001. A schedule of the club's observing sessions at Northway Fields is also included. Residents may pick up their copy at any Astronomy Club activity or by mailing a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Greenbelt Astronomy Club, Attn.: Observing Guide, PO Box 727, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

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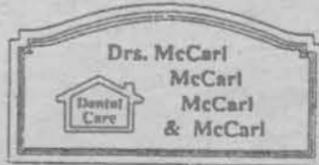
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# LAND

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the Greenbelt Metro line is desirable for the city and community, they sought the preservation of 145 acres, not 111, as provided by the agreement. They also opposed the "buy-back" provision stipulating that the seller (Smith) must repurchase the land "should it fail to receive approvals for conceptual development... by January 1, 2003."

The governor's representatives responded that the opportunities for additional land preservation as well as zoning and density issues should be addressed during the various stages of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPPC) planning process. With respect to the "buy-back" provision, they pointed out that the provision served as an incentive for the developer to "make it happen" — to move ahead on the project.

Council also did not agree with the agreement's coupling of the state's purchase of the 75-acre tract with the future development of the adjacent Metro

property. They asserted that the sensitive environmental area should be acquired regardless of the status of the adjoining properties. In response, state officials pointed out that the coupling was justified because the purchase of the environmentally sensitive land and the proposed adjacent development met Maryland's Smart Growth goals of transit-oriented and economic development.

McLaughlin told the News Review that council appreciated the opportunity to meet with the governor's representatives.

Meanwhile, Greenbelt Metro Park LLC has filed a conceptual site plan and preliminary plan with M-NCPPC for the Greenbelt Metro project. In a letter to Mayor Judith Davis, Norman Rivera, counsel for the project, wrote that a formal presentation will be made to the city. According to Dana Stebbins, an attorney representing A.H. Smith, a contract was given to Westfield America, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of an Australian company, to develop an upscale regional mall or main street shopping complex on up to 50 acres at the Metro station.

# Greenbelt Road Project: Where Does it Belong?

During a presentation to the City Council on November 29, engineering consultants from the State Highway Administration (SHA) noted that due to the size and scope of the Greenbelt Road project, which extends from Mandan Road to U.S. Route 1, SHA is considering whether or not this project should come under the Neighborhood Conservation Program. Usually, such projects are one or two miles in length.

However, this project goes well beyond that, since College Park has requested that the project be extended to Adelphi Road, and the City of Greenbelt wants to continue it as far as the main entrance of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. For this reason, the project may be redefined as a "major planning project."

In a letter to the State Highway Administration, Mayor Judith Davis "strongly" urged that the Greenbelt Road project be maintained as a Neighborhood Conservation project, stating that the goals of the Neighborhood Conservation Program are consistent with what is being sought by council — to make Greenbelt Road more people and neighborhood-friendly, visually attractive and more accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists. She added, "It is not intended that this be a major redesign and reworking of the traffic flow of Greenbelt Road."

Neighborhood Conservation projects are usually completed within a three-year time frame, and major planning projects have to compete with other major projects throughout the state for funding, therefore potentially delaying completion.

Davis's letter went on to say that if left in the Neighborhood Conservation Program, it might be necessary to break the Greenbelt Road project down into smaller pieces. She stated that this would be "more desirable

than the project becoming a major planning project." Lastly, she requested that Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, and College Park be included in the decision-making process.

This letter was sent to Maryland Senator Leo Green, who also wrote a letter to SHA in support of keeping the project in the Neighborhood Conservation Program.

# PGCC Alumni to Meet

The Prince George's Community College Alumni Association will hold a general meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. in the Kent Hall Board Room 262, 301 Largo Road, Largo. All alumni are invited.

The meeting provides alumni an opportunity to meet the association board members, network with fellow alumni, and learn about the association's activities and events. For more information call 301-322-0917 or 301-322-0858.

# Explorations Unlimited Open to All Ages

by Mary Moien

For those Greenbelters lucky enough to be home on Fridays, the City Recreation Department offers Explorations Unlimited. This is a series of lectures or discussions held on Fridays at 1 p.m. Although the location is the Senior Classroom, the lectures are open to residents of all ages. On January 19, Virginia Beauchamp, Greenbelt resident, author, and professor emerita in English, University of Maryland, discussed Maryland women in the Civil War. Beauchamp described how women came to write during a time when most people were illiterate. The forms the women took were mainly letters and diaries. Historically, writing was often about war and international politics and people during the Civil War knew they were living in historic times.

Beauchamp described the writings of a number of Maryland women, most not household names. They included Harriet Tubman a famous former slave from the Eastern Shore, who was

written about in the diary of another black woman, Charlotte Fortin; Elizabeth Duckett of Piscataway; and Anna Carroll, a slave owner from the Eastern Shore who freed her slaves and worked for the Union. Beauchamp mentioned the writings of a Prince George's County woman, Mrs. McKaig (nee Beall) as well as writings of Clara Barton, who was not a native Marylander but came to the area to work for the Patent Office. She also highlighted the efforts of the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg, an order that came from Louisiana and was pro-South, but which during the Battle of Gettysburg, nursed those of the North and South. There was quite a bit of discussion among attendees about the allegiance of the Marylanders of this area during the war as well as the history of the Sisters of Charity. The topic was very well received.

Explorations Unlimited is held most Fridays. A sample of some of the topics in coming weeks includes Natural History of Panama

on February 9, Genetic Engineering on February 16 and Excitement of Bright Comets on March 9.



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# Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Sabine Hentrich and Mike Stevens upon the birth of their second son Anthony Graham Stevens, born January 31, 2001. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces with the same blond hair and blue eyes as his 4-year-old brother Michael. "Too much crying" has been keeping Michael up at night.

Good luck to new Army National Guard enlistees Pvt. Darius Collins and Pvt. Jason Kelly of Greenbelt. They will serve one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer.

Congratulations to Pvt. William E. Wilson on his recent graduation from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the Fort Benning, GA, Army infantry school. Wilson is the son of William K. and Patricia Wilson of Lastner Lane.

Congratulations to Marla McVicar on receiving a bachelor of arts degree in criminology from the University of Maryland at the December graduation.

Former Greenbelters Kathleen Geiger Garrity and husband Mark Garrity of Annapolis are the proud parents of a daughter. Mary Kate was born January 16, 2001, weighing 7 lb., 5 oz. She joins big brother Gus, 4-1/2. Happy grandparents are Mary and Al Geiger of Lakeside Drive and Peter and Mary Garrity of Waterbury, Conn. Grandpa Al is a member of the News Review staff.



Delegate Joan B. Pitkin

## Pitkin among Top 100 MD Women

Delegate Joan B. Pitkin, of the Maryland House of Delegates, has been named one of Maryland's "Top 100 Women" for the year 2001. This annual award program, established in 1996 by the Baltimore Daily Record, recognizes 100 of Maryland's leading women who are making an impact on the state. Pitkin is one of Greenbelt's three representatives to the legislature.

The women are nominated by the business community, chambers of commerce, women's organizations, and the community at large, and selected by a panel of judges.

A reception honoring this year's winners will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall in Baltimore.



## Edward F. McGehrin Presented Distinguished Award

Greenbelt businessman Edward F. McGehrin was presented the National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award. The presentation followed the 9:45 a.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Clinton on Sunday, January 28, where the parish and school community opened activities for the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

As a graduate of Catholic elementary and secondary schools in Philadelphia, McGehrin went on to Villanova University where he was both president of the national Villanova Alumni Association and the local Villanova Club of Washington. In his response to this award, McGehrin noted that it was because of his strong foundation through Catholic schools that he has been able to maintain the humanitarian values taught by the church.

The award was initiated by the principal of St. John's School, Sister Jean Louise Bachetti, I.H.M., who commended McGehrin for establishing the Prince George's County Catholic Business Network in 1998. Through the organization's network of businesses in the area, Catholic schools have been the recipients of financial support for various programs in the schools.

In addition, McGehrin was selected to the prestigious Stockbroker's Hall of Fame where he was described as "a man whose community service is legendary in the Maryland suburbs." McGehrin has worked for years for Merrill Lynch on Ivy Lane and was a founder of the Greenbelt Rotary.

McGehrin resides in University Park with his wife Fran. He and his wife have raised eight children and now take pride in 18 grandchildren.

## Concert Features Music of the Clarinet

On Wednesday, February 14 at 8 p.m. there will be a free concert of contemporary clarinet music performed by faculty clarinetist Edward Walters and other artists. The music was written by University of Maryland faculty composer Lawrence Moss. The concert will be held in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. For information, call 301-405-7847.

## Officer C. Peters Splashes for Dollars

On Saturday, January 27, Private First Class Christine Peters of the Greenbelt Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32, took part in the fifth annual "Polar Bear Plunge" to benefit the Maryland Special Olympics.

Peters, who raised money by taking pledges from friends and co-workers, braved the freezing waters of the Chesapeake Bay at the Sandy Point State Park with approximately 1,000 other "plungers."

This is her second year taking part in the Sandy Point Splash, and third wintertime jump into frigid water in the past year and a half on behalf of the Special Olympics. Peters will attempt to complete the "Triple Crown" by participating in the "Deep Creek Dunk" at Deep Creek Lake in late February, the third in the series of events that take place in the state. Peters also participated in the "Saint Mary's Splash" in December.

Lodge #32 has taken part in several Special Olympic events in the past year and a half, and to date, has raised over \$4,000.

## Volksmarchers Offer Local Walking Trails

The Freestate Happy Wanderers sponsor six daily walks around Maryland. The nearest are in the Laurel and Wheaton areas. Starting points and times are listed in their free brochure, which is available by email: wahasse@ix.netcom.com or by calling 1-410-437-2164 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The Happy Wanderers are a Volksmarch club.



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Rosecroft Shop. Ctr., Temple Hills, MD 8:30 am		Rosecroft Shopping Ctr. 8:30 am	6:45 pm**
Rivertowne Shop. Ctr., Oxon Hill, MD 8:45 am		Rivertowne Shopping Ctr. 8:45 am	7:00 pm**
Penn Mar Shop. Ctr. (Burlington), Forestville 9:10 am		Penn Mar (Burlington) 9:10 am	7:25 pm**
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Clinton Park (K-Mart) 6:30 pm		Clinton Park (K-Mart) 8:15 am	5:45 pm
Rosecroft Shopping Ctr. 6:45 pm		Rosecroft Shopping Ctr. 8:30am	6:00 pm
Rivertowne Shopping Ctr. 7:00 pm		Rivertowne Shopping Ctr. 8:45 am	6:15 pm
Penn Mar (Burlington) 7:25 pm		Penn Mar (Burlington) 9:10 am	6:30 pm
Greenway Shopping Ctr. (Today's Man) 7:50 pm		Greenway Shopping Ctr. 9:30 am	6:50 pm
Sunday			
<b>CharlesTown Races &amp; Slots</b> \$10.00 (Charlestown, West Virginia)			
Clinton Park (K-Mart) 1:25 pm			
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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.

### Armed Robbery

4800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Jan. 29, 8:59 p.m., a man was walking with friends when he was approached from behind by a person who threatened to shoot the group and ordered them to lie on the ground. The robber then searched the man's pockets for money. After finding none, the robber told the victim and his friends to run from the area.

### Drugs

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Jan. 31, 8:30 a.m., a 21-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Officers responded to a report of several people smoking marijuana in a laundry room. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary and Theft

Denny's Restaurant at Greenway Shopping Center, Jan. 25, 1:26 a.m., someone removed money from the cash register.

Holiday Inn in the 7200 block of Hanover Parkway, Jan. 26 and 27, laptop computers and one personal organizer were taken from three hotel rooms.

2 court of Westway, Jan. 28, 10:04 a.m., a video game player and accessories, video games, a wristwatch, money, and credit cards were taken. Entry was gained through an unsecured rear door.

8200 block of Mandan Court, Jan. 29, a television, VCR, and liquor were taken. Entry was gained by breaking out the sliding glass door.

7900 block of Mandan Road, Jan. 29, 9:03 a.m., a man entered his residence and heard sounds coming from the rear bedroom. He then observed the feet of a person climbing out of the bedroom window. Money was taken. Entry appears to have been made by breaking out the bedroom window.

8200 block of Mandan Court, Jan. 29, 5:36 p.m., computer equipment, DVD player, VCR, and jewelry were taken. Entry was gained by breaking out a side window.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), Jan. 30, 2:10 p.m., a laptop computer was taken from an unsecured classroom.

8900 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 30, 2:13 p.m., a 13-year-old nonresident and a 14-

year-old nonresident were arrested for the theft of a portable walkie-talkie belonging to their school. The youths were released pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

ERHS, Feb. 1, 1 a.m., an unattended purse was taken.

### Counterfeit Currency

8900 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 30, 9 a.m., a 13-year-old nonresident was arrested for possession of counterfeit currency after school administrators found the youth to be in possession of U.S. paper currency that had been photocopied. The youth was released pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

### Trespassing

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 31, 9:41 a.m., a 27-year-old female nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing, malicious destruction, and resisting arrest. A man stated that he and the woman were involved in an argument and she refused to leave the residence. Officers then told the woman that she would have to leave or would be placed under arrest. She refused and then resisted attempts to place her into custody. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Vandalism

7600 block of Ora Glen Drive, Jan. 29, 6:35 a.m., someone entered the parking garage and spray-painted the walls.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue two-door 1989 BMW 325 with Maryland tags GCL 226, Jan. 27, from the 6000 block of Springhill Drive; a green four-door 1993 Ford Crown Victoria with Maryland tags HVY 707, Jan. 30, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane; and a silver four-door Nissan Altima with Maryland tags HYE 057, Jan. 31, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, 6200 block of Breezewood Court, 59 court of Ridge Road, 19 court of Hillside, 100 block of Westway, Beltway Plaza Mall, Greenway Shopping Center, 6900 and 7700 blocks of Hanover Parkway, 7800 and 7900 blocks of Mandan Road, and 7000 block of Megan Lane.

## Council and Police Show Sensitivity to Curfew Issue

by Maria Piazzola

"Are we setting up something we don't want or need at this time?" Mayor Judith Davis asked when only a handful of citizens attended the January 22 public hearing to discuss the proposed youth curfew law. Representatives from the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) attended the regular meeting of the city council to outline details of the proposed ordinance, but the couple of citizens and the police representative who spoke either criticized or expressed no need for the law.

### Aquatic Gardens Host To Solar Challenge

Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Garden will host a Solar Science Challenge for area middle and high school students. The challenge is open to all students and home school students. Entry procedures and rules will be sent to schools and home school parents who e-mail kag@smart.net or write the park at 1900 Anacostia Dr. SE, Washington, DC 20020. All entries must be submitted through school or home school review. Deadlines for entries to the park is April 4. Prizes will be awarded to first and second prize winners in middle and high school levels.

### Library Bookstore Relocates Upstairs

Many do not know that the Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) operate a bookstore in the library. Novel Endings, which had been located on the lower level, has now been moved upstairs to a small room located to the right of the children's section.

The new site offers self-service. In other words, books can now be selected from the bookstore any time during the hours that the library is open. Purchasing is handled by the library staff at the circulation desk. A good selection of books is available at reasonable prices.

Donations may be brought to the circulation desk. Books must be clean and in good condition. Nonfiction material is particularly needed. However, textbooks, technical and computer books over three years old cannot be used.

The bookstore is staffed entirely by volunteer staff. Those interested in volunteering should call Eileen Peterson, 301-441-8249, for more information.

One of the biggest problems discussed is the possibility that the law, which would be more applicable in areas with more children like Springhill Lake, might disproportionately affect African-American residents. "Through no fault of their own our officers might be generating statistics that do not look good," Mayor Pro Tem Alan Turnbull said.

Walter Moody, a representative from PSAC, agreed that the law unfortunately might target minority youth and be too restrictive for teenagers.

Lt. Thomas Kemp said that police would use great discretion in enforcing the law in order to avoid targeting minority youths, especially since the department would not have the resources to stop all juveniles out past curfew.

Sheldon Goldberg of Jacobs Dr. added that older teens would not benefit from a curfew. "In this day and age 10 o'clock is too early for a 16 or 17-year-old," Goldberg said.

Under the proposed ordinance, it would be unlawful for any person under 18 to be found in any public place or establishment from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Both parents and business owners would be liable for allowing minors to disobey the curfew.

The following are several exceptions to the proposed law: a minor is with parent or guardian or running an errand for a parent

or guardian, is engaged in interstate travel in a vehicle, is going to or from an organized event, is exercising his or her first amendment rights, is on his or her own or next-door neighbor's sidewalk, is coming to or from a place of employment, is engaged in an emergency, or is married or has been married.

Prince George's County currently has a youth curfew law, but in 1999 the city solicitor determined that it was not enforceable in Greenbelt. As a result, council referred the city curfew plan to PSAC, who later recommended that the city enact a curfew law and drafted a proposed law based primarily on Laurel's youth curfew law. A public hearing was held on February 8, 2000, but there was little response from citizens.

Lt. Thomas Kemp said that the police department does not see an urgent need for the law. "Many juveniles we do come into contact with in the city know there is a P.G. County curfew and they assume we enforce it," he said.

If the law is enacted, children out past curfew would be approached by police, asked if any of the exceptions applied to them and, if not, would be sent or taken home and a letter sent to their parents, PSAC vice chair Kelby Brick said.

Council did not announce any formal decisions regarding the proposed curfew law, but Brick implored, "Whatever is decided please make the decision soon."

### Channel B-10 Schedule

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7:30pm "Beltway Plaza Model Show"

8:00pm "Public Safety"

### City of Greenbelt COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters, etc.

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203.



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### A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Winter is halfway through and that is a relief. It is just weeks until spring arrives. February 2 is more than Groundhog's Day. It is the halfway point between the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and the spring equinox, when the lengths of day and night are equal. So there is now a subtle but significant change in the season despite the fact that it is still the middle of winter.

As the days are noticeably longer, the sun seems brighter than any time since October. So it can actually be pleasant to be out in the garden on a warmish day. So far there is not much action in the garden. Some spring flowering bulbs like daffodils will push up an inch or so of green leaves out of the ground. I think of it as putting their noses up to get a whiff of the weather conditions.

A few flowers bloom in late winter, including Christmas Rose, Lenten Rose, some varieties of snowdrop, and some varieties of witch hazel. The latter is a shrub and the other three are flowers that come back every year.

#### Ice

Ice is a problem this time of year. Remember that salt can damage or kill plants. Lots of salt in a patch of soil will make it so you won't be able to grow

plants in that spot. If you want to deal with ice on paved surfaces near valuable plantings, use materials that don't damage plants or the soil such as sand, ashes, kitty litter, potassium chloride, calcium chloride (use less of this than the potassium), or urea (can use if not real cold).

The last few weeks have been relatively mild during the day, but some nights have been quite cold. When the temperatures drop low at night the soil can freeze. It looks like parts of the soil are raised up to form a weird crust. Do not walk on frozen soil as it can damage the soil as a growing medium. Some days the ground seems very muddy, but firm underneath the mud. The top layer has thawed but under the mud the soil is still frozen.

### Schizophrenia Talk At New Carrollton

A workshop, "Living with Schizophrenia and Other Mental Illnesses" is sponsored by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Maryland on Thursday, February 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Prince George's County Police Community Resource Center in Landover Mall

### Maryland Pageant Seeks Candidates

The Mrs. Maryland International 2001 pageant is seeking candidates from Greenbelt to compete in the Mrs. Maryland International Pageant. The pageant, scheduled for March 31, will be held at the Chesapeake College Performing Arts Center.

The Mrs. Maryland International Pageant celebrates the accomplishments of married women through marriage, career, family, and community service. Applicants must be between ages 23 to 56, married at least a year by August 2001, and a resident of Maryland for six months. The contestants at the state pageant are judged on interview, physical fitness, evening gown, and platform appearance.

For further information call state director, Sherry Benson, at 410-643-8306.

(Promenade 3, next to Hecht's). The speaker is Keith Merkey.

A monthly family support group will meet Tuesday, February 13, 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center Multipurpose Rm., 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy in Lanham. For information call 301-577-6026.



Melwood's award-winning landscaping crew pause at the intricately flower-decked main gate at Greenbelt's Goddard Space Flight Center. The Prince George's Beautification Committee judged 137 properties, and chose the GSFC for the second straight year as landscaping winner among industrial complexes larger than 50 acres. The Melwood team cares for 1,100 acres at the Goddard Center. Supervisor Dan Fritter,

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-Melwood staff photo by Kurt Salziger

### Giant to Offer Tests For Cholesterol

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There is a fee. Tickets are available through mail order, in person weekdays at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, or by phone charge at 301-405-7847.

### Laurel Hospital Holds Bipolar Seminar

Laurel Regional Hospital is hosting its third annual Education for Families with Bipolar Disorder seminar on Tuesday, February 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. The meeting will be held in Conference Room A and is being co-sponsored by National Association of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Prince George's County, and the Mental Health Association for Prince George's County.

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Now kitchens are peach.

Where do you find me?

Unstopping the sinks.

We returned from our Honeymoon

Seventeen years ago today,

But I would really like to say,

Being married to you is,

A honeymoon every three days.

We may live in a hole,

With no decent views,

But the joy our children bring us,

And all the blessings we receive,

Makes living here in Greenbelt,

Well, like a warm gentle breeze.

Will you be my Valentine?

**DEAR HILLARY:**

Don't sit on the couch...it's not ours! Bill

ROGER, DAVE & DOUG, my heroes!  
Happy Valentine's Day! Cupid

**IN MEMORY OF RICHARD ELLIS**,  
my wonderful friend & neighbor. You are loved & greatly missed.

M.R. I thought about you naked today.  
Then I got dressed and thought about you some more. J.R.

**HAPPY BIKER'S Valentine's Day**  
Darlin'

All my love, Nicole

**LOVE AND TUBERS** Boo!  
Your Pal, Elvis Cupid

**DEAR DIMPLES:**

Are you pregnant? Chad

To My Valentine

It's been almost three years now and you're still hanging in there. Keep it up because you're still the love of my life.

Your Lover

**TO: KENNETH**

Valentine's Day 2001

Tis the perfect time to say

My love grows stronger

Every day in every way.

From: Louise

**DEAR DUBYA:**

Take us forward to the 18th century.  
Dad.

**ROSES ARE RED**

Violets are blue

Angles in haven

no I love you

**DEAR SNOOKUMS:**

My heart is yours, but my liver belongs to the distillery. Bill-i-ous.

**DEAR ANGEL**

All is forgiven. You don't have to do windows. Old man.

**DEAR MONICA:**

Oops! Never mind. B.C.

**MARK F.** we love you!

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bunny. You keep on

proofing even though

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## Stakeholder Praises City

by Judith Ransom Bell

The representative of the Golden Triangle office park had nothing but praise for the good working relationship with the employees of the City of Greenbelt at the Monday, February 5 work session. The Greenbelt City Council holds occasional meetings with city stakeholders, such as large property owners, to give them a chance to air issues of interest to them. Golden Triangle is located between Greenbelt Road, Kenilworth Avenue, and the Beltway and also includes such businesses as TGIFriday's and Marriott Courtyard.

Mayor Pro Tem Alan Turnbull opened the February 5 work session welcoming Robert Baker, property manager of Harbert Realty Services, and asking him, as a representative of the Golden Triangle, how the city is treating him. Turnbull also invited him to share any plans or issues pertaining to "the quality of life that the folks you represent are experiencing." Baker described himself as the on-site property manager for Harbert Realty Services, which has owned the property for five years and is now in the process of selling it. He added that "the service that the City of Greenbelt has provided has been outstanding." He praised the on-site inspectors, particularly Willie Davis, whom he described as "good to work with; he definitely keeps us in line as to what needs to be done from a housekeeping point of view."

On-site employees have reported having a "very positive relationship" with the city, he said.

Baker went on to compliment the police department, particularly during the Bell Atlantic strike, which he said the police handled "very professionally as far as interacting with crowds and key people." The support of having the continuous presence of the Police Department there was "very comforting, not only to me and my staff, but to the rest of the tenants."

Baker mentioned that the fire department, responding to nuisance alarms and minor smoke, also participated in a very positive way. And from a security point of view, "Everybody feels safe there." Baker had "no negatives" to report "coming from any part of the city."

In response to a question from Councilmember Edward Putens, Baker noted that Atlantic Realty Services, which is located in Tysons Corner, has a contract to buy the two buildings, Golden Triangle I and II. According to Baker, Atlantic was formed in 1992 and the three owners have numerous buildings and are in "a growth mode." He noted that there is need for more commercial space. Putens responded, "We're concerned about more development. Our goal is quality, not quantity."

When asked what more could be done, Baker replied that, from a corporate point of view, there is a need for fine restaurant dining in the area.

## SHL

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dum she sent to Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development.

Glass also said that increased rental requirements have been implemented to "improve the quality of residents," based on prospective tenants' rental, employment and credit histories. In the first quarter of last year, over 600 families were evicted for failure to pay rent and for other problems. As a result, the complex was only 84 percent occupied in April. The average recent occupancy level has been about 97 percent but he said, "They would rather have the units empty than have problems with residents."

## Improvement Team

The Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) is playing a large role in improving SHL property and creating social programs. The last major program, sponsored by NIT and AIMCO, was a community festival held in the fall for SHL residents and the greater community. Landen, who is team leader of NIT, said that many more social programs are to come. NIT is working on a plan for Earth Day, which will include a stream clean-up that will kick off in SHL and continue beyond.

With the help of AIMCO, NIT is currently adding more lighting around the intersection of Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive. They are also working on a project called "Operation Common Ground." Its purpose is to

remove bushes that separate the SHL Recreation Center and the 6000 block of Springhill Drive and replace them with a light cover of trees.

Landen said that AIMCO, NIT and the city have been highly active in improving SHL and other areas in Greenbelt but that community involvement from residents will be the key to really improving Springhill Lake, whether through NIT activities or by simply going out and meeting one's neighbors.

"Springhill Lake has gotten a bad rap over the past few years," Landen said. "But it's a great place to live and it's got a lot going for it."

Anyone interested in joining the Neighborhood Improvement Team can contact Renee Landen at 301-345-5471.



Flanking Governor Parris N. Glendening at the bill signing for a \$25,000 matching state grant for planning and design monies to expand the Springhill Lake Recreation Center are Senate President Mike Miller on left and House Speaker Casper Taylor, right. The

pleased group in the top row, from left to right, are Delegate Mary Conroy, Senator Leo Green, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Delegates Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard and Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

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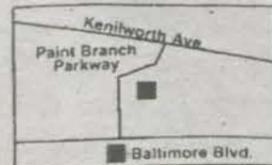
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