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# An Overview of First Budget Submitted by City Manager Hobbs

by Diane Oberg

The first budget submitted to the Greenbelt City Council by City Manager Daniel G. Hobbs proposes spending \$10.7 million in fiscal year 1993 (FY93), which begins July 1. This represents a 3.3 percent increase over the budget council adopted for the current fiscal year, and is 4.4% more than estimated FY92 expenditures. The focus of the budget is on maintaining existing services, rather than on introducing new programs or facilities.

Revenues

City revenues are projected to increase 4.5%, in part due to new property assessments. This compares with an estimated 7.3% increase in the current fiscal year and an 8.0 percent increase in FY91. Hobbs is not proposing to increase the city property tax rate. However, Deputy City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin reports that the "constant yield tax rate" for FY93 is \$1.26/\$100. This means that, excluding revenue from new development, if the city levied a \$1.26 taxrate for next year instead of the current \$1.33 rate, the yield from property tax revenues would be the same.

Income tax revenues, on the other hand, are projected to be relatively flat, increasing just one percent last fiscal year and with no projected increase for FY93. This estimate is one of the most uncertain in the bud-Accounting rules require that income tax revenues that the city will not receive until this summer be included in the current budget. So the city must plan its budget without even knowing how much it will receive this year, then estimate next year's receipts. State aid is expected to be

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PUBLIC SAFETY	3,650	3.5	1.3
PUBLIC WORKS	1.633	-1.2	5.2
SOCIAL SERVICES	.230	-2.0	13.5
RECREATION/PARKS	1.995	6.4	6.8
DEBT SERVICE	1.122	5.5	7.4
MISCELLANEOUS	.074	1.4	8.8
RESERVES	.700	10.5	12.3
TOTAL	10.658	3.3	4.4

significantly reduced. Green CARES, which in FY91 rece over \$100,000 in state and co ty assistance, will receive outside assistance in the con year. State aid to the police partment is also projected to at the reduced FY92 level, de 17% from the FY91 level.

At press time, the effect of the current stalemate in An-napolis is unknown. The budget projects \$468,800 in state and county revenues, largely for police protection and the landfill disposal rebate.

The revenue estimates do not include any revenue that may be realized from the user fee changes approved by council at the March 30 regular meeting. Estimates prepared by the city staff showed that the changes in parking fines could bring in roughly \$138,000. However, the higher fines and the use of a tire boot could cause parking offenders to mend their ways, reducing or eliminating the revenue gains.

If council carries through with its decision to raise the fees for refuse collection, to be considered during the budget process, an additional \$27,000 would be generated, if no customers changed to private refuse collection companies in response.

Expenditures As shown in the chart on this

ived oun-	page, the largest percent in crease in expenditures over the original FY92 budget are for re-
no ning de- o be lown	serves, recreation/parks, deb services, public safety and mis cellaneous. Budget categories facing reductions are social ser- vices, public works and general government.

The city's FY92 budget problems forced cost-cutting measures pushing many budget categories, most notably social services, public works and miscellaneous, below their authorized levels. Only the police depart-ment increased expenditures over the originally budgeted amount. The chart compares the proposed FY93 amounts with both the original budget and estimated expenditures for FY92.

The indoor pool opened during FY92. Total pool operating costs (indoor and outdoor) have been 5% higher than expected while the staff expects the revenues to equal the budget projections. The pool staff is working to reduce utility costs, which along with insurance costs, account for much of the overrun. Electricity costs are double the estimates, gas 40% over and insur-

See BUDGET, page 8, col. 1

#### John Van Schoonhoven To Leave Center School

Dr. John Van Schoonhoven, principal of Greenbelt Center Elementary School has resigned as of April 24. Van Schoonhoven, who has been at Center School since 1975, plans to return to his native Oregon where he will be an Associate with the Na-tional Center for Effective

In his letter to parents Van Schoonhoven stressed that he enjoyed working with them to help develop sound academic and cial foundations for their children's transition into adolescence and adulthood. He also praised the "outstanding" educational staff at Center.

Carolyn Goff will serve as principal for the remainder of the academic year. Presently Goff is an Elementary Instructional Assistant at Center and director of the After School Program.

A community event to honor Van Schoonhoven has been planned for May 16.



Greenbelter Bea Rodgers receives the 1992 Gladys Noon Spellman Award from County Executive Parris Glendening. -photo courtesy Prince Georges County Government

### Greenbelter Bea Rodgers Receives Spellman Award

A Greenbelter, Beatrice ("Bea") M. Rodgers of Windsor Green, was named as this year's recipient of Prince Georges County's Gladys Noon Spellman award. This annual award, presented at the Woman's History Month Luncheon, honors excellence in public service by a woman in Prince Georges County government. Since 1985 Rodgers has been Executive Director of the Commission for Persons with Disabili-

According to County Executive Parris Glendening, the award each year honors one woman whose career path and dedication to public service exemplifies that of Gladys Noon Spellman. Mrs. Spellman represented this district in the U.S. House of Representatives for many years before her illness in 1980.

Glendening commended Rodgers for her development of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. "From a primary function of advocacy and com-pliance," he said, it became "the lead agency for grant applications for programs for special populations in our county."

Rodgers started with the county as supervisor of the Single Parents Service in the county's Department of Social Services in 1968. Later she held positions as assistant professor and field work coordinator of Bowie State University's social work department and part-time therapist at the Glass Mental Health Clinic in Glen Burnie. In 1979, she joined Prince Georges County's Mental Health Association as its executive director.

Rodgers is credited with helping to develop such innovative programs as the Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program, Community Integration grams, Supportive Employment Programs, residential support services for returning mentally ill patients, the Core Service Agency for Mental Health, and the county's Commission for Families.

"Bea is a strong advocate for

the civil rights of persons with disabilities," Glendening said. "She worked directly with Congressional leaders to provide ex-pertise and local and state support for the Congressional initiative resulting in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)."

In addition to her professional activities, Rodgers has served the community through her volunteer leadership. She is president of the Mental Health Association of Maryland and past president of the Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County. She was founder of both the Prince Georges County Hotline and the Hotline for the Deaf. She was an appointed member of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee, the Citizens Advisory Board of Spring Grove Hospital Center, and holds appointments to the Citizens Advisory Board of Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA-Cheltenham), the Elder Abuse Project Evaluation Group, and the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

Earlier she served as president of the Business and Professional Women (BPW) College Park, as well as on the legislative committee and the board of directors of the Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women. She chairs the Governing Board of the Commission for Families and is co-chair of the Bonnie F. Johns Children's Memorial Foundation Festival of Trees Fund Raiser for Homeless See RODGERS, page 8 col. 4

#### City Expenditures FY 89 - FY93 In Millions of Dollars FY90 FY91 FY92 **FY93** ADOPTED PROPOSED 4.57 4.0-3.5-2.5-2.0-1.5-1.0-0.5 PUBLIC GENERAL PUBLIC DEBT GOVT WORKS

#### Budget Concerns Council Chair

I ask your assistance in helping the County Council understand your opinion on the difficult budget decisions before us. Please plan on attending the council's public hearing on April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. Share your opinions on how we can raise revenues or help us identify ways to reduce government spending. i.e., eliminating or reducing specific services and programs.

If your attendance is impossible, a phone call (952-3094) or letter would be very helpful.

Every day, citizens of Greenbelt call me to express anger, frustration and fear about the impact of our spiraling economy. These are hard times—and few among us are left unscathed by a hemographic economy.

a hemorrhaging economy. Like many of you, Prince Georges County has been dramatically and directly affected by the sudden loss of previously committed funds. In order to make the draconian cuts passed on to us from the state (\$74.7 million and counting) we have deferred salary and benefit in-creases for our employees and reduced our non-education work force by 22%. In addition, our employees (excluding those who belong to collective bargaining units, but including elected officials) have suffered a 7.6% loss of pay over a six month period due to furloughs. Further. last fall we imposed additional property and energy taxes on our citizens, and we cut service levels (such as reduced hours at the Greenbelt Library). Finally, we borrowed \$60 million last year and will borrow \$57 million this year just to keep the government afloat.

Each March the county executive presents his proposed budget. The county council is prohibited by law from increasing revenues above the level recommended by the executive.

Council has never decreased

Council has never decreased the executive's funding recommendation for education. In fact, in seven of the past 10 years, the council's approved budget has included more funds for education than proposed by the executive.

This week, the county executive presented a \$1.02 billion FY93 budget which recommends full funding (\$598.8 million) for the Board of Education. County council members, along with parents, students and teachers were delighted. Clearly, we all consider the financial health and well-being of the school system a matter of utmost importance

to our children and the county.

My personal delight turned to horror when I realized the executive's budget is based on two very uncertain suppositions. First, it assumes revenues from a 20% increase in the "piggyback" income tax retroactive to January 1, 1992. As of this writing, the General Assembly has not authorized this increase, and the county council has not enacted it. It is frightening to think of a budget which includes a tax which has been neither authorized nor enacted.

Second, the proposed budget assumes significant additional

#### Letters to the Editor

state aid at a time when the fiscal plight of the state is the worst in recent memory. Currently, the budget situation in Annapolis can best be described as chaotic. I do not understand how we can base our budgetary assumptions on increased state aid.

So let's have a little reality check here! If the county executive's budget is to be funded, the county council has only one choice—raise taxes, dedicating the revenues to education. Our only other alternative is to review all county budgets, and make the cuts necessary for a balanced budget — keeping education as our top priority. There is no doubt that making the sacrifices necessary to live within our means will result in the reduction of a myriad of social, recreational, educational and public safety programs.

The financial health and well-being of the county are matters of utmost importance to every resident of Prince Georges County. There can be no higher pledge by elected officials than their oath to prudently and judiciously appropriate and spend the tax dollars entrusted to them. The citizens of this county expect and deserve a balanced budget.

Richard J. Castaldi Chairman.

Chairman,
Prince Georges County Council
Not Allowed

To Speak

I've lived in Greenbelt for 33 years. Nearly half of that time I have resided in Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI). I've always thought of GHI as a healthy, affordable place to live, where all members are equal, and each member has the right to speak out about the issues that affect our community. Unfortunately, something happened April 2 that makes me wonder if that is really true.

I attended a special meeting of the Board of Directors, the GHI Woodlands Committee and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Division. It was advertised in the News Review and appeared to be a public meeting open to members.

It was disheartening to hear a Board member say that the only thing wrong with the plan to cut down 30% of the trees and to clear-cut half acre parcels of GHI's 82.5 acres of woodlands, was that the wording "clear-cut" was offensive to members. Later when I raised my hand to respond to what were clearly inaccurate statements made by the same Board member and the DNR Forester, I was shocked to find out that I was not allowed to speak. Apparently, a majority of the Board at its last meeting voted to deny the members' rights to speak.

Is our Board and management running a cooperative housing corporation or a dictatorship? If you cut down our trees and take away our right to speak out, then there will be nothing left of the vision upon which our community was founded.

Rodney M. Roberts

Make Decisions In the Open

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board should apologize to GHI member Rodney Roberts for excluding him from speaking at a recent special board meeting. That meeting had been advertised as a regular board meeting.

The board voted in a previous meeting (March 26) not to allow any GHI members in the audience to speak at this public meeting. The meeting had been called to smooth relations between the GHI Woodlands Committee and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The president of the board and I voted against the restriction.

Mr. Roberts, who is also a member of the Greenbelt City Council, thinks he is being targeted by the board. He may very well be right. He has been targeted in the past. He was the only applicant kept off the Woodlands Committee; and he was recently rebuked by the board for gathering woodlands tax policy information on his own and presenting it to the board.

One thing I am sure of: In voting against allowing members to speak, the board was attempting to silence those it felt would antagonize DNR. I suggest this is part of a larger pattern, with ominous implications.

I've watched an activist member excluded by the president from the Finance Committee because he wasn't a "team player." He's doing fine on another committee now.

I've seen another member targeted because he is both a real-tor and an activist. At a recent board meeting, I helped override an attempt to deny him two minutes of speaking time on behalf of a former member who was not present because the meeting had been (mistakenly) advertised as open only to members. Ultimately, he was allowed to speak and we gained valuable information from him.

Mr. Roberts should have been permitted to speak.

Don Comis

# Best Suggestion For Northway?

The "Letters to the Editor" regarding the speeding problem on Northway, compels me to challenge some allegations, and express my own thoughts.

One letter writer stated that Northway residents park their cars on the no parking side of the street. This statement i.mplies that (1) Northway residents disobey the law and (2) Greenbelt police officers don't enforce the law. She is wrong on both counts. Having lived on this street since 1963. I have never observed illegal parking by our residents, Police do enforce the law, my own experience will demonstate. Some time ago an appliance repairman was at my home. Unknown to me, he parked on the wrong side of the street. Within 10 minutes a police officer was on the scene issuing a warning ticket.

Another writer implied that drivers are running stop signs with impunity in various locations of the city and were doing so because the police forces were engaged on Northway. Twenty years ago both my sons had paper routes and they complained on an almost daily basis that drivers were running stop signs at every intersection on their route. Police cannot be everywhere—the issue here is driver integrity.

In reply to another letter pedestrian safety on Northway is and should be our main concern. Dogs and cats have been killed on this street. Must we wait until a child or senior citizen becomes a victim of speeding?

Addressing the inner-walkway improvement completion debate: I would not allow my children to walk there—it's too isolated. Sidewalks: I am not opposed to sidewalks on whatever side of the street, but we must acknowledge that Woodland Hills residents are split 50/50 on that issue. Additionally, the topography is not well suited to sidewalks.

Perhaps the best suggestion came from a letter writer proposing making Northway a one-way street—one-way uphill. It's worth a try. The financial expenditure to the city would be minimal—especially important at this time of nationwide fiscal distress.

Elizabeth Maffay

# Reader Reports Shooting Incident

I would like to report an incident that happened to me recently in broad daylight in our city. It was reported to the Greenbelt Police, but has not been mentioned in the Police Blotter.

The reason that I am reporting this incident in the form of a Letter to the Editor is that it is very serious and I believe all Greenbelt residents should be aware of it.

On Saturday, March 21 at approximately 11:30 a.m. I was leaving the parking lot of 7525 Hanover Parkway. When I was waiting to turn onto Hanover Parkway, I noticed two youths (approximately 14-15 years of age) standing on the sidewalk a short distance from my vehicle. As I was turning I heard a "pop" and heard glass shatter. When I looked back I noticed a very large hole in the rear driver's side window of my Ford Bronco. I pursued the youths, who were running from the scene, but could not catch them.

The hole was the size of half of my window (Ford Bronco rear

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side windows are very large.) I had weapons experts examine a photograph of the hole, and it is their opinion that I was shot at, and the weapon that was probably used was a .22 caliber pistol.

I wouldn't normally feel the need to write a Letter to the Editor but feel that the seriousness of this matter warrants it. I was never expecting an incident like this to happen to me. If the bullet had hit further up towards the front of my vehicle, I probably would not be writing this letter.

I love living in Greenbelt and still consider it a safe place to live. But random situations like this can happen to anyone, any time, any place. I write this letter only to inform all Greenbelt residents of this incident, so perhaps they will strive to be more aware of their surroundings, any time of the day.

Name Withheld

Apt Quote

Just a comment to note that I thought that the suggested quote offered by Hank Irving, director of the City's Recreation Department, for the dedication plaque for the new City park at Schrom Hills, a park planned and designed with citizen input as a multi-use park, was excellent. The quote was quite appropriate in that it focused on the right of all citizens to experience the joy of leisure pursuits whether in play, song, sport or in appreciation of our natural environment, a park for mildren and youth to experience as well as for men and women.

Jeff Keir

Editor's Note: The quote of former President Harry S. Truman is: "The right of children to play, to sing and to dance; the right of youth to sport for sport's sake; the right of men and women to use leisure in the pursuit of happiness in their own way, are basic to our American heritage."

#### **Heart Attack Lecture**

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park is sponsoring a free physician lecture called How to Prevent a Heart Attack, Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m. Dr. Martin Brown, chairman of the Emergency Department, will discuss the early symptoms of a heart attack. Call (301) 445-0755 to register.

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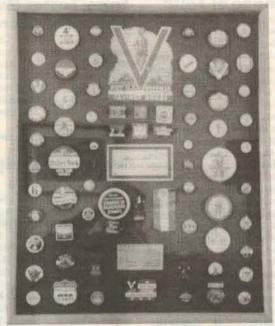
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# Reminder

Three budget work sessions have been scheduled by the City Council during the month of April. They are:

Monday, April 13 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14 8:00 p.m.

Wed., April 22 8:00 p.m.

Budget Work Session (Recreation) Council Room

Budget Work Session (Public Works) Council Room

Budget Work Session with Recreational Organizations -Conference Room

> Dorothy Lauber, CMC City Clerk

# Youth

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April 17, 8-11 p.m.

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#### Reminder

The deadline for submitting entries for the Name the Park Contest is Friday, April 16. The 42-acre park in Greenbelt East is currently referred to as Schrom Hills Park. The contest is open to Greenbelt residents.

Mail entries to the Green-belt Recreation Department, Name the Park Contest, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

Golden Age Club

On Thursday, April 23 there will be a guided walking tour of historic Ellicott City. Lunch is not provided. The bus will leave the Municipal Building at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. There is a fee. For details please call Jim Maher on 345-7324.

#### **Homemakers to Meet**

The Greenbelt Extension Homemakers will meet at the home of Marie Riggs on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Sylvia Kyle will speak on "Feeling Good About Me" and Lori Moran will present the topic "Being Positive in a Negative World." For infor-mation call Nancy Falk at 345-

#### **Tour the Green Belt**

Tours of the "Green Belt" Woods, sponsored by the Committee to Save the Green Belt. will be held each Saturday at noon. Meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway Re-freshments provided. For infor-mation, call 474-4863.

#### JOIN US FOR **EASTER SERVICES**

George's Episcopal Chapel Lanham-Severn Rd. at Old Glenn Dale Rd

> Holy Eucharist at 8 AM and 10 AM

All Ages Sunday School at 9 AM.

Nursery Open at 9 AM Rev. Michael W. Hopkins 262-3285

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **Deafbelt Club Meets**

The Deafbelt Club, sponsored by the Recreation Department, will meet on Tuesday, April 14. at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. This will be a business and planning meeting. After the business has been completed, a video of the club's potluck will be shown. Everyone is welcome. Those planning to attend should call Karen Haseley at 474-6878 (v) or 474-1811 (TTY).

#### **Orienteering Class** For Beginners

Learn the basics of using a map and compass. An orienteering course through the woods is also included. Maps and com-passes will be provided. Call 344-3948 to register. The free class will meet at the entrance to the Greenbelt Park campground at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 12.

For more information call 344-3948 or 344-3944.

#### Learn the History Of Greenbelt Park

From wilderness, to farmland, to a National Park. Learn the History of Greenbelt Park through maps, pictures, and slides. Meet at the Park Headquarters building off of Greenbelt Road at 1 p.m. on Satur-day, April 11. For more information call 344-3948 or 344-

#### Coach to Speak

The new University of Maryland football coach, Mark Duffner, is scheduled to address the Greenbelt Lions at their next regular meeting set for Monday, April 13 at the Fireside Beefhouse, 6011 Greenbelt Road. Duffner's subject will be "The Future of Maryland Football."

The public is invited at 7:30 p.m. For further details call 474-5156.

#### **Tree Planting Date**

The Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association will plant seedling trees donated by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on Saturday, April 18. This Spring Planting Festival will start at 10 a.m. at 7017 Mathew Street with in-structions on how to plant and care for the seedlings, planting assignments and tree distribution, Refreshments will be available.

The trees will be planted in the Greenbrook Estates common areas. Volunteer tree planters would be very much appreciated. For more information call 474-4722 after 6 p.m.

#### Spotlight on Arts

Beltway Plaza Display

Greenbelters who missed the Arts Center's last production, "The Creation of the World and Other Business," will get another chance to see highlights of this production at Beltway Plaza on Saturday April 11. The cast of the play will perform as part of the Greenbelt Arts Center exhibit and display at the shopping center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This effort is part of a membership drive and campaign to alert the community to the programs and activities of the Arts Center. Members of the Arts Center will be on hand to discuss programs, provide information on upcoming events, and describe the many opportunities to work on the stage or behind the scenes in putting together the drama and music series.

#### Recreation Review

City Athletic Field Use First priority for practice and

games on city fields will be permitted to youth and city leagues. All other use is on a first come, first served basis.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

On Monday, April 20, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Buddy Attick Park at 10 a.m. sharp for children preschool to grade 6.

Entertainment by the Beale Street Puppets will follow at approximately 10:45 a.m.

In the event of rain, activities will be held at the Youth Center gym at 10:30 a.m.

Flea Market Tables Space Available

Space reservations are still being accepted for the public flea market scheduled on Sat-urday, May 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Individuals and groups are invited to participate, but must reserve their 10-foot space with a fee. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 29. Call 474-6878 for more information.

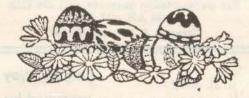
Children's Theatre at the Lake The Kinderman will combine Kindercize and creative movements to reinforce positive concepts in a fun and exciting way. He stimulates the minds of children and motivates them to love learning. This activity will be held on Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m., at the Buddy Attick Park Bandstand. The performance, open to the public free of charge, is geared for children 3-9 years old.

City Tennis Court Use Spring is here! Tennis players are reminded to check the

posted rules for the city's tennis courts located at Braden Field and Lakecrest Drive. Greenbelt residents have priority for use of the courts.

#### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS CHANNEL B-10 PRESENTS: TUESDAY, APRIL 14 & THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:00pm The 1991 Easter Egg Hunt at **Buddy Attick Park** 6:15pm Children's Drama Class Spring Performance 7:00pm Presentation of the FY 1993-93 Proposed Budget to Council



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#### Walter G. Starnes

Walter G. Starnes, 71, died March 25 of a heart attack. A resident of Greenbelt since 1953. Mr. Starnes grew up and went to school in Macon, Georgia. He and his wife met in Florida and both went into service. After leaving service, they married and later moved to Greenbelt.

Mr. Starnes was for many years a chef at many of Washington's finer restaurants, the Statler Hotel, Duke Zeibert's, and Paul Young's. An accident on the job which left him disabled, forced his early retirement in 1976.

While serving in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during World War II, he worked in radio communications but put this knowledge on hold while raising his family. In 1958 he again became active in communications. He was a member of REACT radio club and Beltway control clubs which monitored the Beltway 24 hours a day reporting requests for assistance in accidents, stalled

Later he joined the Crime Watch program and operated a base station out of his home, relaying calls to the police and fire departments. He was a member of the City's Crime Watch Committee and had completed neighborhood crime watch training offered by Greenbelt police.

Mr. Starnes was a charter member of the Greenbelt Baptist

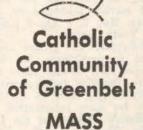
He is survived by his wife, Helen P. Starnes, daughter Shelia B. Nester, granddaughter, Dawn Hughes and grandsons Dwayne Nester, Greenbelt, Raymond. and Edis Starnes, Jr. of Tenn., and greatgrandchildren Heather and Corrine Hughes.

Memorial services were held at the Greenbelt Baptist Church on March 27. The family suggests that contributions be made to the American Heart Associa-

#### PAINT BRANCH UNITARIAN CHURCH

3215 Powder Mill Road (near Cherry Hill Road) Sun., April 12, 10:30 a.m. "The Masque of Reason"

Church School 10:30 a.m. Dr. Virginia Knowles 937-3666



Municipal Building, Sundays, 10:00 A.M.

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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#### In Memoriam

Walter G. Starnes had a long history of association with communications. Walter, a WWII veteran, acquired his initial interest in radio while stationed in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He operated high power communications links between various Pacific islands and the West Coast of the United States.

In the 1950's, Walter became interested in Citizen's Band radio and became one of the early REACT (Emergency Monitor) operators. Walter received numerous citations and awards for his many hours of work supporting the REACT goals.

As Walter gained knowledge in the world of radio communications, he progressed into amateur radio operations. Over the years, he was upgraded to a general class amateur license and has talked to other amateurs in most of the countries in the world. In addition, Walter ventured in to the latest facets of amateur radio including amateur television, satellite communications and one he enjoyed in particular, listening to and on occasion, talking to other amateurs on the space shuttle and the Russian "MIR" space station.

Walter often spoke of the many hundreds of friends he through amateur radio communications. Although Walter never met most of these individuals face to face, he considered many very close and dear friends and exchanged cards and letters with them. Walter was a member of many local. national and international radio clubs and associations. Walter's golden voice and his Radio Call, N3GOE, will be deeply missed on the airways.

Jim Bull N3IDU

#### Black-Gilliam

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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Black of Greenbelt announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal D. Black to Mr. Kalinskie E. Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Gilliam of Lanham. A December wedding is

Miss Black is a psychology major at Bowie State University anticipating graduation in May 1993. Her future goal is to receive a Ph.D. in psychology, and to work with physically chal-lenged children. Mr. Gilliam is an accounting and finance major at Bowie State University anticipating graduation in May 1993. He will then join the workforce of the Department of Defense as an operating account-

#### **Mowatt Presents An Easter Play**

An original play "I've Just Seen Jesus" will be featured on Sunday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road.

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Religious groups which have participated in the past are Berwyn Presbyterian Church, Catholic Community of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Baha'i Community. Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Church, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Mishkan Torah Synagogue. Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and St. Hugh's Catholic

All are invited whether or

#### **Enjoy Easter Music** At Baptist Church

Greenbelt Baptist Church will present a program of Easter music on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. It is "Jesus Shall Reign" by Claire Cloniger and Gary Rhodes. Janice Kilgore, music director at the church, will direct the choir.

The public is invited to at-

#### Women of Bible Final Program

The last of the Wednesday Lenten services will be presented on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mowatt United Methodist Church, Juanila Wilmer will speak on "Women at the Tomb." Juanita studied at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She and her husband, Jim, have been active in Mowatt for many years. This will conclude the series on "Women of the Bible" whose messages have all been presented by lay women from this local church, Preceding the service there will be a free snack meal and fellowship beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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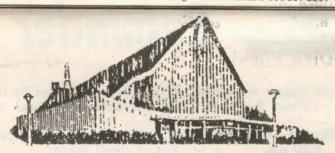
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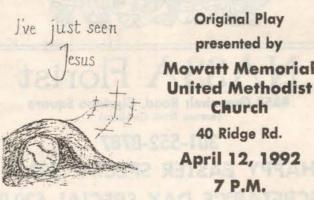
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# GHI Board Tackles Resales Services, Subleasing; Rejects Woodlands Com.

by Barbara Likowski The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors at its March 12 meeting adopted revised subleasing criteria and voted down a motion to establish a standing woodlands committee. They also heard a member's concerns about the different

ways houses for sale were listed with GHI.

At its previous meeting, the board reviewed subleasing criteria and asked staff for revisions. The revised proposal, presented on March 12, contains five criteria. The board had little trouble with the first four that define reasons why members might sublease for a short period of time (two to three years) then return to GHI. These include a member's temporary job relocation, a short-term requirement to live on-site at work, a job that requires further education out of the area, and hardship cases such as illness.

Board Concern It was criterion five that caused the board concern. This would give permission to a mem-

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ber who had been actively crying to sell his or her home for at least six months to sublease the unit for a year. The subtonants must be interested in purchasing the unit at the end of that period and show the financial means to do so.

Director Ray McCawley did not see how some of the provisions of this criterion could be worked out to protect sellers, buyers, and present members. He was afraid there would be too many non-owner-occupied units. "The only people who want rentals are people who want to rent . . . the people here do not want this to be a rental community," said Direc-tor Betty Deitch. Deitch did not want to make it too easy for people to sublease because she felt that the majority of the members didn't want that and the bylaws stated that this is an owner-occupied community.

Director Margaret Hogensen said the only reason she would be for subleasing under this condition was that there are so many houses on the market and she felt it would "impact on all of us" if members couldn't pay

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their charges. Director Al Freas concurred. He remarked that he would be shocked if anyone on the board would change GHI to rental housing but felt that members were owed a little consideration if they could not sell their houses.

The board accepted the five criteria by motion. McCawley then moved, and the board passed, that criterion five be reviewed by the board next March.

The board then considered a request from a member to sublease under category five. Because his family had become too large for his two bedroom unit. he had had to move. He actively tried to sell his house, held open house and listings but so far had no interested buyer. Colton assured the board that the member had indeed been actively trying to sell his house. The supply exceeds the demand for middle two bedroom frame homes, Colton explained. Permission was then granted by the board.

Board Discussion

After reviewing the report of the Ad Hoc Woodlands Committee at its last meeting, the board had voted to table to this meeting a motion to establish a standing woodlands committee to advise the board on wood-lands related issues. The board had also directed the manager to meet with representatives of the Forestry Division of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to review the committee's report which differs from the DNR plan.

The committee believes the plan can be rewritten to include old forest growth, an important goal of the committee. Old for-est growth takes four hundred years, Colton explained. What is there now is early successional forest (reverted agricultural

Committee member Bill Phelan said he would rather GHI spent money on other things such as erosion, trails, and protection

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Audit Committee member Ed James questioned the wisdom of girding trees to provide habitat for wildlife as recommended in the committee report. He felt the practice might create a fire hazard, also limbs might drop off and hit people. Member Doug Love reported counting 70 or 80 trees in the area that could act as habitat to wildlife. Only 30 such "den trees" are necessary, he explained. He did not think girding was necessary. Member Rodney Roberts urged the board to do what the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) does and leave the forest completely undisturbed. Committee member Keith Jahoda said safety issues were important; trees too near houses, for example, might need to be cut-

President Wayne Williams asked if the easement issue could be separated from forest management, Freas told him that an easement prevents development and explained that the committee hoped to meet with the forest management people before the annual meeting since he expects that the subject will be brought up then.

A motion was passed to schedule a joint meeting with DNR no later than April 10. McCawley asked that the people who make the decisions be there so as to speed things up. A survey of the woodlands will also be necessary, Freas said and GHI will have to pay for it.

Woodlands Committee

Director Margaret Hogensen was against naming a standing woodlands committee now, she wanted to first hear from the membership at the annual meeting. McCawley agreed but felt that the ad hoc committee should remain intact until that time. Williams agreed with both and added that when a committee becomes a standing committee enthusiasm often lags. Some people are goal oriented, he explained, others like to work on a plan. Freas objected to not naming the committee now saying there was a need for the woodlands to be managed. The committee should be appointed and be in place to take over after the annual meeting. The motion to name a standing committee failed.

Other Concerns

Williams announced a short period to discuss concerns. Hogensen wanted to get some ideas of costs. Director John Taylor felt there was a need to let members know what and where the woodland acreage is. He suggested 'using slides at the annual meeting.

Williams cited a need to send a summary of what has been done with the information about the annual meeting. He observed that the membership needed to know that they might be deal-

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ing with an unknown party, not of their choosing. MET rather than GHI would choose the group to manage the woodlands.

Deitch asked what it meant in the report that zoning could change suddenly (a reason given for making an easement necessary). Various examples of zoning changes in the metropolitan area were given. McCawley pointed out that those cases happened on land the people didn't own, "we own the land and would be notified," he said.

Member Services

Leonard Wallace expressed concern that GHI was discriminating against members who chose to sell their units through realtors. He mentioned the upcoming meeting of members who had tried to sell their own homes in the last six months. Lists of owner-seller houses would be passed out, he said. He did not understand why anyone who wished to sell his unit whether through his own efforts or by using a realtor could not have his unit placed on that list. "People who are paying the same fees are not getting the same services," he pointed out. Colton said that Wallace was

talking about his business (Wallace is a realtor). People who are using a realtor are getting a service from that realtor, Colton added. Not all members need

the same services.

Another concern of Wallace was the fact that the intent to sell form given to a member seller stated that GHI charged a \$730 administrative fee to handle the transaction. Even though all sellers must pay this fee it was not listed on the intent to sell form given to sellers using realtors. After discussion Colton agreed that the fee could be listed on both forms.

Jahoda suggested handing out copies of the News Review at the upcoming owner/seller meeting so that people could get an idea of what else was for sale in GHI. Director John Mongelli liked the idea of distributing the News Review at the meeting so that attendees could have a view of the community. He also thought the upcoming meeting was a good idea. All are owners; the service should he offered to members to help them save money. Everybody doesn't need the help, he said. "We don't treat everybody the same, we treat everybody fair," he added.

Taylor asked why every por-son who had notified GHI of an intent to sell couldn't be put on the same list.

Colton explained that often GHI did not receive an intent to sell form until the whole transaction was completed and a loan commitment made. GHI is then caught in the middle and cannot finish the paperwork immediately. Ask him to put his request in writing, he said.

Wallace replied that he had not put his request in writing as he had previously agreed to do be-cause, since he knew the meeting was coming up, he wanted to make his presentation in front of the membership. Furthermore he wanted the list of houses for sale to include all houses in-cluding those listed with realtors, with "realtor" noted but not the realtor's name. All members should have equal access," he said. He inferred that because of his occupation he was being discriminated against as a mem-

Colton explained that even realtors could not run off a list of what was for sale by real-

The board took no action but again asked Wallace to put his concerns in writing.



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(Continued from page one) ance 150 percent over the FY92 budget estimates.

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Once again the Public Works Department was praised for doing more with less. Hobbs' budget calls for expenditures less than the original FY92 budget (but above estimated FY92 expenditures) and fewer staff positions. Meanwhile, the department faces greater responsibilities including a larger police vehicle fleet, maintaining the indoor pool, additional street maintenance in Greenbelt East and along Cherrywood Lane and maintenance of improvements to the newly opened Schrom Hills Park.

#### Unmet Needs

While reporting to council that the budget maintains city services. Hobbs also noted several "critical needs" not addressed in the budget. These include: project coordinator for the community center (\$32,500), additional communications specialist (\$27,-500) and an office automation administrator (\$32,500) for the police department, street sweeping machine (\$20.000-\$75,000). additional CARES staff (\$55.-900), office assistant for recreation department (\$8,600), mailing expenses for recreational brochures (\$4,000) and a staff person for Schrom Hills Park (\$4,400).

#### Staffing

Few changes are proposed in current city staffing levels. Hobb's budget seeks authorization staffing equivalent to 167.6 full-time employees, down from the 172.5 FY92 authorization. No layoffs are proposed, the reduction involves the elimination of vacant positions.

Hobbs does propose to fill the fulltime CARES counselor position, which has been vacant since November. Two police dispatcher positions will be eliminated with police cadets and other staff filling in as needed. The number of sworn officer positions will remain at 43.

Public Works staffing will decrease to 48.3 FTE, down from its FY92 authorized level of 52. Recreation department staffing will increase by 1.8 FTE involving additional part-time pool staff and part-time instructors for the self-supporting programs-

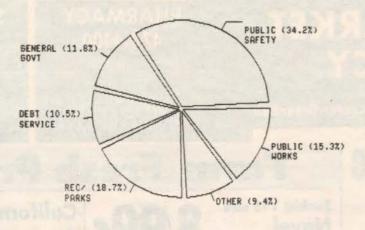
#### Pay and Benefits

During the last budget review. council increased the pension benefits available to police and long-time employees. This created dissension from newer employees who saw the changes as unfair to them. Hobbs proposes to increase pension contributions for the newer em over the next four years to address this concern.

Another proposal would allow city employees to sell up to five days of vacation time back to the city. This would increase the number of productive staff days.

Hobbs proposes a 2.75% cost of living adjustment to employee salaries. This increase would occur in January, not July, and could be canceled if the city's revenues fall below projections.

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Rodgers came to this area in 1965 from Minnesota. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota and holds a graduate degree Social Work from Catholic University. A member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, she lived in the Greenbriar development before moving to Windsor Green.

The Women's History Month Luncheon is hosted by the Office of the County Executive and the Prince Georges County Commission for Women. It was held at

#### Free Concert Set

On Friday evening, April 10 at 8 p.m. the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of William Hudson, will present a concert in Tawes Recital Hall on the College Park Campus. Works to be performed include Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 1, Weber's Bassoon Concerto with Barry Trent, soloist, Glinka's Russian and Ludmilla Overture, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. The concert is free and open to the public. For any additional information please call: (301) 405-5548.

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While patrolling the area of Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive around 12:15 a.m. on April 1, an officer stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and found a loaded Walther PPK 9mm semi-automatic handgun under the driver's floor mat. Investigation revealed that both the gun and the vehicle had been stolen. The driver, a 23year-old nonresident man, was arrested and charged with two counts of theft over \$300 and with transportation of a handgun. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$500 bond pending trial.

Around 5:15 a.m. on March 28 police responded to a report of strong-arm robbery at the Shell Foodmart (8000 block of Breezewood Drive); money had been stolen from the cash register. No mention was made of weapons. The thief was described as a black man in his 30s, 5'10". 210 lbs., wearing a red hat, green jacket, and gray pants; he was last seen running down Breezewood Drive towards Cherrywood Terrace

Around 6 p.m. on March 30 officers responded to a report

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of a shoplifter in custody at the Sports Authority and found that the person had a 12" knife. Consequently, the person was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. A 17-year-old nonresident male, the youth was released pending juvenile court action.

Around 11:30 p.m. a 15-yearold youth and his father were assaulted by two nonresident teenagers in Beltway Plaza. One of the teenagers, a 13-year-old, was arrested on the scene, charwith assault and battery, and then released to the custody of his mother pending trial The other teenager, a 17-yearold, kicked over a motorcycle in the parking lot after the incident, and then was arrested for assault and battery and for malicious destruction; he was taken to Juvenile Services pending trial.

Around 6 p.m. on March 29, officers responded to a report of domestic violence in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. One of the participants repeatedly struck one of the officers and resisted arrest. Consequently, the 32-year-old resident woman was arrested and charged with bat-

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tery and resisting arrest. She appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$750 bond pending trial. The assaulted officer went to Doctor's Hospital for treatment.

A breaking and entering of a residence in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace was reported on March 30. Stereo equipment was stolen.

While patrolling the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace around noon on March 27, an officer investigated a suspicious vehicle and found that its registration plate had been stolen. As a result, a 32-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$300. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

Observing two people suspicjously making a transaction in the area of the Sports Authority around 5 p.m. on April 1. an offduty police officer investigated the situation and found that those people had a stolen temporary registration plate. One of the people was released pending further investigation. The other, a 21-year-old nonresident man, was arrested and charged with theft under \$300. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released

pending trial. On March 28 a 1990 Toyota 4-Runner was reported stolen from the 8100 block of Mandan

Rd; it was later found, totally burned out.

On March 31, a gray, fourdoor, 1990 Honda Acord, DC tags 417429, was reported stolen from the 6000 block of Greenbelt

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: the 6500 block of Capitol Dr., the 6000 block of Cherrywood Ct., the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terr., the 9100 block of Edmonston Terr., the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd., the 7400 block of Greenway Center Dr., the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, the 8100 block of Lakecrest Dr., 8 Court Southway, the 6000 and 6200 blocks of Springhill Dr., and the 100 block of Westway.

#### At the Library

Wednesday, April 15 Book Discussion. 2 p.m. Deborah Tan-nen's You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation.

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**Fire Department Hosts** Youth Dance April 17

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a youth dance on April 17 from 8 to 11 p.m. for youths 10 to 15 years of age. Soft drinks, snacks, and pizza will be sold during dance hours. A DJ will spin the records.

The Fire Department plans to sponsor the youth dance once a month. The idea was originated by Branchville Volunteer Fire Department. The entire membership of Greenbelt Fire Department thought that the monthly dance would be an excellent way to "give back" something to today's youth in the City of Green-belt. The dance will also give young people something to do and look forward to on a weekend evening. The following are some of the guidelines for the youths to follow: (1) valid identification must be shown, (2) no fighting, (3) no swearing, (4) no smoking, (5) no coming in and out once admitted, (6) parents must be at the firehouse at 11 p.m. to pick up their pre-teen and/or teenagers. The dance will be closely supervised. All parents are welcome.

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Our sympathy to Helen Starnes and family on the death of her husband, Walter.

Allison Low, Hillside Rd., was awarded a \$500 scholarship by National Agricultural Research Center/Federal Credit Union. Allison's selection was based on the content and originality of her essay, academic achievement and participation in community and school activities. She is a freshman at Prince Georges Community College.

Jeremy Rubinstein, age 10, received first place in forms and third place in one-step sparring the Nationally Sanctioned Eastern Regional Karate Championship in the brown-to-black belt youth division.

Jeremy is a brown-belt, who will be taking his black-belt exam this August. He is a 5th grade student at Center School.

Margaret Amberg, daughter of Rose and Mat Amberg of Hillside, has been notified that she has received one of the Kohl 1992 teacher fellowships. Amberg will receive a \$1,000 award for herself and \$1,000 for her school

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Carl and Audrey Boushell, of 5H Ridge Road, are anxiously a waiting the arrival of Margaret Gibson, Audrey's mother, and sisters Irene Case and Norma Knox, all from Liverpool, England.

Susan and Clint Boushell will be hosting a party in celebration of Mrs. Gibson's eightieth birthday Happy birthday, Mrs. Gibson, and welcome to Greenbelt.

Robert Wolinsky, a sophomora at ERHS, placed third in the fifth annual Close Up Foundation Maryland Regional Citizen Bee. sponsored by the Maryland Division of Washington Gas.

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### Roosevelt's Operation Sweep Helps Turn Lives Around

A new program began at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1989 to target at-risk students and to provide special help in motivating them to stay in school through graduation.

Called Operation S.W.E.P. (Students Wanting Enrichment and Educational Progress), the program helps successful students with summer job placements, tickets to sporting events and concerts and coupons for slurpees, hot chocolate and donuts.

Other activities include an overnight camping experience emphasizing important team-building activities, campus tours and sessions with mentors and tutors.

We are happy to print here an article written for the News Review by one of the program's successful students. Its value is self-evident, as his article makes clear. Rahmell is student president of Operation S.W.E.E.P.

by Rahmell Royal
Students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School who achieved academic progress were recognized at a breakfast on February 27, 1992. These students are members of a program called Operation S.W.E.E.P. which stands for Students Wanting Enrichment and Educational Progress.

Operation S.W.E.E.P. is a program for "at-risk" students who are trying to improve their grade point averages, behavior and attendance.

The procedure for selecting students is through teacher, administrator, and student recommendation. There are presently 125 students in the program and the following students achieved a grade point average of 2.0 or greater:

Andre Benefield, Evette Benton, Kahri Bell, Lashawn Bellamy, Artheria Beties, Takia Cardwell, Jean Carpenter, Lorenzo Chase, Tim Coates, Tonya Council, Paul Ferguson, Paul Green, Heather Hall, Jesse Harris, Verlon Hoskins, Brian Isreal Jamal Jackson, Denis Jaward, Thomas Johnson.

Others are: Andre Jones, Natasha Lyles, Latoya Mahan, Tamika Manning. Eddie McKennely, Joshua Pierson, Anthony Proctor, Damien Prue, Jermaine Reid, Angelica Richardson, Rahmell Royal, Anita Scarboro, Don Setzer, Leander Sims, Damiet Smith, Tyrand Wallace, Michael Wang, Nicole Webb, Jay Williams, James Wright.

Operation S.W.E.E.P. was started in the spring of 1989 with the help and inspiration of Spencer Bartley from Southland Corporation. The purpose of the program is to help students who have the ability to excel but need continuous support. The program could not be successful if it were not for the dedication of the sponsors and especially the teachers who give up their

time to come and support us. I think that when you really sit down and think about it, this program is going to new heights every day. This program could not have come about if it were not for some very important people. Spencer Bartley, in my eyes, has been a man of his word from day one. The motivation and dedication he shows is tremendous and it is 200% genuine. John Ceschini has been a vice principal, a social worker, a father figure at times, but a very good friend. He believed in this program and that is why it is still going strong today. Gail Smith is a very devoted member and close friend of Operation S.W.E.E.P. She goes out and gets sponsors to help support our program. But we always save the best for last, our principal. Dr. Gerold Boarman dedicates his efforts and time in any way he can, and he is a very giving person. With these people and the help of parents and concerned community members, this program has helped a lot of students stay in school, graduate, and some go on to college. These are the kinds of programs that help bring a brighter future. We are what dreams are made of.

#### A Personal Account

Just to show you how a program like Operation S.W.E.E.P. can work, I am going to tell you a little bit about myself. I started out in 9th grade with a 0.57 grade point average. I spent most of my year suspended. When the program started, I used it for an excuse to get out of class. I always talked about my teachers because I was a 0.57 student in trouble. Little by little I started to make a change. In my 10th grade year, I tried to kill myself, but the

#### **CFG Elects Officers**

The annual meeting of the Citizens for Greenbelt was held March 26 in the Municipal Building. Newly elected officers are: Harriet Phelps, president; Lekh Batra, vice-president; Clara Kuehn, secretary and Tom Stutzman, treasurer.

program stood by my side. Teachers talked to me and Mr. Caschini was there when I needed him. I thought everything was going to be all right after that but things got worse in 11th grade. The year started out all right but almost came to a sudden stop when I ended up in the Psychiatric Institute. While I was there I worked on talking about my problems. When L came out of the hospital, I sat down and talked to Mr. Ceschini and we talked about what was going on. First quarter of my 11th grade year I got a 4.00 grade point average. That is when things started to happen. Doors began to open. I started visiting other schools and talking to students about my experiences and they really listened.

I am now a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt with a grade point average of 3.57. I know where I'm going in life and I give thanks to God for giving someone the knowledge to start a program like Operation S.W.E.P.

I encourage people to join and sponsor this program because this program helps at-risk students be a part of the future generation in a positive way. What people have to realize is that we are the future and no one is perfect, but with a helping hand, we can make a better

#### **Camellia Show**

The Camellia Show sponsored by The Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley will be held in the Administration Building Auditorium at the U.S. National Arboretum on Saturday April 11, noon - 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 12 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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