

# News Review

## What Goes On

Sun., Oct. 27, 4 p.m. Dog Park Dedication, Dog Park, Hanover Parkway.

Mon., Oct 28, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Tues., Oct. 29, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession with Advisory Arts Committee, Municipal Building.

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Thursday, October 24, 1996

## City Manager Mike McLaughlin ... on Top of the World

by Sandra Lange

Michael P. McLaughlin first came to work for the City of Greenbelt in October 1979. During the ensuing 17 years, he's been through eight city council elections, and served two city managers. He started out as an administrative assistant, became assistant city manager in 1986 and was appointed deputy city manager/city treasurer in 1991.

Following James K. Giese's retirement five years ago, Mike competed for the city manager's job and lost to Daniel Hobbs of Killeen, Texas. That was a low point in his steady career climb. But, now he's there. He bided his time, and he's at the top. He's the Greenbelt city manager, and his smile is as broad as his optimism for the future of the city.

Mike McLaughlin makes no secret of the fact that he loves Greenbelt. Greenbelt is not just where Mike works, but it is also his home. He and his wife Leslie have followed the path of many young Greenbelt households. Along with their growing family, they moved from their Greenbriar condominium to a townhouse in Windsor Green to a single family home on Northway. Their children, Matthew, 11, Andrew, 9, and Julia, 6, participate in soccer and basketball with the Boys and Girls Club. Mike coaches the first through fourth grade basketball team and incredulously wonders why everyone hasn't heard that his team won the championship last year.

Mike has been involved in most of the development changes that have occurred in Greenbelt during the past two decades. When he arrived in 1979, the Greenbriar Condominium project was nearing completion. He missed the great debates over the

sewage treatment plant for Greenbriar that consumed the community during the 1970s. But he participated in the development of other subdivisions in Greenbelt East, Greenway Center, and the city's office parks.

Prior to the creation of the planning department in 1986, Mike reviewed development

plans and zoning applications. In conjunction with the city's Advisory Planning Board, he helped develop the Master Plan for Greenbelt.

He is proud of the type of quality development he feels Greenbelt has promoted, and credits past city councils for their

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Mike McLaughlin has taken over the desk in the City Manager's Office. Congratulatory balloons float behind the new Greenbelt City Manager.

- photo by Lisa Goldman

## Capacity Crowd at Library Hears Jocelyn Elders Talk

by Sandra Lange

More than 140 people crowded into the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday, October 8, to hear former surgeon general Jocelyn Elders speak about her life and promote her recently published book, "From Sharecropper's Daughter to Surgeon General of the United States."

Elders recounted her early history growing up on a cotton farm in rural Arkansas with her parents and eight siblings. Her family did not have electricity until she was in high school. A women's United Methodist Church scholarship enabled her to attend college in Little Rock where she also supported herself as a maid. Following graduation she entered the army where she trained as a physical therapist. She went to medical school on the GI bill and became a pediatrician.

Elders is very proud of her record as a public health advocate in Arkansas, as part of then governor Bill Clinton's administration, where she dramatically improved the availability of health facilities throughout the state.

She told the audience that she did not seek a position in President Clinton's administration, but rather was asked by him to become Surgeon General. She stated that she didn't "mind being the lightning rod if you'll be the

thunder behind me."

An outspoken critic of conservative positions on drugs and family planning, Elders frequently found herself the center of controversy. Her stormy career as Surgeon General ended with Clinton asking for her resignation after what she termed were misrepresentations of her positions on contraception, masturbation and legalization of drugs.

When asked whether she could forgive President Clinton for firing her, she said she could because it was up to him whether or not he felt she was an asset to his administration. However, she said she could not forgive him for signing the welfare reform bill which, she said, was hurtful to poor children.

She also was deeply disappointed by the failure of Congress to pass significant health care legislation, noting that 43 million Americans had no health care insurance. "If every criminal has the right to a lawyer," she remarked, "then every sick person should have the right to a doctor." She also criticized an educational system that permits "young men to graduate with shoes that light up when they walk and brains that go dead when they talk."

Many persons purchased Elders' book and stayed afterward for the book signing.



Former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders speaks her mind and promotes her book at Greenbelt library.

- photo by Steve Fletcher

## CFG Hosts Fans & Foes Of TRIM in Face Off

by James Giese

Greenbelt citizens who attended or watched on TV the Thursday, October 17, Citizens for Greenbelt forum on TRIM, were treated to a lively, informative debate. The audience, mostly Greenbelters, filled the Council Room to near capacity. Those present heard two opposing county councilmembers, Stephen DelGiudice, for repeal of TRIM, and Walter Maloney, against. Maloney was joined by Robert Callahan of TNT (Truth iN Taxation), a citizen activist committee. Callahan is the former president of the Prince George's County Civic Federation. Walter Planet, former Bowie city councilmember and member of another citizens committee, PRIDE (Prince George's Rev-

enue Initiative Dedicated to Excellence), joined DelGiudice.

Besides discussing Question B on the county ballot, which would repeal TRIM, the restriction that prevents the county property tax rate from being increased, the forum participants also discussed the merits of Question I. This question, if approved, would require referendum approval of most other tax increases approved by the county council. It was initiated by a petition drive by TNT. The TRIM repeal question was placed on the ballot by the county council.

The forum was co-sponsored by the Gray Panthers and the Peace and Justice Caucus. Barry Schlesinger moderated the meeting and kept speakers and questioners within time

limits so that the entire program was about two hours long.

For TRIM

Callahan, a Certified Public Accountant who lives in Bowie, led off the opening remarks.

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Official  
City of Greenbelt  
Trick or Treat Hours  
Thursday, October 31, 1996  
6-8 p.m.

If you are participating  
at your home, please  
leave your front porch  
light on or tie a  
white ribbon to  
your door knob.

## Letters to the Editor

### Thanks

As a member of the Community Relations Advisory Board and of the Community Center Task Force, I would like to thank the City officials of Greenbelt for rewarding us with an evening filled with friendship and food that was both pleasing to the eye and the palate.

I regret that I, as a member of the Community Center Task Force, failed to acknowledge all who served so well. In particular our chair William Stratton did an outstanding job keeping us, each of whom had a favorite request, on target.

Barbara Simon, with the assistance of her group of artists, visited and researched other facilities and reported their results in great detail, much to our benefit.

Finally, I am sure that all of the members of the Task Force would agree that, in spite of the hard times we gave to Michael McLaughlin, our liaison, he never lost his patience. His reports to the council on our behalf smoothed out our rough edges. He made us look good.

So, thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Glad you're still with us.

Janet J. Parker

### Unused Services

My concerns about TRIM relate to Greenbelt's specific situation in so far as we do not use all of the County's services, but replace those with our own service. Among others, we have our own police force, our own recreation programs, and our own refuse collection and recycling services. Regarding the recycling service: I know that we do it ourselves, because we do it better and at lower cost. I am confident that the same applies to the other services. In any case: there are quite a few county services which we do not use in Greenbelt.

The citizens get "reimbursed" for these county services through the "tax differential." Unfortunately, the county froze Greenbelt's tax differential last year, which meant that our county tax rate was not lowered, as it should have been. I am aware that this "freezing" applied for only one year, but it shows that we have another uncertainty to contend with. What has been done in the past can be done again. And the more county taxes we pay, the more is at stake for each of us. It is another factor to consider when you vote on the future of TRIM.

Leonie Penney

### Careline Volunteers Lend a Friendly Ear

The Mental Health Association of Prince George's County needs people who are interested in answering phone calls from lonely school-age latch-key children as Careline Volunteers. These volunteers work at the association's office in Hyattsville on weekdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and provide emotional support and a friendly ear to children who are bored, lonely, fearful or just needing help with their

### A Lot of Fat

This is in response to Eunice Coxon's letter in last week's News Review. I strongly concur with Mrs. Coxon's letter. I am a former Management and Budget Analyst for Prince George's County.

One of the reasons I left was my disgust with the way funding allocations were made. There is a lot of fat in Prince George's County's budget. I knew this while I was working there and confirmed it when I became a Management and Budget Analyst with a Northern Virginia jurisdiction and learned of leaner organizational structures and budgeting techniques.

That jurisdiction (Arlington County) uses a form of "zero-based budgeting" every year, requiring departments to justify program expenditures each year; Prince George's County departments should try this approach. The department I worked for cut over 30 percent of its base budget over four years - without a single service reduction. We did this because the county manager mandated expenditure reductions every year. The idea was to do more with less. We did - so can Prince George's County. Mrs. Coxon writes that money isn't the problem - perhaps it's the leadership.

I believe Mr. Curry, for whom I voted, is using an old scare technique, affectionately known as "the Washington Monument" tactic. Basically, a political leader will state that unless the taxes are raised, some critical and/or beloved project/program will be cut (i.e., the Washington Monument will be closed). Mr. Curry is applying the technique to the county - unless TRIM is repealed, dire consequences (in the form of library closings, education funding reductions, and limited public safety initiatives) will result. Hogwash! Mr. Curry and the county council should eliminate redundant staff and programs and become a more efficient government.

Mrs. Coxon states that Prince George's County is the highest taxed jurisdiction in the state, next to Baltimore City. She is correct. In the early 1990's, Baltimore City's tax rate was \$5.95 (that's right!) per \$100 of assessed value. I remember thinking to myself, "Thank goodness we have TRIM, or that would happen to Prince George's County, too." Mr. Curry states that our property values will continue to decline with a property tax cap. They most certainly will decline, as they did and continue to do in Baltimore City, if our tax rates continue to climb.

Please vote against the repeal of TRIM on November 5.

Judi Nichols, CPA

homework.

For more information and/or to volunteer, call the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center,

### Come on Out

Well, once again it's time to pull out the old skeletons and hang them on trees. Put out those special carved pumpkins and change the white porch light to orange, it's Halloween! The season when all kids young and old get to portray their favorite people. I've seen everything from the White Ranger to President Clinton.

On October 24, 7:30 to 9:30, troop 746 and pack 202 of our Greenbelt Scouts will show their support by carving 100 pumpkins of all shapes and faces for this year's Halloween Ghost Walk. The event is supported by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, headed by Paul Downs, president. The event takes place at the end of Northway field and there should be lots of parking on Northway extended. Be careful when you walk to the event, for you never know who or what could be waiting for you. Last year we had a surprise appearance by a character called the grim reaper, but every time we went to thank him, he seemed to disappear! Strange, huh?

The great event will be Oct. 26 from dark (6 - 6:30) to 8 p.m. We hope to see everyone there. And don't forget this is supposed to be a fun event and takes a lot of preparation. So let's have fun and please respect the season!

Your friend,  
Count-On-Us

### Disappointed

This is to register my anger, disappointment, and dismay regarding a recent petty crime of which I and my husband were the victims. On Sunday, October 20, I awoke and went to retrieve my morning newspaper and discovered that two of my pumpkins and several of my homegrown gourds had been stolen from my service side porch - where we leave the light on. As we live on Gardenway, one house in from the road, the porch is visible from the street. The pumpkins had been there for a week, and the thieves left a basket and more gourds - albeit strewn around the porch - probably because they couldn't carry it all! While this is a minor incident, I am angered because, for six years, I have placed pumpkins, gourds, and other "autumnal" items on this porch and have never had a single item stolen - that type of thing didn't happen in "Old Greenbelt." Apparently it does, which is why I am disappointed. The pumpkins can be replaced, but my feeling of living in a unique, community-oriented town is soured. I decided I had to write this letter, although I suspect the persons who perpetrated this incident are too illiterate to read the News Review. I hope they enjoy the pumpkins and the gourds. They can be replaced; my feelings cannot.

Name withheld

### Thanks

The American Rescue Workers and the City of Greenbelt would like to thank all those who donate clothes, books and household items at the city's monthly Donation Drop-Off. Between 90-100 people donate materials each month! Items received are redistributed through thrift shops in Capitol Heights and Forestville to support many self-help programs. Together, we are helping a worthy organization and keeping usable items from the landfill.

The Donation Drop-Off takes place the second Saturday of every month behind City Hall from 9 a.m. - noon. All contributions are tax-deductible. Those with larger items like a couch, dresser, mattress or automobile to donate, may call the American Rescue Workers at 301-336-6200 to schedule a pick up. For more information on the city's recycling program call Jennifer Foley, City of Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

Jennifer Foley

### Correction

In the letter from Eunice Coxon in last week's newspaper, Question B, which would repeal TRIM, was incorrectly identified. The News Review regrets the error.

### Search for Birds Migrating South

Join members of the Prince George's Audubon Society from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, to look for fall migrants and local birds at the Fran Uhler Natural Area of Patuxent River Park in Bowie. This diverse forested floodplain is home to a wide variety of birds, plants and wildlife. It is located near Laurel just north of Bowie State University on Lemons Bridge Road. This walk is for beginners and advanced birders alike and is free. Meet at the gate at 8 a.m. The ground may be damp; dress accordingly. For more information, call Patuxent River Park at 301-627-6074, or Fred Fallon at 301-249-1518.

## Celebrate HALLOWEEN Week

with  
Greenbelt Recreation Department  
**REGISTER in Advance**  
**Halloween Crafts**  
**at the Youth Center**  
**ages 4-12 \$2/event**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**Mon., Oct 28 -- Scarecrow Face**  
**Tues., Oct 29 -- Pumpkin Decorating**  
**Wed., Oct 30 -- Stuff a Scarecrow**

Call Greenbelt Recreation Dept. for information  
**301-397-2200**



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**New Deal Cafe**

It's Open Mike Time at the New Deal Cafe! This Friday, October 25, the Cafe opens its stage to performers of all kinds, young and old alike. So anyone who has a song, story, or joke to share, this is the night to be the main attraction. Fridays at the New Deal are also "Don's Muffins" night, featuring the work of Greenbelt's favorite "Muffin Maestro," Don Comis.

Saturday, October 26 brings the return of the Goddard Storytellers for a Halloween show sure to frighten and amaze kids of all ages.

The New Deal Cafe is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. On the Internet, look in on [http://www2.ari.net/home/gking/new\\_deal.html](http://www2.ari.net/home/gking/new_deal.html) for more information.

**"Final Frontiers" Needs Student Competitors**

Who says math and science aren't fun? Find out the truth by attending an informational meeting about Final Frontiers on Wednesday, October 30, at the Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting is for students, teachers and parents interested in learning how they might participate in this science competition for students in grades 5-12. The contest, sponsored by the Maryland Space Business Roundtable, is open to both public and private school students.

This year, Final Frontiers will take place Saturday, November 23, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. For information contact Wilson Bascom or Russell Decamp at Wootton High School, 301-279-8595.

**White Goods Pickup**

The next white goods collection for city refuse customers will be Wednesday, October 30. White goods include refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, and air conditioners. Call Public Works at 301-474-8004 to schedule collection of items. These should be placed at the curb on Tuesday, October 29 to await pickup. White goods are collected at no charge to city refuse customers and are brought to the Brown Station Landfill for recycling.

The last Wednesday of every month is the regularly scheduled white goods collection day for city refuse customers. For more information on white goods collection or other special trash issues, call Public Works at 301-474-8004.

# Community Events

**Bike Coalition Holds Meeting**

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Main agenda items for the meeting include: 1) setting the 1996/97 agenda and 2) planning for a fall recreational ride. All area bicyclists are encouraged to attend.

**Golden Age Club**

by Bernie McGee

Since Dolores Capotosto is currently undergoing treatment at Doctor's Hospital, yours truly is once again pinch-hitting. Everyone wishes you a speedy recovery, Dolores.

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 11 a.m. at the Multi-purpose Room in the Community Center. The program will be a Halloween party and members are encouraged to come in costume. Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, the scariest and the most creative costumes. Finger foods will be welcomed. Come join the fun.

There are still a few spaces available for the upcoming "Passport into History." Part III trip scheduled for next Tuesday, October 29. See Irene Owens or a member of the Travel Committee to sign up for this interesting trip.

**Boys and Girls Club**

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club elections will be held in December. Individuals interested in serving on the Board of Directors are asked to contact Kathy Kerdock, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, at 301-345-6387. A short biography must be received by the committee no later than Monday, Nov. 4. There are 15 Board positions.

**Holiday Shopping Party Scheduled**

The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten, located at the Greenbelt Community Center, has scheduled its 1996 Holiday Shopping Party on Friday, November 8, from 6 - 10 p.m. and Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Featuring many new and exciting vendors and crafters and a holiday bonus of free tax and shipping on orders placed with catalog vendors at the Party, this event is for adults only.

For more information call 301-474-5570.

**Recreation Review**

**Craft Show and Sale**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will host Greenbelt's Twenty-fifth Annual Craft Show and Sale on December 7 and 8. This year's event will be showcased in the newly renovated Greenbelt Community Center. Applications for vendor space are currently being accepted. Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department for additional event information and application procedure at 301-397-2200.

**Halloween Dance**

A Halloween dance will be held by the St. Columba's Scottish dance group on Tuesday night, October 29, 8:15 p.m. at the Community Center dance studio. Spectators will be admitted free.

The dancers, who will wear kilts, Halloween costumes and various other garb, have been taking lessons in Scottish country dancing at the Community Center.

**Poetry Plus Holds Readings**

Poetry Plus will read and discuss stories by Toni Cade Bambara, Alice Walker and Eudora Welty at Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road, Saturday, Nov. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Copies of selected stories are available at the library information desk. Contact Lucy Duff, 301-345-5800.

Poetry Plus reading and discussion group is led by Karen Arnold, Poet in Residence, Montpelier Cultural Arts Center.

**See Dog Park Dedication**

Greenbelters are invited to attend the dedication of the Greenbelt Dog Park on Sunday, October 27 at 4 p.m. at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Hanover Drive.

For further information, contact Melissa Voigt, City of Greenbelt Planning and Community Development at 301-345-5417.

**At the Library**

Wednesday, October 30, P.J. Storytime, 7 p.m. for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, October 31 there will be a special trick 'em and treat 'em Halloween Storytime for ages 3 - 5 at 10:15 a.m. There will be stories, costume parade, and treats.

Thursday, October 31, Tickly Toddle Storytime at 11:15 a.m. for 2 year olds and parents or care giver.

**Reading Program Will Be at Library**

Greenbelt Library will hold a special "Reading Corner" on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as part of a statewide special event for children. This special "Ready to Learn" reading station is part of Maryland Public Television's (MPT) "Open House" on children's reading opportunities at libraries throughout the state.

Children can begin signing up now to read aloud a part of a story, poems or even song lyrics for a period from five to ten minutes long. Books featured on the MPT programs "Magic School Bus" and "Reading Rainbow" will be available to check out.

This event will also introduce the new children's magazine "Youthwriter," which will be printed by Greenbelt Library and the plan is to feature creative stories and poems (which may be illustrated) by Greenbelt Library's young readers. Guideline sheets are available for interested future contributors.

The special reading session is cosponsored by Friends of the Greenbelt Library. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on the "Reading Corner" or the "Youthwriter," contact the children's librarian Lynn Illback or branch manager Honore Francois at the library or by calling 301-345-5800.

**Greens Meet**

The Greenbelt Greens will meet on Monday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. The meeting will be jointly held with the new Prince George's County Greens. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 301-474-1998.

**Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule**

**Monday, October 28 at 8 p.m.**  
City Council Meeting (live)

**Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m.**  
"Replay of City Council Meeting of October 28  
*Have a safe and happy Halloween!*

**HALLOWEEN Costume Contest & Parade at the Youth Center**

**Thurs., Oct. 31, 4 p.m. SHARP**

Join in a Greenbelt tradition. Children of all ages are invited to parade their Halloween garb for a special afternoon of Halloween entertainment

Call Greenbelt Recreation Dept. for information  
**301-397-2200**

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
474-9744

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 25**

**LONE STAR (R)**

**Fri: 7:20, 9:55**  
**Sat: (4:30 @ \$3.00) 7:20, 9:55**  
**Sun: (4:30 @ \$3.00) 7:20**  
**Mon: 7:20 @ \$3.00**  
**Tues: 7:20**  
**Wed: 7:20**  
**Thurs: 7:20**

**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)  
presents

**The Best Man by Gore Vidal**

<b>Fri and Sat</b>	<b>Tickets: \$8</b>	<b>Sundays</b>
<b>Oct 25-Nov 9</b>	<b>Seniors &amp; Students \$6</b>	<b>Oct 27 and Nov 3</b>
<b>at 8:00 pm</b>		<b>at 2:00 pm</b>

Directed by Robert Thompson and Mary Seng  
Gore Vidal's classic drama pits practiced politics against moral imperatives. Who is "The Best Man"?

**Words Alive! Halloween Hair Raiser**  
A scary evening for adults and older children  
**Monday October 28, 8 p.m. Come in Costume!**  
**Free! Best deal in town!**

**Auditions for future Words Alive! Events Call Dennis at 220-0552**  
**For information/reservations call (301) 441-8770**

**GREENBELT DOG PARK DEDICATION**

The Greenbelt Dog Park located on Hanover Drive will be dedicated on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm. The park will officially open on Monday, Oct. 28. The hours of use will be from sunrise to 11:00 pm.

Dog owners wishing to use the park must obtain a permit for each dog. Permits are \$5.00 each. Permit applications are available at the Department of Planning and Community Development located at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200. Dog owners must provide proof of vaccinations and P.G. County license.

For further information or questions, please call 345-5417.



The Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah presented a plaque to administrators at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham for their efforts and co-sponsorship of the "Check It Out!" breast cancer awareness program in the Prince George's County Public Schools. From left to right: Jacqueline Aronfry, president of the Judith Resnik Group of Hadassah; Ina Shapiro, chairman of "Check It Out!" in Prince George's County; Susan Weinberg, president, Greater Washington Area Chapter of Hadassah; Phillip Down, president of Doctors Community Hospital; and Joanne Goldsmith, director of Public Relations, Doctors Community Hospital.

- photo courtesy of Hadassah

### Dorsey Chapel Open For Public Tours

Dorsey Chapel, an African American historic site in Prince George's County, was originally dedicated as the Brookland Methodist Episcopal Church in September, 1900. Restoration is complete, and the Chapel is now open to the public for Passport to History tours on Saturdays in October and November from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sundays through December, 1996, from 1-4 p.m., and for groups by appointment. There is a small admission fee that goes toward the continued enhancement of the chapel. The chapel is at 10704 Brookland Rd., Glenn Dale.

Dorsey Chapel exemplifies the meetinghouse type church at the turn of the century that was prevalent in the county. Dorsey was not only the spiritual center of the community but its social hub also. Dorsey Chapel, named for its first pastor, A. B. Dorsey, never had a large congregation but always had a dedicated and active one.

Dorsey chapel is an historic property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department, Natural and Historical Resources Division.

### Heier-Shabe

Laurence Michael Shabe married Nancy Ann Heier of Rochester, New York on Oct. 19 at The Historic Falls Church in Falls Church, Va. All sisters and brother were home together for the first time in 10 years.

The groom's mother, Jackie Shabe Rochefort, a CPO in the U.S. Navy, lives at 65 Court Ridge and is currently stationed in Japan.

The couple, who both work for Eastman Kodak, will reside in Falls Church, Va.

### UMCP Sponsors Alzheimer's Study

The University of Maryland at College Park is looking for people who are caring for a spouse with Alzheimer's disease or a similar dementia disorder to participate in an Alzheimer's Family Study. The study is being conducted in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health and will consist of two interviews, each only one and a half hours long, in a location of the participant's choice. There is a small stipend. Anyone who is interested in participating, or has a parent who might be interested, please call 1-800-398-1297. Talking about one's experience can be helpful. Perhaps that experience could help others, too.

### Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering participated in a Community Service/Internship Fair on Wednesday, October 16. The purpose of the Fair was to expose Gifted and Talented University of Maryland students to local social service agencies working with challenging families in the community. The students are required to commit a minimum of 20 hours of community service and Greenbelt CARES was one of the agencies chosen for these students to perform and fulfill their community service requirement.

### Fight the Flu

The Visiting Nurse Associations (VNAs) in the Washington metropolitan area will vaccinate thousands of adults (18 years and older) in Giant Discount Drug stores, Safeway stores, Care Drug stores, CVS/Pharmacies and other locations through November 23. In addition to the elderly and high risk groups, the VNAs urge younger adults to be vaccinated. Flu shots can decrease the frequency of upper respiratory illness, reduce the number of visits to doctors' offices for upper respiratory illnesses and reduce absenteeism.

Registered nurses will administer the flu shots. There is a charge. The Fight the Flu campaign is the only area flu shot program which designates all proceeds for local charity care. Every dollar over expenses stays in the community to provide home health care services for patients who cannot afford it.

For information and flu shot clinic locations, consumers may call the Fight the Flu hotline at 202-895-5-BUG.

### Berwyn Presbyterian Church

6301 Greenbelt Road

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

All are Welcome

Interim Pastor  
Rev. Jack Wineman 474-7573

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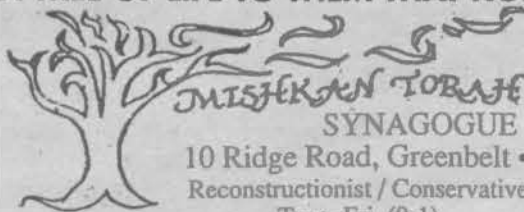
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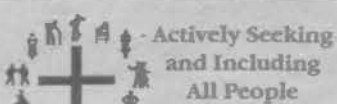
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### High School Seniors To Be Honored

Many of Maryland's brightest high school scholars will be honored during a day of activities at the University of Maryland College Park on Saturday, October 26.

The students were selected as part of the state's Distinguished Scholars program, which offers \$3,000-a-year scholarships for four years to top students as an incentive to go to college in Maryland.

Scholarships are awarded for both artistic talent and academic achievement. With a budget of \$4.2 million, the program will provide scholarships to 350 students in the 1997 high school graduating class.

State law limits the number of new recipients to 350 annually. Each year a substantial number of finalists accept the awards, which can be used for any college-related expense. Remaining scholarships are then offered to semifinalists.

All Distinguished Scholar finalists and semifinalists as well as Maryland's National Merit and National Achievement Semifinalists are invited to the event at UMCP. During the early afternoon, they will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of colleges and universities in Maryland. The recognition ceremony will be held in the university's ballroom at 3 p.m.

Greenbelters from Eleanor Roosevelt High School who have been invited are: Sarah M. Baker, finalist, vocal music; Aureore C. Marionni, finalist, achievement; Sara H. Rashkin, honorable mention, achievement and semifinalist drama; Matthew Z. Davis, semifinalist, achievement; Arathi Krishnamurthy, honorable mention, achievement; David K. Roth, honorable mention, achievement, and Megan M. Thomas, honorable mention, achievement.

Greenbelter Colleen M. Cepho and Meagan E. Schiavone from Elizabeth Seton High School received an honorable mention in achievement.

### Refuge Bike Tour

Bikers ages 16 and older are invited to a bike tour at the Patuxent Research Refuge, North Tract, on November 3, 10 a.m. to noon. Participants, who must bring their own bikes, will discover how the North Tract is managed for research and wildlife. The tour will cover approximately seven miles of bicycling on paved and gravel roads.

Advance registration is required. Call 410-674-3304, TDD 410-674-4625.

### Run for Wildlife

A 10K Run for Wildlife will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Jug Bay. Funds raised will contribute to conservation projects aimed at preserving the Patuxent River's natural wildlife diversity. The run is co-sponsored by the Wild Bird Center and the Park and Planning Commission. Runners may pick up forms at the Wild Bird Center, 8700-A Chestnut Avenue in Old Bowie or call 301-805-4848 for more information.

### Street Repairs Almost Completed

by Isaac Robinson

Nearing the end of a five-month-long street improvement program in Old Greenbelt, the city closed off Ridge Road last Wednesday and Thursday near the 51 Court of Ridge Road. The contractor, VMP Company of Beltsville, worked until midnight Wednesday and 8 p.m. on Thursday putting in a new drain line under the road. The drainage in this section of road had failed and allowed water to get into the sub-base of the road causing pot holes and ruts.

Carl M. Hirsch, Public Works Director for the City, wishes to thank the nearby residents for their patience while the work was

going on. Hirsch says that if the weather holds, work on the Old Greenbelt streets probably will be completed by the end of October. The small park area beside the road where the new drain line discharges will be dressed with topsoil and seeded to grass as soon as the ground dries enough so that it can be worked.

The work on Old Greenbelt streets began in June of this year. It included new concrete curbs, gutters, rainwater catch basins, storm drains, and in some areas the resurfacing of parking areas. The work, of course, included new sidewalks.

The streets improved were Ridge Road from Lastner Lane to Eastway; Laurel Hill Road between Hillside and Ridge Roads Hillside from Laurel Hill to Northway; and Crescent from Lastner Lane to Southway. Preliminary cost data indicate a total of about \$800,000.

### Exploring Greek Cooking Techniques

On Friday, November 1, The Senior Gourmet, Peter Dispenzirie, will be presenting at Explorations Unlimited. Dispenzirie will be doing a demonstration on Greek cooking. Since his retirement in 1990, Dispenzirie has actively pursued a lifetime hobby of cooking and traveling. During his extensive travels, he noted that people all over the world eat many of the same foods; they just use different blends of spices and cooking methods. This international understanding of cooking and eating is part of the Senior Gourmet's uniqueness. Come taste a sampling of lamb, Greek salad and pita bread and observe his Greek cooking techniques.

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

### Weller to Speak

The University of Maryland's head women's basketball coach, Chris Weller, is scheduled to address the Greenbelt Lion's Club on Monday night October 28 at 7:15 p.m., at the Best Western Motel on Route 1 in College Park. She will discuss the prospects for the upcoming season.

The public is invited to attend. For information and reservations, call 301-474-5156.

Happy Birthday to Brenda Jean, Soccer Queen McEvoy, and Math Challenge Champ Kerry Mullaney! It's great to be eight Love, The Mullaney Family

### Watkins De-Spooks Halloween Myth

Watkins Nature Center, located in Watkins Regional Park, Upper Marlboro, will host a non-spooky Halloween celebration Saturday, Oct 26, 1 - 4 p.m.

Hear the myths of Halloween's creatures of the night dispelled. The afternoon will be complete with fireside stories, hayrides and pumpkin painting.

There is a nominal fee. To register or for more information, call 301-249-6202; TTY, 301-699-2544.

This activity is sponsored by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

### Halloween Event At Wells Ice Rink


Herbert Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, is sponsoring its ninth annual "Costumes on Ice" event on Thursday, October 31, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This event is open to all ages and will include costume contests, giveaways, candy and fun for all. Admission is free for those in costume.

For further information call 301-277-3719; TTY# 301-249-4252.

The County Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to accommodating individuals with disabilities. Please call the contact number for assistance.

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**OCTOBER 28, 1996 - 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 consists of those items which have asterisks [\*] placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

**II. COMMUNICATIONS**

6. Presentations  
-Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
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

**II. LEGISLATION**

11. A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal", Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 22, Titled "Electioneering." - 1st Reading
12. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, "Election", Section 8-4, "Absentee Voting" of the Greenbelt City Code to Establish Procedures for Emergency Absentee Voting - 1st Reading
13. A Resolution to Require Members of the Board of Election to be Present on Election Day while the Election is Being Conducted - 1st Reading
14. A Resolution to Designate City Officials Authorized to Sign Checks, Vouchers, Purchase Orders and Payroll Checks for the City of Greenbelt and to Repeal Resolution 761 - 1st Reading

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

15. Bid Award - Cherrywood Lane Striping
16. Community Development Block Grant Application
17. Approval of Job Descriptions
18. 1997 Legislative Program
19. Appointment of Council Liaison to 60th Anniversary Committee
- \* 20. 1997 Consolidated Transportation Program
- \* 21. Authorization to Purchase Salt Spreader
- \* 22. Letter Regarding Mission to Planet Earth Funding
- \* 23. Reappointments to Advisory Boards & Committees
- \* 24. Resignations from Park and Recreation Advisory Board


**V. MEETINGS**

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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 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

David E. Moran  
City Clerk

# Trick or Treat




**BELTWAY PLAZA MALL**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST**  
**6 - 7:30PM**

All Children 2 - 12 years are welcome to trick or treat in the mall from store to store. Meet the Mall Witch at Center Court for a Treat Bag & to register for the Costume Contest

**COSTUME CONTEST**  
**7:30PM**

Categories: Cutest, Most Original, Scariest & new category is the Best Adult Costume (parents don't forget to dress up too)  
Each winner receives a \$25 Mall gift Certificate & a free All-Day Ride & Soft Play Pass to Jeepsers! Who better to judge than JJ, Kronkle, & Trish - all three characters from Jeepsers! Free gift to all participants.



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## TRIM: FANS AND FOES

(Continued from page 1)

His organization wants to know where county tax dollars are going. For that reason, it initiated the petition to put Question I on the ballot. He contended that TRIM has not hurt the county in any way.

Under TRIM, Callahan said, county taxes have doubled over the last 12 years, while the county's population has grown only 11 percent. The problem with the school budget is, he said, that the increased funds are going toward nonteaching jobs, with over 40 percent of school system employees now in nonteaching jobs. Callahan argued that Prince George's taxes exceed those of all other jurisdictions in the state except Baltimore City. He also stated that homeowners in Prince George's County pay higher taxes than do the owners of the same house in Montgomery County, (both houses located on adjacent lots in Calverton) even though the Montgomery County house is assessed at a higher value.

### For Repeal

Planet led off for the repeal TRIM team. He noted that county assessments have lowered the value of existing county homes for the past three years. TRIM does not allow the county to raise its tax rate to compensate for this loss of revenue. DelGiudice concurred, saying that he pays less in taxes today than he had in the early 90's. He stated that property values are tied to the quality of services and the quality of life provided to county residents. Cutbacks in the county budget forced by TRIM have led the county to reduce the number of people it employs by 20 percent. The cutbacks greatly affect the quality of service in areas such as public works, health and human services and libraries, he said.

### Curry's Plans

At a press conference earlier in the day, County Executive Wayne Curry released two preliminary budgets for the next fiscal year, one if TRIM is repealed and one if TRIM remains in effect. If TRIM is repealed, Curry proposes to raise county taxes by 22 cents, but reduce the tax rate for Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and for storm drainage by eight cents for a net increase of 12 cents. Most of the added revenue would go toward education and public safety. DelGiudice called the Curry proposal a valid plan, a balanced plan that would cut some areas and raise others.

### Fate of Library

The first audience question came from Barbara Simon, Chair of Friends of the Greenbelt Library. She charged that the library budget has been reduced under TRIM to a level that just barely keeps the libraries open, even with a \$2 million supplement from the state. Maloney contended that the \$15 million library budget had been about the same for the last three years. He fought to keep it at that level and would continue to do so. The problem, he said, is that an excessive amount of the county budget was given to the Board of Edu-

cation. The school budget could have been cut and the difference given to the libraries and community college.

DelGiudice responded by noting that the amount of money given to the Board of Education was required by state law. If the school funding level had been cut, the county would have lost substantial state funds for education. He said that elected officials from other areas of the state are questioning why the state should give a special grant for libraries to Prince George's County, when it is unwilling to raise the money itself. If TRIM is repealed, Curry says he will allocate an additional \$2 million to replace the one year state grant.

Maloney rebutted DelGiudice, saying that Curry's budget proposal was excessive. He said that the county council, not Curry, would decide what the budget should be.

### Alarmist?

Eunice Coxon, of Research Road, quoted from a letter she had written in which she contended that Simon's "alarmist" forecast on the fate of the Greenbelt library, if TRIM is not repealed, was "pure conjecture." DelGiudice disagreed. The county is experiencing little more than 1% growth in income. Education and public safety are the top priorities for county expenditures. It is hard to cut anywhere else because so much has been cut already. "If we can't turn this around," he said, "we will have to cut services like libraries." Maloney responded that this was "nonsense." He said that other dire predictions had been made before that haven't happened.

### Stadiums vs. Education

Elizabeth Gaines, a newcomer to Greenbelt, but a county resident for 11 years, asked the panel to comment on her observation that TRIM hadn't prevented paying for a stadium for a millionaire, but that the size of her son's class increased to 31 kids, although its teacher has not received a pay increase. DelGiudice responded that no county tax funds were going toward the stadium, only state gas tax funds for state highway projects near the stadium and additional gas tax funds given to the county by the state. The added county funds will be used to build planned county roads near the stadium that will benefit county residents throughout the year. In addition, he said, the county expects to realize \$7 million a year in new revenues from the stadium for its \$12 million outlay.

Maloney responded that we all pay state taxes. "We put TRIM on to prevent needless expenditures," he said. "It did prevent your real estate tax going up to pay for the stadium." Callahan said, "We are building stadiums, while Montgomery County is building schools."

DelGiudice noted that although the school system received \$32 million more last year, Prince George's was not paying per student what its neighboring counties were paying. "I believe there is a problem in our education system,"

he said. "The fact is we are not going to be able to maintain teacher salaries and reduce class size under our present circumstances."

Maloney disagreed, noting that school employment increased when the school population wasn't growing. "The bureaucrat is taking up the money," he said. He cited the District of Columbia with its high per pupil education costs as an example of why money alone is not the answer.

### Lottery

Mike Burchik of Woodland Way asked if the lottery wasn't supposed to pay for education. He noted that over 50 percent of his money is going to pay taxes, after adding up all the different kinds of taxes he pays. "I think I can spend it better," he said. Maloney said that the lottery (except for special sports lotteries used to fund stadiums) is used to fund the state share of education costs and the construction of schools. DelGiudice responded, however, that it was a state revenue over which the county has no control and was mixed in with other state funds. "We can't figure out if, in fact, it is going to school construction," he said.

Callahan said that he believed people are being taxed out of the county. He noted that many senior citizens are sending small contributions to TNT because they are afraid taxes will be going up and they will be forced to move out of their homes. Planet, on the other hand, was concerned that the value of his house has declined and would further decline if TRIM continues to such an extent that he would not be able to afford a smaller retirement home ten years from now. Maloney said that the Board of Realtors had come out in favor of keeping TRIM. They believe that a tax increase will harm real estate values.

### Need Books

Dora Kennedy said that she had been with the school system for 40 years. Ever since TRIM, she observed, the school system has never had sufficient funds for books, etc. She contended that comparison numbers do not tell the whole story -

more county residents require special education, and more funds are needed now for security people. Her question was, "If Montgomery County doesn't have TRIM and has lower taxes, why do we need TRIM?"

Maloney responded that Montgomery County officials are more responsible. He charged that Prince George's County pension costs had tripled because the former county executive, Parris Glendening, had "given away the store" to county employee unions. DelGiudice admitted that Prince George's tax rate is higher, but noted that property values are much higher in Montgomery County. Homeowners in Prince George's section of Takoma Park had voted to become a part of Montgomery County because their homes would be worth substantially more. A survey of corporate industries, he said, showed that schools and public safety were key concerns in selecting new locations and were the reasons for their not moving here.

Janet Parker of Ridge Road said that she was outraged at people bashing the county school system and teachers. Paraphrasing a statement she once heard Al Herling make, she said that taxes were the price we pay for civilization. "Good educated students make good citizens," she said.

### Miss the Point?

Bertram Donn of Woodland Way contended that while Maloney and Callahan made good points about problems in the way the county was run, he felt that TRIM and Question I didn't deal with these problems. Keeping TRIM and requiring ballot referenda for revenue increases is akin to throwing the baby out with the bath water, he said. Maloney, however, said that TRIM is an effective pressure device that keeps the heat on public officials to make the most out of what they have.

In contrast, Planet argued that the county has a republican form of government in which citizens elect people to represent them. "We shouldn't keep the people on a leash in this form of government," he said.

## Wayne Curry Speaks

by Kerana Todorov

At a crowded press conference in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry unveiled two budgets for the next fiscal year — one if the property tax cap imposed by the Tax Reform Initiative by Marylanders (TRIM) is repealed, and one if it is retained. Question B, put on the November 5 ballot by the county council, asks voters to overturn the cap.

Curry called the tax cap "antiquated." Under TRIM, he said, the county can build playgrounds but not school grounds.

Curry promised that repealing TRIM would not give the county government a blank check. The no-TRIM budget allocates additional revenues to the school system, the police and fire departments, the library system and other development programs.

This version of Curry's budget had \$63 million in additional revenues. The county would get \$20 million by increasing by 12 cents all the property tax rates. The county would raise \$13 million by re-allocating funds from the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the stormwater management. M-NCPPC would see its budget decrease by 6 cents per \$100 assessed valuation and the storm water management, by 2 cents. Finally, \$30 Million would be raised by levying a 10% tax on telephone use.

Curry said that \$43 million would go to the board of education, \$8 million to the police department, \$2 million to the library system, \$3 million to maintain vital health services, and \$2 million to various economic development programs.

Various civic groups listened to Curry's comments. Judy Robinson, of Truth in Taxation, said she would distribute a press release entitled "Empty Promises." Marcy Canavan, president of the board of education called Curry's comments "encouraging."

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A Review

Politics Comes to the Stage

by Colette Zanin

"In this day and age, we're all interchangeable."

- Bill Russell

So says one of two men vying for his party's presidential nomination in "The Best Man," a play written by Gore Vidal and directed by Robert Thompson at the Greenbelt Arts Center. It's an interesting thought, one of several ideas posed, though not conclusively backed by Vidal.

The plot purports to present an insider's view of the machinations of our modern political system and, in particular, how one party might ultimately nominate its candidate. Can a philanderer make a good president? Are brains preferable to showmanship? Ethically, how low can a candidate sink in order to bring down his opponent?

While the aforementioned are provocative, current questions, "The Best Man" doesn't do enough with them, neither in the plot or by means of its presentation, which on the whole is too slow and labored. Considered from the vantage point of humor or insight, this production fails on both counts. Vidal's script generally did not get its due from problems with both timing and delivery.

Perilous pauses created awkward moments where it wasn't entirely clear these silences are intended. Natural flow is often missing; lines are individually recited, as opposed to genuinely exchanged between players. Granted, the dialogue is frequently wordy; however, the audience shouldn't be so aware of the strain.

"The Best Man" takes place inside a hotel at the convention site where Governor William

Russell, Senator Joseph Cantwell, their wives, aides and assorted others are prepping to win their party's nomination. Discussions center on political ethics, outwitting the opponent, and garnering votes of selected factions.

Central characters are written as fairly obvious polar opposites. The "brainy" candidate, Governor Bill Russell, is unconvincingly portrayed by Leonard Cohen, who doesn't seem up to this demanding role, lacking both conviction and charisma. His character is said to be a randy womanizer, which looks doubtful also. Kate Blackburn as his wife brings effective long-suffering irony to her part as an old-school political wife; i.e., don't rock the boat, stand by your man, no matter the personal price.

As over-the-top characters Senator Joseph and Mabel Cantwell, Mak Nichols and Sandy Hamlin offer needed punch and verve. Hamlin's big-haired, martini-drinking Texan gal pouts and flounces through her scenes. She's fun to have on stage, the antithesis of straight-arrow Mrs. Russell.

Updates include both a white woman and a black man as aides to the potential candidates, who are standard issue old white guys. (A more compelling rendition could proffer the former two as Presidential contenders.) Addison Switzer brings dignified flair to a small part as Aide Dick Jensen and actually looks more presidential than the two other men.

Former President Art Hockstader is well played by Philip Brandis, who commands attention as yesterday's political sage and self-deprecatingly dubs himself "the last of the great hicks." Hockstader's character is

written somewhat confusingly; at first he appears a nice old guy, warm and wise, but he turns blustering and angry further into his part without much explanation.

Cheryl Collins is noteworthy in her portrayal of Ms. Sue Ellen Gamage, running interference and performing damage control between the contenders and their camps. Out of the cast, Collin's talents appear the most tamped down; given some leeway, she could likely make more of her part, which came across somewhat understated.

The show-stealer, that might almost be worth admission, is an old army buddy of Senator Cantwell's, Sheldon Marcus - played exceptionally by Patrick Ready in a bit part that's over too soon. In Tim Conway-esque tradition, Ready nervously hand wrings, rambles, contorts and sweats his way through a delicious portrait. Never leaving character, from his first moment on stage clear through the bows, Ready easily shuffles off with the show.

Wrapping at just over two hours, "The Best Man" feels longer because of the drawn-out nature of much of the production. Except for political aficionados, campaigns and entertainment make dubious bedfellows. A play dealing with weighty, complex issues is dependent on good casting and delivery. Ultimately, this presentation falters under the weight of its subject.

"The Best Man" continues at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through November 9, with 2 p.m. Sunday matinees on October 27 and November 3.



A Beaver's Domain?

by Virginia Beauchamp

Overnight a good-sized tree fell across the stream marking off the lake peninsula on the south. Its wine-dark crest caught my attention, with its highest peak resting on the ground below the path, holding up the rest of its branches above the water. I couldn't see what felled it - the end of the broken trunk on the other side of the stream was hidden in underbrush. But recognizing the tree as a sweet gum, I knew of course that the vandal was a beaver.

On the shoreline across the way was a pile of brush - perhaps the start of a dam intended at the site. There's already a pond on the other side of the bridge - this one man-made as a trap for silt carried down from eroding land. A dam this side of the bridge would extend that

pond. Is that what the creature had in mind? It's not for nothing that a nearby tributary is called Beaver Dam Creek. And to be honest about it, the lake itself is merely a variation on the theme.

Shall we let the fellow, as a creature of nature, have his way? He's only doing what instinct directs him to undertake as his life's work. Yet a beautiful tree is lost. And after that another will go. He's about the business of creating wetlands, doing his share to conserve the Bay.

Fellows like him had the run of these territories before the tobacco farmers came in. The farmers are gone now, the metropolis encroaches, and yet he works on - from his perspective, putting things to rights. Who are we to say him nay?



Greenbelt - Old Town

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There's more, too. Before doing the open houses, stop by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) on Hamilton Place from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. where Greenbelt residents will give you coffee, information, and a personal tour if desired.

Winter's coming, but GHI takes care of gutters and roofs, heating systems, plumbing and other things. Find out about it, and take your pick of interesting homes mostly well under \$80,000 with 10% down.



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Election Day Greetings

from the McCarl Dental Office Staff

Quote of the Week

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## Springhill Lake Elementary School Struggles with Overcrowding

by Maria Godoy

Struggling with an ongoing overcrowding problem, Springhill Lake Elementary School will soon receive two more temporary buildings to house the overwhelming number of students.

"[The problem] is truly a space issue," said Linda Sherwood, principal of Springhill Lake Elementary.

In a building with a student capacity of 500, the school continues to face a scarcity of space for an ever-increasing tide of students. Last fall, the school opened its doors to 710 students. By June of this year, that number had jumped to 747. This fall, 810 students are enrolled at the school.

The surplus students are currently being taught in eight temporary classroom buildings located outside the school. Still, overcrowded conditions persist, and the school is expected to receive two more temporary buildings by Christmas, Sherwood said.

According to Sherwood, the situation is not as severe as it was last Christmas, when the school was forced to hold classes in the gymnasium.

According to Sherwood, there are tentative plans to build an addition to the school next year that would hold 180 students. These plans are not definite yet, Sherwood said. Meanwhile, Springhill Lake Elementary continues to grapple with overcrowding.

Of the 43 classroom teachers at the school, all have their own classrooms except for the English As Second Language teachers. Three EASL teachers must share classroom No. 10. The teachers each have a group of eight students that they instruct in different parts of the classroom, which is sectioned off by bookcases and other pieces of furniture.

"Honest to God, it's a nightmare," Sherwood said.

According to Sherwood, the specialist teachers fare far worse.

The school's three music teachers do not have classrooms of their own and must share a small office. They rotate from classroom to classroom, pushing their instructional materials on a cart. A speech teacher holds lessons in a closet-size room with a one-way mirror. The room was originally built for classroom observation, not as a space to hold class, Sherwood said.

### Special Education

Part of the school's overcrowding plight stems from the regional special-education program that it houses. The program offers various forms of training, including speech, language and physical therapy, to students with special needs. Sherwood said 100 students in the special education program are level-five intensity, which means they require the most restrictive classroom environment allowable by law.

The school system's policy mandates that these students be taught in classes of no more than 12 students, Sherwood said. Springhill Lake Elementary has 11 classrooms which hold classes limited to 12 students. The small number of students allowed in special edu-

cation classrooms contributes to the school's lack of space, Sherwood said.

Meanwhile, class sizes for the rest of the student body average between 30 and 35 students, Sherwood said, except for first-grade classes, which are limited to 25 students. She said an average class size of 20 students would be optimum but is unlikely to occur in the foreseeable future.

According to Sherwood, (despite a student turnover rate of 55 to 58 percent, the school continues to enroll a constantly

*Prince George's County school system set an average student-teacher ratio for 1995 in kindergarten - 23.2 to 1, and in grades 1 to 6, 26.4 - 1. In 1996, average kindergarten pupil-teacher ratio was set at 23.1 - 1, grades 1 to 6, 26.6 - 1.*

rising number of students.) Predictions for student enrollment, which are usually fairly accurate, do not foresee a decline in the school's enrollment any time soon.

For now, temporary buildings provide the only available solution to Springhill Lake Elementary's overcrowding problem. However, the school property is quickly filling up with these structures, and land on which to place them may

soon run out. The construction of a larger school would be an ideal solution, but Sherwood said Greenbelt is not slotted for a new school in the near future.

"What I need [to alleviate overcrowding] is a miracle," Sherwood said.

### Future Plans

Several months ago the school board voted unanimously to submit a six-year plan to the federal court to phase in neighborhood schools as one of six measures that they recommended to the court.

Sherwood applauds the county's move to keep Greenbelt students in Greenbelt schools, stating that it does not make sense to bus an equal number of black students into and out of schools when such measures do not change the schools' racial composition.

"It made sense in the 70s but it doesn't now," Sherwood said.

However, Sherwood said the measure will create an additional space problem for Springhill Lake Elementary. It is expected that parents of students currently being bused into the school will petition the school board to allow their children to remain students there.

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Other Greenbelt residents may call to inquire if they are eligible for the program which also offers some further conservation programs.

Chandler VonSchrader of Kemper Management Services of Beltsville, which holds the contract for Pepco, told the News Review they have serviced 40,000 homes in the metropolitan area under their contract since 1992.

In a "mad blitz" in late 1994, he said, his company installed energy-efficient bulbs in 360 GHI homes. VonSchrader hopes to do another 400 or 500 GHI homes before the program ends December 31. He credits Donna Sorenson and Jay Friedman of GHI's Technical Services for getting GHI back into the program after a lapse of 18 months.

## Schools Hold Fairs On Magnet Programs

The Prince George's County School System's Department of Magnet School Programs will host a series of three educational fairs to better acquaint residents with the magnet school programs and to provide information about enrollment.

The first fair will take place on Tuesday, October 29, at Central High School in Capitol Heights from 7-9 p.m. The second fair, on Saturday, November 2, will take place at Friendly High School in Fort Washington from 9-11 a.m. The third and final fair will take place on Wednesday, November 6, at High Point High School (3601 Powder Mill Road) in Beltsville from 7-9 p.m.

The school system's magnet program currently consists of 16 themes in 53 schools. The themes include French Immersion; creative and performing arts; biotechnology; science, mathematics and technology; humanities and international studies; talented and gifted; traditional/classical academy; university high school; visual and performing arts; and academic center. For more information call 301-952-6044.



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**on November 3, 1996**  
**GHI Board Room**

A Members' hearing on the proposed 1997 Budget will be held on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. At this meeting members will have the opportunity to ask questions on the items that are included in the budget projections for 1997. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting.

## Fit n' Fun Aerobics

This is a high-lo aerobic program to get you fit while having fun. Includes strength training, using weights and floor work. Bring a floor mat and weights (optional).

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Fire Prevention Month

# Knowing What To Do Could Save Your Life

By Randy Crenweige

(This is the second in a series of Fire Prevention articles offering useful information on smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, escape and exit drills and fire prevention tips.)

### Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers found in homes and automobiles must be inspected to ensure that they are full. Fire extinguishers can save lives and property. They are not designed to fight large or spreading fires. Most portable fire extinguishers have a range of 6 to 10 feet and discharge quickly. They are appropriate for fighting oven or wastebasket fires.

Fire Chief Davis explained the ABC's of fire extinguishers. Choosing the right fire extinguisher is very important. Fire extinguishers are tested and inspected by an independent testing laboratory. A fire extinguisher must be large enough to put out a small fire. A 2-1/2 pound extinguisher empties in 10 seconds; a 10 pound extinguisher requires 30 seconds to discharge fully.

In addition to size, every portable extinguisher should be labeled according to the "class of fire" it is designed to extinguish. There are 3 basic classes of fires:

**Class A:** Ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, paper, and rubber. Fire extinguishers designed to put out fires which use ordinary combustibles as the fuel source are labeled with an "A" inside a green triangle. Class A fires can be fought with any portable extinguisher or with water.

**Class B:** Flammable liquids such as gasoline, grease, propane, etc. are labeled with the letter "B" inside a red square. never use water on a grease fire.

**Class C:** Electrically Energized Equipment. This category includes combustibles on fire because of contact with live electrical equipment. This class is symbolized with a letter "C" inside a blue circle. Never use water on an electrical fire.

**ABC Extinguishers:** This multiple class extinguisher is appropriately used for fighting fires categorized in all three classes above.

### Fire Extinguisher Maintenance

Fire extinguishers are only effective if properly maintained.

When a fire occurs, it is not a good time to determine if a fire extinguisher works. Moisture and inappropriate temperatures can both render a fire extinguisher ineffective. Fire extinguishers require routine attention to ensure that they function properly when needed. The operator's manual or the service person both provide maintenance instructions. Fire extinguishers should be checked monthly to ensure they are properly pressurized. If low, have a fire extinguisher recharged immediately. Dry chemical extinguishers may have powder inside that has become compacted over time. The extinguisher can be shaken; by feel and sound, it can be determined that the powder is still loose enough to discharge. Shaking will also help keep the powder from caking.

Fire extinguishers should not be stored in cars. They should only be stored at room temperatures. If subjected to a high temperature, a fire extinguisher can explode.

To use a fire extinguisher, proceed as follows: 1) Pull the pin. This frees the handle lever which is depressed to release the agent. 2) Aim. Point the nozzle at the base of the fire. 3) Squeeze the handle. This allows the extinguishing agent to be released.

### Fire Safety Tips

The following tips help fire victims survive: 7) Test doors before opening them. Kneel or crouch at door, reach up as high as possible. Touch the door, the knob, and the space between the door and its frame with the back of the hand. If the door is hot, use an alternate route. 8) Use windows as alternate exits when a primary exit is blocked by fire or smoke. An adult must be the last one down. This prevents a child from panicking and refusing to leave through a window. 9) Crawl low under smoke. There is usually a "safety zone" of breathable air about 12 to 24 inches above the floor in a smoke-filled room. Crawling and breathing in this low level air zone can provide an escape tool and possibly save lives. 10) Get out of the house first. Call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Stay on the phone with the dispatcher until all the questions are answered. 11) If clothes catch fire: stop, drop, and roll. Roll over and over to smother the flames. 12) Cool burns. Treat burns immediately. Seek immediate medical attention. Never put butter, ointments, or any other form of grease on a burn. Grease insulates the skin. This traps the heat in the wound, making it worse. Burns can be held under cool running water for 10 to 15 minutes. 13) Install smoke detectors on each level of your home. Consider installing automatic fire sprinklers.

### French Immersion Open House

Rogers Heights Elementary invites families to learn about its French Immersion program. Parents of children who will be five years old by Dec. 31, 1997 are invited to an open house at Rogers Heights Elementary, Tuesday, Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

Rogers Heights on 58th Ave., Bladensburg has an active PTA, a French Immersion Support Group, a TAG component and full-sized computer and science labs.

Several families in this area have children in the program. Convenient bus transportation is provided.

For further information, call the French Immersion Coordinator, Francis Renson at 301-985-1860.

# SRO Crowd at GHI Sees Board Hike Rental Fees

by Sandy Smith

There was standing room only at the Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) meeting which preceded the October 3 Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors meeting. Fences, basketball hoops, and ivy were on the agenda, but the majority of those attending had come to hear the latest on the GDC rental garage policy.

Originally presented at an earlier meeting, the policy was discussed at length, with general agreement among members of the Board finally achieved. In brief, the GDC Board agreed to allow current holders to maintain their spaces and give priority to vehicle use over storage and to GHI and GDC members over non-members when new vacancies occur. They also would require non-members to pay a higher rent. The board directed management to prepare the policy in detail and present it to the board again for final approval at the next quarterly GDC meeting.

### Ivy —to grow or not to grow

Green grows the ivy, but probably not in GHI. A member requested an exception from the policy which does not permit ivy on the exterior walls of GHI homes. In fact, GHI had recently required members to remove ivy from their homes. To substantiate his request for an exception, the member provided literature from the National Gardening Association stating that there are suitable ivy plants that pose no problem for the exterior of brick or masonry homes. (All agreed that ivy should not grow on frame units.) Betty Deitch objected to changing a policy to which many members had already complied. John Taylor was not convinced of the scientific validity of the evidence that ivy does no harm. Bill Phelan thought that the jury was still out on this issue as well. The board agreed - with Phelan opposed - to reconsider the issue and to halt the ivy removal program while management does further research and presents a revised policy for the board to consider as soon as possible. (In an update to this story, at their October 17 meeting, the GHI board decided to refer the ivy policy to the Architecture and Environment Committee for review and recommendations.)

### Basketball Hoops

The board passed a motion suggested by the Architecture and Environment Committee to prohibit large, permanent basketball hoops in members' yards. However, the board was concerned that there were adequate playgrounds and courts for children, particularly younger ones who can't keep up with the play of the older children and teens on the per-

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### Fence Exception

The board approved the removal of a requirement that a member take down a privacy screen upon resale of her unit. The board had earlier approved an exception to the fence policy to allow construction of this screen. Since the fence would be approved under current policy, the majority of the board felt that the restriction could now be lifted.

### Landscape Restoration

GHI has begun underground utility contract work which will result in the need for restoration of members' yards. GHI staff has experienced some difficulty in restoring all members' yards to the exact condition prior to the beginning of work and to a level to meet members' expectations. GHI has some of the expertise needed for this work but would need to contract out for specialized services. The board agreed in principle that GHI should be responsible for restoring yards, patios, and plants, as they were before the work and to acquire contract skill where necessary. GHI

will do as much of the work as possible, and estimates that the contract work may be about \$20,000 annually. At the October 17 meeting the board received a statement from management outlining this policy, made minor modifications and sent it back to management for a final draft.

Finally the board passed a motion to obtain opinions from the GHI lawyer regarding sanctions or fines which might be levied against GHI members who fail to follow provisions of the Mutual Ownership Contract. Boardmember Betty Deitch objected to seeking this counsel without first determining if the board intended to take this type of action. Others felt that the range of approaches and reactions could be explored first and then policies set.

### Harvest Craft Day Is Next Saturday

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is sponsoring a "Harvest Craft Day" on Saturday, October 26 from 1 until 4 p.m. at Old Maryland Farm, located at 301 Watkins Park, Upper Marlboro. There is a nominal fee. Participants will make crafts to take home. For further information, call (301) 249-7077, TTY (301) 699-2544.



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by Linda Savaryn  
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Dr. David Tuthill, and Sheila Maffay-Tuthill were blessed with a son, Jeremy Woodruff Tuthill, October 16. Jeremy was born at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, MD, weighing 8 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. In attendance at the birth were Jeremy's dad and Aunt Julie Maffay-Erickson, R.N. The happy grandparents are John and Elizabeth Maffay of Greenbelt, and Dr. and Mrs. Dean Tuthill of Adelphi. Jeremy joins his three year old brother Jacob Elijah.

Tina and Michael Ginsburg were married November 3, 1991 at La Fontaine Bleu. They reside in Jessup, MD. Sierra Marie, their baby girl, was born July 14 at Holy Cross Hospital. Proud grandparents are Harriet and David Ginsburg of Greenbelt, residents for 31 years; Sallie Osborne Mueller of Severn, MD and great-grandmother Bertha Osborne of South Carolina; and Bob and Terri Mueller of Hagerstown, MD. Aunt Rhonda and Uncle Richard of Jessup are the Godparents.

Alex Barnes - former member of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, former facilities manager for the Greenbelt Arts Center, former board member for the New Deal Cafe, and former member of the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition, among other organizations - has sent his first letter from his assignment in Tanzania, East Africa, where he is a Peace Corps volunteer. Alex reports that he is living in a three bedroom apartment with a family in Arusha. The family has two small boys and a maid. His trip to Tanzania was uneventful. He had a 16-hour layover in Amsterdam, which he spent biking around the city with two other volunteers. They visited the Anne Frank House and Museum. Alex is the son of Alexander Barnes, Greenbelt, and News Review staffer, Sandra Lange, of Lanham.

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**McLaughlin**

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foresight in, for example, not allowing the Golden Triangle to become an auto park as was once planned.

**Opportunities**

When others in Mike's position might have moved on to seek greater career opportunities elsewhere, Mike has stayed. He has enjoyed the support of former city manager Jim Giese, and then Dan Hobbs, and credits them with providing him with enough growth opportunities to keep him in Greenbelt.

Mike managed the \$5.5 million renovation of Greenbelt Center Elementary School to a community center, and he is pleased that the Community Center is so successful. At this point, he states, the prediction was that the community center would be generating only enough income to support 25% of its operating costs. In fact, Mike notes, it is expected to generate 53% in FY 1997. "We always knew it would be a successful community center," he remarked, "but we underestimated how quickly people would take to it."

Mike noted that the adult day care and the nursery school are doing well. The artist's studios and rentals have taken off. "We're getting calls for space rental that we couldn't have imagined," he proclaimed. "We expanded our camp program. Plus," Mike pointed out, "we're doing things that governments don't traditionally do. We're leasing out much of the space to minimize the burden on the taxpayer," he stated. "Yet, we're still providing the services that people want."

Mike grew up in Philadelphia and attended Saint Joseph University. While in college he became attracted to the Congressional candidacy of a minister who was running on a platform promoting social changes with which Mike agreed. He recognized, then, he said, that "If I got into government, I can have a positive effect." He changed his career path from law to planning and pursued his masters degree in public administration at George Washington

University.

**Challenges**

There are four major issues that Mike views as the challenges for the future. The first is managing the city's finances effectively during a time of reduced property values. He is pleased that the city's financial position has been strengthened. Although revenues have not grown as much in the 1990s as they did in the 1980s, "the city's fund balance is good and we will end FY96 with an 11% reserve," he notes.

His second issue is crime and supporting what he views as an outstanding police department. The third is maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in Greenbelt. And, the fourth is promoting intergovernmental relations between the county government and the municipalities. Mike feels that decisions are sometimes made at the county level that negatively impact on municipalities, and there is a feeling of mutual mistrust that is not healthy for either governmental body.

Noting that his predecessors, Jim Giese and Dan Hobbs, had particular strengths in understanding the operations of the city and a management style that helps people to grow, Mike states that another of his tasks as city manager will be to continue to support the city's employees by giving them additional responsibilities that will help them grow in their professions just as he has been able to do.

**Support**

When Dan Hobbs submitted his resignation to accept another position elsewhere, Mike expressed surprise at the support he received for the job. "I've been honored by the number of people that have come forward with support," he observed. "It has been very gratifying to me. I don't know how to appropriately thank people,"



The Michael P. McLaughlin family: Matthew, wife Leslie, Julia, McLaughlin, and Andrew.

- photo by Lisa Goldman

he modestly proclaims.

As grateful as he is for this support, he hopes he has the unqualified support of the city council. He says that he wants them to feel as good about his appointment as they obviously did when they appointed Dan Hobbs five years ago. "I wanted council to know that I wanted the job," he affirms. "But I also wanted them to feel just as strongly that they were making the right decision in appointing me."

As for the city employees who have known him as "Mike" for 17 years, he expects no change in their greeting. "I've been here so long, and so many people know me as "Mike" that I don't expect them to change," he says with unassuming candor. "Some people have asked me if they can still

call me Mike," he laughs, "and I say 'sure.'"

With the achievement of a cherished goal, Mike McLaughlin is a happy man. "I am more fortunate in Greenbelt than I could have imagined," he says earnestly. "Council willing, I will be here for a long time. It's a great honor for me to serve as city manager."

**Volunteers Needed At Nursing Center**

Golden Oaks Nursing Center in Laurel has a need for volunteers. Volunteers make a very big difference in the world of those confined to a nursing home.

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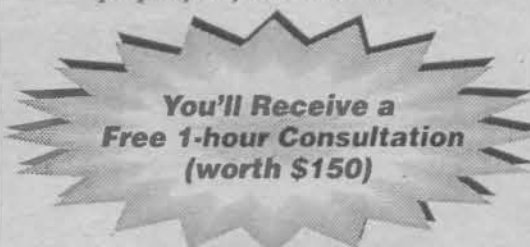
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

## Burglaries

Police charged two young men - one a city resident - with a burglary that took place at a residence on Parkway in September. Another burglary involved a home in the 62 court of Ridge on October 16, where a living room window was forced open and clothing and jewelry were taken.

The most complicated burglary did not start in Greenbelt at all. The homeowner, a resident of Mathew St., had been dining at a restaurant in northwest Washington, when his vehicle was stolen. Taking a cab home, he found his garage door open and the missing car inside, with damage to the vent window and the steering column. Now missing from the garage was his other car, and inside his house, a VCR and a laser disc player. The stolen car is a red 1989 BMW 635 ESI two-door, with Maryland tags WZX767. The incident was reported at 1:10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17.

## Drug Possession

Four incidents involved possession of drugs or paraphernalia. A Springhill Terrace resident, stopped on Edmonston Rd. for a traffic violation, was found to be driving with a suspended permit. When the officer smelled suspected marijuana, he searched the vehicle and found an instrument commonly used to smoke it. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia.

A Washington woman, reported for attempted shoplifting at Ross's dress shop in the Greenway Center, was seen getting into a car, which was later stopped by police on Greenbelt Rd. near Lakeside. She was held on \$5000 bond pending trial for attempted theft and possession of paraphernalia. A 65-year-old male companion was also arrested for possession of paraphernalia. A third suspect, who suffered a seizure, was transported by ambulance to Prince George's Doctors Hospital. Charges on this suspect are pending.

A 20-year-old Lanham man was arrested for possession of marijuana and cocaine after he was stopped for an equipment violation when he was driving on Hanover Parkway.

## Vandalism

Officers responded to the report of a vandalism in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court. A witness, hearing a loud crashing noise, had observed a black male, described as 5'9" to 6'1", 150 to 180 pounds, with black hair in a small afro with a part in the middle, and wearing dark clothing, as he broke out the windows of a vehicle. He was seen getting into a black Toyota with gold pin striping and fleeing the scene.

Two teenage girls were arrested on Wednesday, Oct. 16 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane for fighting with knives. Both were charged with possession of a deadly weapon and assault. They were released to guardians pending action by the

Juvenile Justice System.

## Thefts

The driver of a vehicle on Kenilworth Ave. north of Cherrywood was stopped for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the validation sticker on the vehicle had been reported stolen by Montgomery County police. The driver also had an open warrant by the Prince George's County Sheriff's Dept. He was arrested and charged with theft.

A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for theft of a bicycle, which he had spray painted a different color. A burgundy 3-speed woman's bicycle was stolen from Centerway on Friday, Oct. 11 shortly before midnight.

## October Anti-Crime Anti-Violence Month

October is Crime Prevention and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee wishes our citizens a safe and peaceful community. Here's what's going on in October.

Just turn off violent television, music and movies.

Oct. 20 - 26. America's Safe Schools Week

Recognition of programs at the school, state and national levels which effectively prevent campus crime, improve discipline, increase attendance and suppress drug traffic.

Oct. 23 - 31. National Red Ribbon Week

Wear red ribbons to show your support for drug free youth and take a stand against drugs in your community.

Oct. 26. Make a Difference Day

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For more information, call Greenbelt Police Officer George Matthews at 301-474-7200 or Diane Ronchi at 301-441-1189.

Diane C. Ronchi, Chair  
Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee

# Overcrowded ERHS Has 20 Portable Classrooms

by Kerana Todorov

"It's an energizing place," says Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Chief Educational Administrator, Dr. Gerald L. Boarman.

This year, Boarman says, the school has a 3,068 student body - about two-thirds in the comprehensive component and one-third in science tech. The 223-member staff includes 142 faculty members, seven administrators, eight guidance counselors, administrative and food service workers, janitors, and others.

The building's maximum capacity is between 2,300 and 2,400 students. To accommodate all the extra students, the school now has added 20 portable classrooms. Each portable has air-conditioning and houses 30 students. However, these facilities do not have restrooms. Students must use the lavatories in the main building.

Boarman says the school received the first two portables in 1989. This number has increased as the student body has grown larger. Eight years ago, according to Boarman, the school had 2,300 students. Last year, it had approximately 2,910 students.

Boarman says the school operates on a hybrid schedule, however, so that not everyone is moving at the same time.

"We need more teachers," Boarman says. This would reduce the number of students per class, now averaging 30 to 35 students. The average county school system's student-teacher ratio for high schools in 1995 was 25.9 to one. In 1996 the average is 26.1 to one. This year Roosevelt has five new teachers. The high school's budget pays the salaries of two of the new recruits.

## Distant Learning

As a first step in moving into the new technological age, Bell Atlantic has installed a new interactive video distant-learning classroom in three of the county high schools, including Roosevelt, Suitland and Oxon Hill High School German classes receive instruction from Roosevelt, where the course originates. In return, Roosevelt students can take Italian lessons from Oxon Hill. Three Roosevelt students and some from Oxon Hill participate in an art history class originating from Suitland.

Students in these television programs communicate with one

another by means of individual pyramid-looking microphones. Television sets allow students and teachers to see each other. This distant learning system, Boarman says, will also allow students to go on electronic "field trips." These classes are open to students in both the comprehensive and the science tech components.

## Oasis Program

Boarman said that Roosevelt, an Oasis school, can provide two hours of free tutoring to students who want it. Kristin Pfeltz, Oasis director, matches community volunteers with Roosevelt students. Right now, volunteers include parents and panhellenic students from the University of Maryland, Boarman says. The range of subjects is wide open. Anyone interested can call Pfeltz at 513-5400.

The school also offers SAT preparatory classes, Boarman said, adding that students from Prince George's Community College attend night classes at the school.

The nurse on duty at the school sees approximately 50 students daily, Boarman says. The nurse administers all prescribed medications. For instance, the health worker keeps the diabetic medicines.

Boarman says that the school resource officer, who is considered a part of the faculty, provides a "good balance" between what takes place outside the school and inside the school. The school resource officer, Greenbelt police officer Cpl. David A. Buerger, patrols the school all day long.

Boarman said drugs and gangs are not a problem at Roosevelt High School. Fights at the school have involved students from the same neighborhood. Still, he says, that does not mean that he and his staff were "stupid" and not monitoring the situation.

Boarman said he is sitting on the committee in charge of building the new Ardmore High School. The 2,200-student new school should alleviate the overpopulation problem at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Its completion date is 1999-2000.

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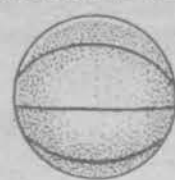
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## International Lions Host Stamp Show

The Wilshow 1996 - Lions International Stamp Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 26 - 27 at the Greenbelt Armory. The Saturday show will be between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; the show on Sunday will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an admission fee. For further information, contact Lion Glen Mitchell, 9115 Old Marlboro Pike, #27, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

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Beltway Plaza Mall has opened the mall this Halloween to all children 2-13 years of age to trick or treat in a safe, warm and dry environment. Stores will be decorated and employees will be in costume passing out goodies to the children who are in costume. Trick or treating starts at 6 p.m. and finishes at 7:30 p.m. It is a good idea to visit the mall witch first at Center Court, receive a mall treat, sign up for the costume contest, and receive a trick or treat bag, if needed. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

A costume contest will follow trick or treating in Center Court at 7:30 p.m. Who better to judge the contest than the Jeepers! characters, JJ, Kronkle, and Trish the Tiny Rhino. The categories this year are: scariest, most original, and cutest. A new award category will be for the parent with the best adult costume. Each participant will receive a free gift, and the winners in each category will receive a \$25 Mall Gift Certificate and a free Ride & Soft Play Pass to Jeepers!

For further information, please call Laura Latimer at 301-422-3300.

**Make a Scarecrow**

Behnke Nurseries, 11300 Baltimore Avenue (Rt. 1), Beltsville announces Scarecrow Making Days, Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., a fall scarecrow building opportunity for children.

All materials for construction will be provided for the child to use creativity to make a special buddy. These consist of old clothes, funny hats, rubber boots, pumpkin heads and lots of straw for stuffing. Come get into the spirit of the season and go home with a picture to remember the fun experience. For a funny pal to take home, just bring some old clothes and a silly head. Help and the straw will be provided.

**Trick or Treat At Greenway**

On Sunday, October 27, Greenway Center, Ross, Safeway and Today's Man are sponsoring a trick or treating event. Parents may take children store to store from noon to 3 p.m. Each child will receive a free Halloween bag, candy, and special coupons.

**UM Concert Band Performs Oct. 29**

The University of Maryland Concert Band will perform on Tuesday, October 29 at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. Admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 301-405-5542.

**Halloween Celebration Hosted by Hospital**

Doctors Community Hospital will conduct its infamous United Way Haunted House and Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 26, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Outpatient Services Building at 8118 Good Luck Road. This annual event, produced by hospital employees, has been labeled by community members as "The best Haunted House anywhere!" The haunted house staff consists of hospital employees, employees of local organizations such as NYLCare, Professional Occupational Health, the Prince George's Police Department, and the Prince George's County School system, to name a few, who volunteer their time and energy, so that all proceeds will go to the United Way Campaign. There is a fee. Children's games with prizes, face painting and refreshments will also be available for a minimal charge.

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pants will be led through scary scenes guaranteed to haunt even the unshakable. Because of the gruesome nature of some of the scenes, the tour is not recommended for children under eight years of age; parental discretion is strongly advised. Children's games will be available outside for those who do not wish to take the tour. All activities will begin in the rear of the Outpatient Services Building, directly behind the main hospital.

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