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## **User Fees Increasingly Pay For Recreation Budget Costs**

by Mary Lou Williamson Years of concern over how costly the Community Center operations might be, how much could be offset by incoming revenues and how big a bite taxpayers would get should ease somewhat with the first full year of real numbers. This year's budget (1996-97) anticipated revenues to cover 53 percent of costs - that percentage is coming in somewhat better at 60, with reasonable expectation of continued improvement.

Another important city facility, the Aquatic and Fitness Center's revenues have stabilized at about 87 or 88 percent of paying for its operating costs. Before the fitness center opened in 1993, the pools took in revenues of 60 to 65 percent of expenses.

At the Recreation Department Budget worksession on April 23. some members of the Greenbelt City Council asked whether similar kinds of figures could be developed for the city's other facili--the Youth Center, ties Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and Schrom Hills Park. Staff responded that such figures could be worked up, but that it might be difficult to identify which facility should get the credit for activities that aren't clearly associated with a building. Self-supporting programs pay for their direct costs and some overhead through fees and can be placed anywhere there is space. Traditionally the accounting for all these programs appeared together departure for a job elsewhere.

in a separate account.

Last year some of these programs were moved to the newly opened Community Center taking with them, for accounting purposes, the associated fees. The Aquatic and Fitness Center likewise includes in its accounts the fees for classes and the use of its facilities.

In the other centers, self-supporting revenues are not used to offset operating expenses of the buildings. Also, the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is small, with no space in which to put special activities that might bring in added revenues. In a similar situation, Schrom Hills Park also does not bring in much revenue.

Budget

Expenditures in the Recreation and Parks budget, which accounts for 23 percent of the total city operating budget, would increase 4.4 percent over last year to \$3,158,600 in the fiscal year 1997-98 (FY 98) budget proposed by City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin. Major accounts include the Aquatic and Fitness Center (\$747,000), the Community Center (\$539,400), and Administration (\$379,500). The discussion of expenditures for Parks (\$690,600) was included in the Public Works worksession.

While no changes in staff positions are budgeted, significant personnel changes over the past several years will continue as Cathy Salgado, Community Center supervisor, has announced her

Each facility is working on plans for better marketing of their programs to the community.

**Community** Center Expenditures for FY-98 are proposed at \$539,400, of which 57 percent is for personnel and related expenses, the rest for operating expenses. Revenues are expected to provide \$325,000.

Salgado, in a memo to council, told of the "dramatic" increases in Community Center programming this year, with continued growth expected next year. Existing day camps were doubled in size, some new camps offered and an after school care program, started this year for children at Greenbelt Elementary, may be extended to Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary students. Revenues are up by 150 percent for the fitness classes. Rentals, 59 for this year, have also been a good source of income (\$50,000).

The Community Center has become a focal point for community activities this year, Salgado wrote. Many Greenbelt groups use the meeting rooms. This she noted, has been a good marketing tool, as many individuals return to rent space. The Dog Park Association, Girl Scouts, Home and Garden Club and the Nursery School have held events on the front lawn and in rooms inside the

See RECREATION, page 9

### A Tree Falls **On Ridge Road**

by Kerana Todorov

An oak tree split and fell on Ridge Road uphill from Mishkan Torah between 5 and 7 courts of Ridge Road, Tuesday May 6, at 1:15 p.m. About 2,300 customers lost electricity for more than an hour. Isaac Robinson, who lives nearby, said he heard three or

There were four loud bangs," said Janet Parker. "Then the an-swering machine beeped, the lights went out, and we went up to the former Tree Farm next to the 8 Court of Ridge to determine what had happened. A large tree had cracked and fallen over the power line, blocking the inner lane of Ridge Road, Pepcoand Asplundh (tree removers) were on the job within half an hour. A call later to GHI resulted in the tree chipper finishing the job. Soon the electricity was back on, food was safe and dinner was cooking." News Review staffers wrote articles by hand with plenty of light from the tall windows once the shades were raised to the top. The generator for the Community Center roared to life outside those windows, sounding like a tank, but providing lighted hallways in the building.

### What Goes On

Mon., May 12, 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Refuse/Recycling; Public Hearing on FY 1998 Budget; City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thurs., May 15, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Homes Annual Meeting and Election, Community Center.

Fri., May 16, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. GHI Election continued, Community Center.

Thursday, May 8, 1997

## **Annual Meeting, Elections Of GHI Set for May 15**

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of the membership of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will be held next Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This year the members will be electing five board members as well as all three members of the Audit Committee and all members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. In addition, there are two general issues to be decided on: the first is a proposed bylaws change for dealing with loans and investments that was tabled at the 1996 annual meeting; and the other involves a request to loan money to the Greenbelt Development Corporation, a GHI subsidiary.

Voting will be held at the recess of the annual meeting on Thursday evening and on Friday, May 16, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center.

Elections

Five GHI board members are completing their terms on the board -Bill Phelan, Ray Stevens, Nat Shinderman, Betty Deitch, and Keith Jahoda. Phelan, Stevens, and Shinderman have indicated that they will not seek reelection. Deitch and Jahoda are seeking reelection. Three additional members have filed to run for the board of directors - Julia Eichhorst, Steve Harper, and Sue Ready. Members can still file to run for the board or audit committee through May 8. All members running for the board have experience in various aspects of GHI's committees as well as other activities. Biographies of all running for GHI offices are found elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

All three positions on the audit committee are elected on an annual basis. Two of the three current members - Deborah Cooley and Kathleen Weber are seeking reelection. In addition two other members have filed to date - L. Patricia

Adelaide and Andrew Levin.

There are currently four members running for the Nominations and Elections Committee, the only elected GHI committee. They are Sheila Alpers, Charles Braun, Judith Goldstein, and Robert Snyder. All four are current members of the committee.

#### **Bylaws** Change

At last year's annual meeting, a petition proposed changing the bylaws dealing with loans and investments. The bylaws currently restrict investing to governmentbacked securities. The petition sought to allow investing in mutual funds that were wholly based on government securities. After discussion, the membership voted to table the petition to allow the board to look into the issue further and to bring it back at this year's meeting. The current board is in agreement that members adopt more flexible language with regard to investment of replacement reserve funds. The board is submitting a substitute motion which would give the board "authority to invest the funds of the Corporation, exercising sound judgment and consulting with independent professionals as appropriate." Both the 1996 motion and the substitute motion will be discussed at the annual meeting.

#### Loan to GDC

Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of GHI, owns and operates 60 apartments along with 52 garages located on Parkway Road. GDC recently requested a loan from GHI to rehabilitate six apartments, install a new roof on some buildings, and to repair the heating system. The GHI bylaws indicate that the loaning of GHI funds for use in this manner must have the prior approval of the membership. Thus it is being brought to the membership at the annual meeting.

## **Firemen Seek City Aid For Station & Equipment**

by James Giese

Two issues were debated but not resolved in City Council's budget worksession with the representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on May 1. First, how much should the

city spend in support of a service

Department, according to its president, Jay Remenick. Therefore, none of the \$150,000 that will be in Replacement Fund Reserves should be used for other Fire Department purposes, nor should on-hand funds for equip-

four "cannon shots."

that is the assigned responsibility of the county? And second, how much should the city do to protect its investment in a city building that is in need of repairs and renovation, when it is leased to the Fire Department which is responsible for its maintenance?

For more than five years, the city has been setting aside the yield of a one cent tax levy in its Replacement Fund to be used to help supplement other monies for the purchase of fire equipment. City Manager - Michael McLaughlin has included such a set aside in this year's budget, \$52,800. This set aside began after the city modified the firehouse lease to prohibit the building's use for casino gambling.

Keeping its equipment in top condition and up-to-date is the first priority of the Greenbelt Fire

ment replacement of the department be used. Remenick told the council that Engine 351, a 1989 American Eagle truck and apparatus, will be ten years old in 1999 and should be replaced before 2002. That is anticipated to cost \$350 to \$400 thousand.

The department has a further problem in that the county has not honored its commitment in a three-way deal for the financed purchase of Engine 352, the debt on which was to be repaid over 5 years with funds received from the state, the county and departmental funds. The county commitment was made by then Executive County Parris Glendening in his last year in office, but County Executive Wayne Curry, faced with major budget shortfalls, has not come up with funds to meet the pay-See FIRE DEPARTMENT, page 7

The city was reduced to one phone and the Co-op food store closed its doors.



Asplundh worker, in the white bucket, methodically removes a large branch of an old oak tree that broke in Tuesday's high wind, breaking the power line on Ridge Road.

-photo by Judy Nelson

In an article by Karl Vick pub-

lished in the Sunday, April 20

Washington Post, I am quoted as

describing Greenbelt homes as

looking like "bunkers." This is a

misquote. During a telephone interview with Mr. Vick, I was

asked if the town looked like a planned community. To the best

of my memory, this was the an-

But it looks like a planned com-

munity of that era. The architecture was meant to be very modern

and forward looking. But today

some of the buildings, (especially

some of the apartment buildings),

resemble institutional housing -

Greenbelt to know that since being

asked to write the play on

Greenbelt's history, I have learned

what a beautiful and proud place

Greenbelt has been and is. And I

have been honored to have had the

chance to be a part of it. I'd like

to thank all those who gave such

warm response and support to

Maryland Special Project #1 - The

Greenbelt Story. It is a chapter in

my life which I shall always trea-

The National Archives II at

8601 Adelphi Road will feature

the following film on Wednesday,

utes), by Ken Burns. Long built

his career as governor and sena-

tor of Louisiana on a populist

platform of social reform while

dodging accusations of graft and

5000. All films are shown free

For information, call 202-501-

"Huey Long," 1985 (88 min-

Wednesday's Film

At Archives II

May 14, at noon:

corruption.

to the public.

Daniel Ray Young

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like blocks or something."

"The center does, especially.

To the People of Greenbelt:

**Open Letter** 

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Thursday, May 8, 1997

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## Let the Council Know

Council is in the unhappy position of either cutting back on city refuse service or raising rates. Since these city services are provided to only about a third of the residents (contractors doing the rest), the city must recover these costs through refuse fees rather than through use of general revenues or property taxes.

Another fact of life is that during the best of times recycling revenues do not pay for the cost of collection. Right now, it is the closer to the worst of times. The city receives only \$4,000 for the sale of recyclables, there being a glut on the market. Experience has shown that many Greenbelt citizens have strong feelings on refuse collection. If you are one of this group, you should let the city councilmembers know your thoughts before the budget is decided upon at a May 19 worksession. A public hearing on these changes, plus the FY 98 budget is scheduled for the May 12 council meeting at 8 p.m.

At present, it appears that the majority of council is inclined to reduce service by having the city crews pick up refuse on only one day a week. 'If you don't think the once-a-week service is a good idea, you should let council know now, not after the change is made. Equally important, if you favor this change, council needs to know that as well.

#### **GHI** Notes

The following GHI meetings have been scheduled:

Thursday, May 8, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors, Board Room.

Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m., Social for Members to Meet the Candidates, with refreshments, Board Room.

Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee, GHI Lunch Room. 7:30 p.m., Subcommittee on Gypsy Moths, GHI Library. 7:30 p.m., Joint A&E/Historic District Committees, Board Room.

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m., Woodlands Committee, Board Room.

Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting, Community Center Auditorium.

Friday, May 16, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., All Day Voting for Board and Audit Committee — Community Center Seniors Room.

### Heart Workshops At Doctors Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital will be hosting a Community Wellness Program titled "Healthy Heart" on Wednesdays during the month of May. This series of four classes will begin on May 7, with "Eating for a Healthy Heart," followed by "How to Lower Your Risk of Heart Attack" on May 14, "Chest Pain - Your Heart's Sig-nal for Help" on May 21 and "Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)" on May 28. All classes will be held from 7 - 8:15 p.m. at Doctors Community Hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham, in the Outpaervices Building directly behind the main building, on the 5th floor. There is a fee for the four week series, which is open to all interested community members. Pre-registration is necessary, and can be done by calling Doctors Community Hospital's Health Connection at 301-552-0044.

## Alice-Marie Gravely Photography Show

Artist Alice-Marie Gravely, a former Greenbelt resident, will exhibit her recent photographs at the Conference Room gallery of the Greenbelt Municipal Building through June 17. The theme, "Sights on My Walks," captures the whimsy, beauty, and moods of various landscapes and cityscapes in the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas.

Gravely states, "Hand-coloring my black and white photographs allows me to take the creative process of photography one step further. It reminds me of sitting in front of the old black and white television as a child and wondering what color is that heroine's dress or is that a green or gray bottle. Now I know, because it can be any color I choose."

A graduate of the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, Gravely has been juried into a variety of local shows, and exhibited at A Touch of Art Gallery in Alexandria last fall. Timing Trash

I would like to draw attention to a rather little known fact regarding trash pick up: the "backdoor" collection of refuse from GHI trash closets is very efficient. This is due to the geographical layout of the courts. The following table, published in the November 8, 1996 "Recommendations to the City Council from the Recycling Advisory Committee," illustrates this point.

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Thus a discussion about "backdoor" vs. "curbside" collection of garbage does not relate to GHI.

Leonie Penney

### **Quick Response**

This is a follow-up letter regarding my letter you printed two weeks ago regarding the rocknapping behind Plateau Place. The man who took the rocks wrote to me apologizing profusely, and placed each of the rocks back in their respective places on the trail. It turns out that he really does like these rocks, which I mistakenly thought were igneous rocks. They are actually sedimentary rocks known as ironstone. I am humbled by this man's conscience and his swift actions to rectify the rocknapping. We all make mistakes, but how many of us compensate

for them in a timely manner, if at all? I for one would appreciate an opportunity to consult with this man about woodlands issues. I know you read the News Review, please contact me again. Rochelle D. Spiker

## Thanks

Thank you very much for publishing my letter in your newspaper. And I want to thank your citizens for sending me very nice things to help me in my report.

Sincerely, Whitney L. Rader

### Greenbelt Municipal Access TV **Channel B-10 Schedule** Monday, May 12th at 8:00 p.m. City Council Meeting including: Public Hearing on Refuse Collection Proposal and Public Hearing on the FY 1998 Budget. Tuesday, May 13, 1997 6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show" Audrey visits the Show Place Arena 6:30 p.m. "Greenbelt Police Color Guard at the Baysox Opening 6:45 p.m. "Greenbelt Little League Opening Day Parade" 7:00 p.m. "GHI Candidates Night" (will also show on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.) 8:30 p.m. Replay of City Council Meeting of 5/12 Thursday, May 15, 1997 6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show" 6:30 p.m. "Greenbelt Police Color Guard at the Baysox Opening 6:45 p.m. "Greenbelt Little League Opening Day Parade" 7:00 p.m. Replay of City Council Meeting of 5/12



Farewell Reception

for Cathy Salgado

Thurs., May 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Community Center Dining Room

Everyone is invited!

15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1887 (301) 474-4131 Alfred M. Skolnik, President, 1959-1977 Elaine Skolnik, President, 1977-1985 President Emerilus, 1985-

Civil War Talk & Book Signing Sunday, May 18 1 - 3 pm by Gordon Rhea, author, <u>The Battles</u> for Spotsylvania Court House and the Road to Yellow Tavern.

> Clip's History Bookshop 103 Loudoun St. S.W. Leesburg, VA 20175 (703) 777-1815

with this ad on 5/18/97

## Annual Meeting

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## Elections

Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center

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### Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto The Wednesday, May 14, Golden Age Club meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The program will feature a speaker from the Seeing Eye Association.

Members should continue to bring in donations for the Flea Market/Yard Sale to be held in the Roosevelt Center on Saturday, June 7, during Greenbelt Day weekend. The rain date is Saturday, June 14. No books, shoes or other clothing will be accepted. Contact Bill Souser if you can help at this event.

The Membership Committee has been doing a great job; there are now 234 members, thanks to Ellie Rimar and Arlene Souser. Ellie's husband, "Uncle Joe" Rimar writes the clever poems which Ellie reads at the monthly birthday parties and which everyone enjoys so much.

Be sure to sign up for the May 29 trip to Winchester, VA and Belgrove Plantation. See the Travel Committee members at the meetings.

The May 28 meeting will feature as speaker Suzanne Plogman, a Greenbelt resident and a member of the Prince George's County Board of Education.

Now that the weather is "bearable," come out and join in the Golden Age activities.

### Gypsy Moth Meeting

Alternative gypsy moth control strategies will be discussed on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Greenbelt Homes, Inc., on Hamilton Place. The recent controversy about the Dimilin spray program, which was avoided this year, has led some residents to form a group to study the matter, so that they will be prepared the next time the issue comes up. All Greenbelters are welcome to attend. For more information, call Mark Miller at 301-441-3298.

### ERHS Grads Plan Sober Celebration

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School of 1997 will have an alcohol-free celebration on June 4. Area businesses and residents wishing to contribute food, gifts or money for these seniors can contact Stephanie Hirt on 301-776-5738 or Ruby Henley on 301-498-1041. Thanks for helping to make this a memorable night for the seniors.

# **Community Events**

### Writers Group Holds Open Reading

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will host its next monthly open reading on Friday, May 16, in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Sign-up will start at 7:15 p.m., and the reading will start at 7:30 p.m. Poetry, fiction, personal essays, nature writing, humor, and other creative genres are welcome. Readers of poetry will be limited to five minutes, and readers of prose will be limited to ten minutes.

The reading will be followed by refreshments and conversation, after which the group will hold a discussion on the state of GWG and possible future disucssion topics. For more information, call Robert at 301-474-2809.

### Photo Club

The Greenbelt Photo Club will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Participants are invited to bring their prints (minimum size 5x7), for critique and feedback. Guest speaker Timothy Edberg, of "Leaning Toward Light Photography," will discuss "Using Photo Filters." Edberg is a member of the North American Nature Photographers Association and has exhibited his work at galleries in California, Iowa, and Maryland.

The Greenbelt Photo Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Center. All skill levels are welcome. For more information call 301-474-6425.

#### Free Movie

This month's movie at the Community Center will be shown on Thursday, May 15 at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom. The film, "Ship of Fools," with Simone Signoret, Vivien Leigh, George Segal and Lee Marvin, is based on Katherine Anne Porter's bestselling novel. (Porter was a Greenbelt neighbor at Westchester Park in her last years). The film is about a voyage from Vera Cruz to Bremerhaven in pre-WWII days and the eccentricities of its passengers.

Films scheduled during the summer months (June, July, August) will be shown on Mondays instead of Thursdays.

## NARFE Meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, May 14, at noon, at the Greenbelt Library. The speaker will be from Blue Cross and Blue Shield and will speak on Health Exercises.

All members and guests are invited to attend.

#### At the Library

P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6 will meet on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, May 15, Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 will meet at 10:15 a.m.

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#### Fun at Goddard

A space-themed video suitable for all ages will be shown on Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. For information call 301-286-8981.

### **Democratic Club**

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Bowie Democratic Club will meet jointly on Friday, May 16, at 8 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar community Building, Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road. State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Joan Pitkin and Jim Hubbard will present a legislative wrap-up of the just-completed Maryland General Assembly session.

A dessert social hour will follow. For information or to inquire about a ride, call 301-474-6668.

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### Explore Diet/Exercise For Weight Control

On Friday, May 16, Professor Richard A. Ahrens of the University of Maryland will be presenting at Explorations Unlimited. Professor Ahrens earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and his Ph.D degree in nutrition from the University of California - Davis. He has taught in his field for the past 31 years and has been a professor at the university since 1975.

He will be discussing the relationship of diet and exercise in weight control.

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.

### Greenbelt Greens To Meet Monday

The Greenbelt Greens will meet on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the Police Station at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads.

There will be a discussion of the Intercounty Connector, the new Green Community Garden, ballot access and the forthcoming Green meeting in Minneapolis.

Refreshments will be served. For further information, call 301-474-1998.

### Stroll a Park Trail

Join a Park Ranger at Greenbelt Park for a leisurely stroll along a park trail in search of spring wildflowers. Meet at the Dogwood Trail at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 9 or 23.

Join a Bike Tour On either Sunday, May 11 or

May 25, join a Park Ranger for a leisurely seven mile bike ride throughout Greenbelt Park. Participants will be staying on park roads and must wear helmets. Meet at the ranger station at 2 p.m.

## Belt Woods Topic Of Woodlands Mtg.

On Wednesday, May 14, Pam Cooper, manager of Land Trust, will be the featured speaker of the Woodlands Committee. Cooper was instrumental in saving the Belt Woods from developers. She will discuss the Belt Woods project and the importance of preserving green space. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The public is encouraged to attend.

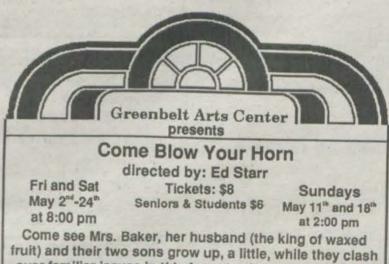
### **Gray Panthers**

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Gray Panthers will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 1:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Police Station. The speaker will be Abe Bloom from Montgomery County, a member of the National Board.

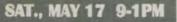
Bloom will provide information about the status of the Gray Panthers Project Fund and the Networks. This will be an opportunity for anyone interested to learn about this age, race and gender neutral organization.

For information or for a ride, call 301-474-6890 or 301-474-6668.





## ST. HUGH'S YARD SALE



145 Crescent Rd.



Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Meess

Friday, May 16, 8:00 p.m. Terrace Rm, Greenbriar Comm. Bldg.

> Public Invited to Hear the Md. Assembly Legislative Wrap-Up from State Senator Leo Green and

Delegates Joan Pitkin and Jim Hubbard

Join Bowie Democrats in a Dessert Social Rides/Information call 301-474-6668

Exec. Comm. meets 6-1, 7:30, 6 N Ridge Rd.

over familiar issues in this funny/serious coming of age play. Flea Market The Greenbelt Arts Center is holding a flea market on May 17<sup>a</sup> 10:00 am to 3 pm, to benefit the arts in your community. If you have anything you would like to donate to us, drop it off at the Arts Center Monday-Thursday May 12<sup>a</sup> - May 15th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please put a tag on the items with the price, to speed up the process. Call Suzanne Zappasodi for information (301) 441-9020 Auditions It's A Scream by: David DeBoy Looking for 2 males 20 - 30 and 1 male 40+

1 female 20 - 30 and 1 female 40+ Auditions will be a cold reading from the script. Head shots are desired, but not necessary. Monday and Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Arts Center.

<u>The Greenbelt Arts Center</u> 123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office) For more information call (301) 441-8770

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# **OBITUARIES**

#### Ruth D. Taylor

Greenbelt Pioneer Ruth D. Taylor, 90, died of heart failure in Doctors Community Hospital in the early hours of Tuesday, May 6. She had been transported to the hospital from the Greenbelt Nursing Center, where she had been living.

Born in Estherville, Iowa, Mrs. Taylor and her late husband Theodore R. Taylor moved to Greenbelt in February, 1938. She became active in many Greenbelt activities and was an original member of Twin Pines Savings and Loan, the Greenbelt Credit Union, the Greenbelt Garden Club, the Greenbelt Woman's Club, the Greenbelt Mutual Homeowners Association (the predecessor of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) and Greenbelt Community Church.

One of the groups Mrs. Taylor took part in was the Better Buyers, a woman's discussion group, which also held testing parties where contents of cans with different labels were tasted and judged. Among other things they also studied different grades of meat and milk. Her son James Taylor, believes her activity in this group brought her the recognition that made it possible for her to be elected to the second Greenbelt City Council in 1938. She was the first woman elected to any governing body in the entire history of Prince George's County.

Her son James remembered that she sometimes battled with the first city manager, Roy Braden. One of these battles was about the rule that women could only hang out laundry during hours that people were at work. She believed that women who worked needed to be able to hang out laundry on weekends when they were home. The rule was abolished by the general manager. Her son believed his mother was not a women's rights believer but rather believed in equal rights for everyone. Mrs. Taylor was secretary to the town manager and two managers of Greenbelt Consumer's Service.

Mrs. Taylor lived in several homes in Greenbelt; she also lived in Mary's House in Rockville and briefly in Green Ridge House. Because she be-

Baha'i Faith

"Knowledge is praiseworthy when

it is coupled with ethical conduct

## **Greenbelt Arts Center Runs Flea Market of Champions**

#### by Suzanne Zappasodi

The Greenbelt Arts Center is holding a Spring Championship Flea Market on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 'champions," in this instance, are the cast and crew of a play from, GAC's One-Act Festival last fall. Funds raised will help offset expenses incurred in taking the triple award-winning production to a regional competition.

A Way With Words by Frank D. Gilroy, traveled to Olean, New York, the weekend of April 11 to represent Maryland at the Eastern States Theater Association regional

came physically incapacitated after 1960, she was unable to remain active in the community.

She is survived by her son James of Greenbelt; daughter Judith Taylor Weed, Rockville; sister Vera Ambahl, Harlingen, Texas; brother Donald Richardson, California; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Theodore, preceded her in death in 1985.

Funeral services and interment will be private. A family memorial service will be held in Greenbelt Community Church.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the National Graves Disease Foundation, Brevard, North Carolina; Mary's House in Rockville or a charity of one's choice.

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**Rev. Jack Wineman** 

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Worship Service

competition. Earlier in January at the Maryland Community Theater Festival held at Publick Playhouse, directors Laura Adams and Scott Bloom garnered Best Production award. Best Lighting and Best Sound awards went to designs by Scott Bloom, who also acted in the show with Susan Bodicker and Dan Young. Producer Gene Duarte, Stage Manager Jim Adams, and Technician Jessie Ksanznak helped pull it all together.

The champs returned with a Certificate of Participation and empty pockets from picking up their own travel expenses. They deserve a great round of applause for volunteerism above and beyond the "cost" of duty. Meanwhile, GAC gladly paid their competition registration fees - a hefty sum, indeed,

The purveyors of pre-owned pulchritude would like to relieve your spring cleaning efforts of any or all of the following: housewares, kitchen gadgets, brica-brac, collectibles, sports equipment, holiday decorations, costumes, small electricals/electronics in working condition, children's clothing size 6 or under, and small furniture pieces.

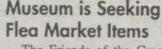
Donated articles may be dropped off at the Arts Center lobby, next to the Post Office May 12 - 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Please price items with tape or tag.

For more information, call 301-441-8770 or 301-441-9020.

9:30 a.m.

301-474-7573

11:00 a.m.



The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) is now seeking donations for their spring Flea Market, to be held later this month. Items such as toys, jewelry, crafts, dishes, and kitchenware may be dropped off at any time at 2-G Gardenway. No books or clothing are desired. Donations are tax deductible. To arrange for pick-ups, contact Lee Shields at 301-474-5321. The flea market will be on Saturday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FOGM is selling replicas of the "Mother and Child" statue by Lenore Thomas Strauss. Anyone interested may contact the FOGM office at 301-507-6582.

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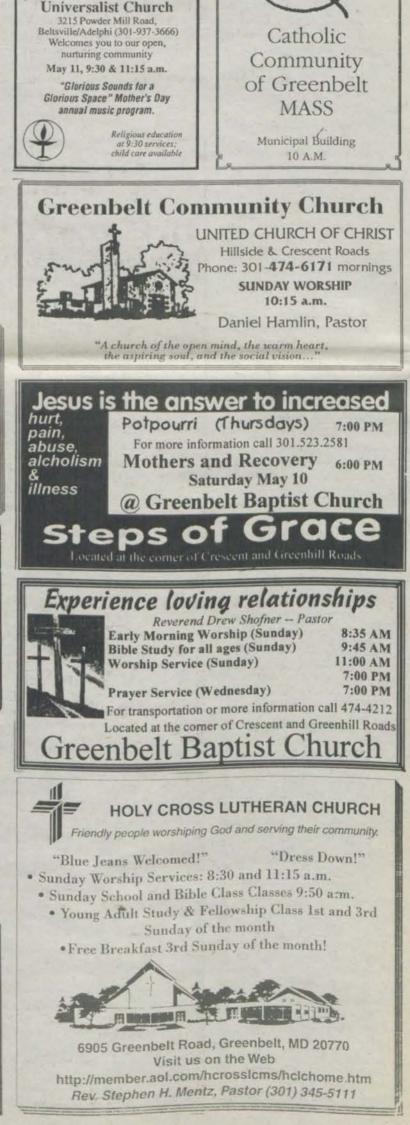
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tional meeting of Christ-centered recovery speakers that is held every Saturday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Baptist Church. Celebrating Mother's Day, May 10, members of Steps of

Grace will be speaking on "Mothers and Recovery." A refreshment and social hour follows the meeting. Those interested in learning more about this life application topic should feel free to attend.

For more information about these recovery programs, call the "Steps of Grace" comment line at 301-523-2581.



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## **No Public Health Hazards** Found in BARC Cleanup

#### by Elaine Skolnik

Work is under way to clean up debris on portions of a 70-acre wooded area off Odell Road in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Materials being removed from the surface of the tract include wood and metal scrap, decaying chicken coops, metal parts, and drums and concrete and asphalt rubble, as well as laboratory glassware. Some of the debris had been discarded on the acreage by people who cut holes in the fence to gain access.

ENTECH, contractor for removal operations, started the process in March. They expect to complete the work in June. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is paying for the cleanup.

At this time public review is welcome. Documents and reports concerning the removal action are available in Room 017, Building 003, at 10300 Baltimore Ave. in Beltsville. Comments should be sent to Kim Kaplan, information staff, ARS, USDA, Room 448, 6303 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For additional information, call Kaplan at 301-344-2446.

#### Background

According to Kaplan, in November 1995 the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) conducted a review of BARC and determined that potential environmental contamination posed "no imminent threat to human health." Following ATSDR's site visit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested that surface debris be removed from parts of the Odell tract. EPA noted that the purpose of the action was "to eliminate any physical or chemical hazard potentially posed by the material found at the site," which it described as a heavily forested area with traces of "a network of access roads.'

At present, materials removed will be analysed. Based on the results, USDA's subsidiary agency, the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), in consultation with EPA, will determine whether additional action is needed, Kaplan said.

In the meantime the EPA is finalizing a Federal Facilities Agreement that establishes the legal framework for dealing with cleanup activities at BARC. Included are guidelines for reports, timetables, approvals, priorities and penalties. Meetings between EPA and BARC representatives have spanned many years.

To comply with EPA regulations, ARS in 1991 conducted an inspection of its 6,600-acre

material such as tree limbs and grass clippings, construction rubble and general refuse were disposed from 1940 to 1975. In 1994 this site was remediated as part of the land transfer from BARC to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for use as the train yard at the end of the Green Line." (The site has not yet been transferred, however.)

#### **Continuing Assessment**

Today BARC is continuing its in-depth review of the facility. Comparison of past and present aerial photos, field reconnaissance of all potential areas of concern, questionnaires to all BARC employees, and interviews with former employees are among the methods being used.

A January 1997 BARC update report states that upon completion of these activities, "ARS and EPA will determine which areas of concern require more extensive examination of soil, groundwater and surface water and which areas were merely used for normal agricultural practices and present no threat to the environment."



## **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

## **Gypsy Moth Spraying Canceled in Greenbelt**

has been sprayed with GYPCHEK.

The state will continue to moni-

#### by Betsy Likowski

Spraying to kill gypsy moth caterpillars will not be done this year in any part of Greenbelt. State workers were in Greenbelt on April 28 and 29 looking for an infestation of gypsy moths and did not find enough caterpillar activity to warrant spraying.

The original plan was to spray several hundred acres in Greenbelt and nearby communities with Dimilin in late April or early May as a preventive measure. The level of gypsy moth egg masses was very high in parts of Greenbelt Park. Since young gypsy moth caterpillars can float up to a mile on the wind, there was concern of possible infestation outside of the park. "The potential for blow-in was very high," said Linda Scott, Administrative Specialist, Forest Pest Management Division of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Caterpillars were found in numbers in New Carrollton and that community will be sprayed. The other three communities slated to be sprayed - Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park - will not be sprayed. Greenbelt Park

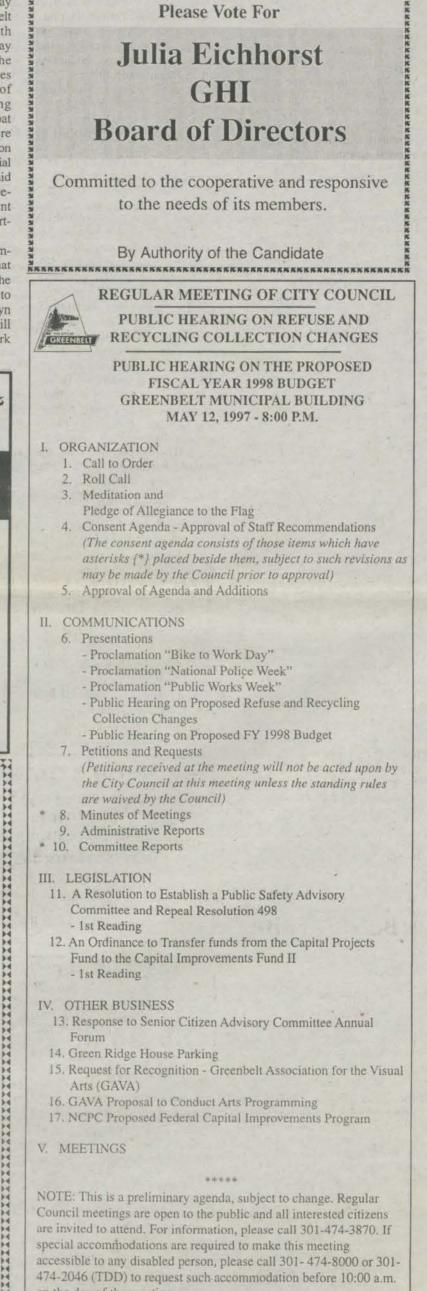


III. LEGISLATION

- 11. A Resolution to Establish a Public Safety Advisory Committee and Repeal Resolution 498 - 1st Reading
- 12. An Ordinance to Transfer funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund II

couple of months. The caterpillars can only blow around in the first couple of weeks in their life. This year they hatched out in mid-April. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Citizens who see gypsy moths are encouraged to call the state tor for gypsy moths for the next and report it. The point of the spray program is to reduce the gypsy moth population to a low enough level that they are no longer a threat, said Scott.



BARC site to identify locations that might be environmentally contaminated. Of 44 sites of possible concern, 16 required further study. Because of this assessment, EPA, on May 31, 1994, placed BARC "as a whole" on the National Priorities List for Hazardous Wastes (NPL).

According to the Federal Register at the time, "The identification of a site for the NPL is intended primarily to guide EPA for determining which sites warrant further investigation to assess the nature and extent of public health and environmental needs." They would also recommend remedial action if it should be required.

An April 1994 BARC report noted that "The listing (on the NPL) was based on contamination identified by ARS in a fouracre site where biodegradable

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#### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Response to Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Annual Forum

14. Green Ridge House Parking

15. Request for Recognition - Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA)

16. GAVA Proposal to Conduct Arts Programming

17. NCPC Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

> David E. Moran City Clerk

## **Biographies of Greenbelt Homes Board and Audit Committee Candidates**

### Candidates

The following members of GHI have consented to run for election to the Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and the Nominations and Elections Committee. The elections will be held at the recess of the GHI Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Community Center.

## Board of Directors

(vote for five)

## Betty Dietch

#### 3-H Crescent Road Betty Dietch is a long-time member of GHI. She retired from the National Security Agency after a varied career, including State Department and overseas assignments. Dietch has been actively involved in GHI Activities for many years. She has served as Board Secretary and as chairperson of the Member and Community Relations Committee and is currently active on the Architecture and Environment Committee and the Marketing Committee. Dietch is a docent at the Greenbelt Museum and is a member of the Golden Age Club. She is also active in the GIVEs program and is chairperson of the Senior Advisory Committee.

Betty Dietch intends to continue to provide a mature, experienced and caring outlook for the needs of our members and for the continuing success of Greenbelt Homes.

## Julia E. Eichhorst

3-P Research Road Julia Eichhorst has lived in GHI since 1992. She served on the Nominations and Elections Committee and is currently a member of the Architecture and Environment, Labor Day and Newsletter committees, the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club, and the Greenbelt Museum.

## Steven R. Harper

## 31-A Ridge Road

Steve Harper has lived in GHI since 1991. For the past 3 years, he has chaired the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition, working to make Greenbelt safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Harper has also worked with GHI's Architecture and Environment (A&E) Committee on problems relating to yard lines.

Harper says that, if elected, he would like to ensure the GHI handbook is clearly written and its provisions fairly enforced. Many sections are difficult to interpret, causing confusion and ill-will. Harper believes members must be able to understand the handbook and to know its provisions are applied even-handedly.

Harper strongly supports the yard inspection program. The program preserves the integrity of our homes and fosters neighborly relations by identifying and correcting problems without neighbors having to file complaints.

Harper is also committed to tight budgets and healthy reserves. GHI also needs to explore a less costly heating system for our homes.

## Keith Jahoda 45-C Ridge Road

Keith Jahoda has been a member of GHI for 9 years, a member of the Ad Hoc Woodlands Committee, a charter member of the standing Woodlands Committee, and a GHI director for two terms. He originally moved to GHI for its proximity to the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) where he works as an astrophysicist.

Jahoda's priorities within GHI have been woodlands preservation, careful planning and financing of our replacement reserves programs, and the many issues surrounding resales of GHI units. He enjoys commuting on foot through GHI and city woodlands to work at GSFC, trying to learn bird songs along the way. Jahoda started one of GHI's newest fresh water aquariums with four Tiger Barbs on April 19. Having served two terms on the Board, he hopes to combine the enthusiasm of a fresh perspec tive with the insight of an experienced Board member.

College. Feeling that the combination of quality of life and affordable housing cannot be matched outside of Greenbelt and GHI, Ready has lived in GHI for 27 years. She found it a wonderful community in which to raise her two children. Ready would like to contribute her time, energy and expertise to assuring the continuity of our housing cooperative and its ability to meet the needs of its members.

Audit Committee

## L. Patricia Adelaide

1-F Southway

Patricia Adelaide has been a member of GHI for over 10 years. She is retired from the Montgomery County Health Department where she worked for the Division of School Health Services. Her educational background consists of: B.S. Catholic University of America, 1966; M.S. Catholic University of America, 1981.

Adelaide is active in the following committees and organizations: Architecture and Environment Committee (1996-1997); Co-chair, House and Garden Tour (1996); Labor Day Committee (1996-1997); President, Greenbelt Home and Garden Club; Chair, House and Garden Tour (1997).

Adelaide believes the Audit Committee should actively act as Ombudsman for GHI members.

## Deborah Cooley

#### 1-F Plateau Place

Deborah Cooley is a current member of the Audit Committee and is running for a second term. Cooley has lived in Greenbelt for all of her life. Cooley has a B.S. in Management from Wheeling Jesuit College and an M.B.A. in Accounting with honors from Southeastern University. After graduation, she accepted a job with the U.S. Senate Disbursing Office as an Audit Counselor. She has worked on Capitol Hill for the past 10 years. Cooley's outside activities include Treasurer of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee and President of the University of Maryland Women's Basketball Booster Club. She has lived in her own GHI home for the past 4 years. She chose GHI because she wanted to live in a place with a real sense of community. Cooley says that, "My accounting education, my professional background in Auditing, my positions of leadership and my experience this past year on the Audit Committee give me the knowledge and experience to represent the membership fully and completely."

ago, drawn by the affordable housing, open space, and recreational and other attractions of Old Greenbelt. Levin believes GHI is more than just a place to live; it is also a community where residents take an active role in community affairs. Levin has been involved in Citizens for Greenbelt (past president and secretary), Recycling Advisory Board, GHI Finance Committee, GHI Nominations and Election Committee (past chair) and New Deal Cafe (current president). While Levin thinks GHI needs to look to the future, he is concerned with the board's decisions to continue to raise co-op fees on an ad-hoc basis to forward-fund the replacement reserves." Raising co-op fees is a hardship to members and discourages home sales. He feels that the current board has not adequately considered alternatives nor have they made the case to the members for their current policy.

## Kathleen (Kathy) Weber

Kathy Weber has been a member of GHI since 1982. Currently, she is a member of the Audit Committee and is seeking re-election. Weber feels that the Audit Committee is responsible to the membership and to no one else, for watching over all GHI activities. As a past member of the Board of Directors, Weber points out that she participated in hiring the present General Manager of GHI and helped the Board to lay foundations for many improvements in services while keeping firm control of the budget. Weber has a B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of New Mexico. She has participated in many volunteer activities, including the Board of Directors and other GHI committees. Weber is currently a member of the Finance and Marketing committees. Weber promises to keep a watchful eye on the board, staff, and activities concerning GHI. She believes that GHI must always be financially strong while preserving the coopcrative spirit.

Candidates for GHI Board of Directors - May 5, 1997

Nominations

Greenbelt Lake walking path, and the intimate size of the community.

Alpers believes that the greater the number of GHI members who get involved by running for elected office, serving on one of the many committees, attending board meetings or contributing to the GHI Newsletter, the better it is for the co-op. She sees her role on the Nominations & Elections Committee as one of helping publicize the elections, seeking out and encouraging potential candidates, and making sure the elections are run fairly.

## Walter Charles Braun

4-D Laurel Hill Road Charles Braun has been a GHI

resident for nearly 12 years. During that time he has served on the GHI Newsletter Committee, the Finance Committee, and is currently a member of the Nominations & Elections Committee. Other memberships include the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board, Board of Directors for the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts, and Treasurer for the Greenbelt Writers' Group. If elected, he will continue to push for early publicity of the annual meeting and elections and to encourage an adequate number of interested members to run for each position, thereby guaranteeing a full slate of candidates

## Robert Snyder

12-A Hillside Road Robert Snyder has been a GHI resident for 8 years. He has previously served on the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Committee. Friends of Greenbelt National Park, Patuxent Art League, and the GHI Nominations & Elections Committee. Greenbelt and GHI attracted him because of the adjacent green spaces and active member participation in civic, community and environmental concerns. Snyder works as an art teacher in the Prince George's County Public School System.

Judy Goldstein 56-C Crescent Goldstein has lived in GHI since Labor Day weekend, 1953. She has raised her family, conducted a photographic business, and has been active here in many organizations, including the library, the Cultural Arts Center, and the News Review. Goldstein is a current member of the Nominations and Election Committee and says that she would like to devote another term to the important tasks of finding interested candidates to run for the GHI Board of Directors and other committees and assuring proper election procedures.

Eichhorst is employed as a paralegal specialist in the Freedom of Information Section of a component of the Department of Justice. Her responsibilities include research and analysis of FOIA requests and negotiating with the requestors. Eichhorst attended Eastern Illinois University and is currently completing an Independent Study course to earn her Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Julia Eichhorst says, "My choice in becoming a GHI member is one of my best. I love this community; it is my home." With that in mind, she is committed to making it the best place to live. This includes a common sense approach to management with respect for members' needs—today and tomorrow.

## Susan J. Ready

#### 30-C Ridge Road

Sue Ready graduated from the UNC at Greensboro with a degree in Education. For 20 years, Ready was an employee of the Goddard Child Development Center (GCDC), a preschool and kindergarten located on the Goddard Space Flight Center. In her capacity as executive director of GCDC, a cooperative school governed by a parent board, Ready served for 4 years on the Board of Directors. Ready earned a second bachelor's in Business and Management (accounting emphasis) from the UM University

## Andrew Levin

#### 5-D Eastway Andy Levin and his wife, Carol, moved to GHI 7 years

## & Elections Committee

(vote for five)

## Sheila Alpers

30-D Ridge Road \* Sheila Alpers has been a member of GHI since moving to Greenbelt in 1986, and is a member of the Nominations & Elections and the Newsletter committees. She works as a computer programmer/analyst for the Federal Government and commutes to Washington, D.C., daily. She was attracted to "Old Greenbelt" the first time she saw it because of its big old trees, the

The Biographies printed below were prepared by the candidates.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### (Continued from page 1)

ments. Fire Chief Gene Davis speculated that part of the problem is that the money "just isn't there." In Greenbelt's case, the fire department has been paying the county's share of the debt. Remenick said that another department with the same deal has had to default on its loan payment.

#### Fire House

Last year, the department brought to the council's attention the condition of the firehouse. A long list of needed maintenance and improvement items was given to the council. William Stratton, a local architect, provided the city with a cost estimate for the work to be done-\$250,000. Since then, the city and county cooperated in repaving the parking lot and driveway, reducing the cost of remaining work to be done by \$50,000. The department has accomplished a few of the other smaller items as well.

Remenick feels that some of the estimates may be high, others low. Overall, he thinks that to do all the remaining work will cost \$150,000 to \$175,000, give or take \$25,000. The top three priority items are renovation of the bunkrooms (\$40-\$50,000, according to Remenick), the control room with equipment modernization and air conditioning added (about \$20,000) and repainting (about \$9,000).

The only assistance the county has agreed to provide is the furnishing of paint and other construction materials. It expects the volunteer members to do the painting. Similarly, the county expects the volunteers to do the bunkroom renovations, but will furnish construction materials.

#### Bunkrooms

Remenick called the architect's estimates for the bunkhouse low. He wants to replace the beds and redesign the rooms to be attractive to Fire Training Students at the University of Maryland, who would serve as volunteers while living at the firehouse. To this end, an important need is a direct tie-in to the University computer system. Also, better female quarters are needed. Boardmember Ed Hughes of the department told council that while volunteers had done the work in the past, this time there was a need for skilled people to do the job.

McLauglin told the council that Governor Parris Glendening intends to budget \$2.7 million over the next five years for fire departments, of which Greenbelt would get \$85,000. In addition, Curry has pledged \$16,000 over the next two years. These revenues were pledged to make up for the loss of income from casino gambling, which will no longer be permitted after this month. This would bring to Greenbelt \$117,000 for use either to buy equipment or renovate buildings. However, Remenick noted that the Governor's commitment extended beyond his present term of office and that the legislature had to approve each year's allocation as part of the annual budget.

if the Replacement Fund monies should be used to finance the building costs. Councilmember Thomas White felt that this wasn't a good idea-once you use city funds to pay for something for which others are obligated, they will back off from doing it themselves. But Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed out that the firehouse was a city building, and that the city should see that it is properly maintained. White rebutted that the city would be assuming a responsibility it hasn't had beforethe fire service is a county ser-

Remenick noted a difference. "I don't know of any other fire department that has a building owned by the municipality," he said. Councilmember Ed Putens supported Roberts and urged having the renovation work done quickly. "We have people living there and I'm ashamed," he said.

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Remenick opposed using the Replacement Fund monies, because he felt those funds would be needed for the replacement of Engine 352. Bram said she was hoping that the state would replace those funds. Councilmember Davis suggested that the department get a loan for the renovation work, possibly from the city. Roberts suggested using the \$150,000 budgeted for renovations at Roosevelt Center. 'I'm not comfortable with spending those funds," he said.

Remenick suggested increasing the city's contribution to the yield of a two-cent tax rate, comparable to that done by the City of Laurel for its department. Davis was willing to discuss the idea, but made it clear she was not saying how she would decide on it, "one way or the other."

White noted that the manager had proposed increasing the city's

## GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

## Traffic, Safety, Trash Studied at GEAC Meeting

by Dennis Jelalian

At the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting on April 3 at Greenbriar, issues discussed included traffic problems at Hunting Ridge, city trash and recycling, and public safety.

#### Hunting Ridge

Hunting Ridge pedestrian and vehicular traffic have been having difficulty entering and exiting Hunting Ridge to and from Hanover Parkway safely.

It was reported that the city has now adopted three suggestions by Celia Wilson, Greenbelt's director of Planning and Community Development, to improve safety at the Hunting Ridge entrance. They are: to install bollards to prevent passing on the shoulders, to move the bus stop away from the Hunting Ridge entrance, and to install a temporary streetlight at the entrance to Hunting Ridge. The bollards have been ordered. The city is negotiating with Metro to move the bus stop, and with PEPCO

annual contribution for capital improvements to the yield of an eight-cent tax rate. He felt the fire department could compete for these funds along with other city needs. There would be no automatic payment to the department. Roberts thought that this was a good idea and was willing to add-on another cent for the next three years.

At the end of the session, Bram told the firemen, "It looks as though we will come up with some method to address your priorities." White suggested the department should be represented at the final budget worksession on May 19. "That's when the rubber hits the road," he said. to install the streetlight. Trash & Recycling

The proposed budget for FY 98 would reduce trash pickup and recycling collecting to once a week each, for city customers. Mayor Antoinette Bram, who attended the GEAC meeting, expressed her concerns that piled-up trash is unsightly and may attract rats. Although some associations pay as little as \$15 per year per house for private pickup, Bram said that GHI residents prefer the city to do the work, although it costs \$18 per year per house, because the city does quality work.

#### Greenbrook Lake

Wilson said that it will take about another week to get the necessary permits to resume construction of the lake, and then another four to six weeks to complete the work.

#### Hampton Inn

GEAC Chairman Sheldon Goldberg reported that Hampton Inn, a chain of hotels, wants to meet with GEAC, presumably to make a sales pitch about building on the Commerce Center II property on Hanover Parkway. Bram stated that Hampton Inn's plan does not meet the covenants, and therefore they cannot build.

#### Public Safety

The city council is considering establishing a public safety committee to suggest ways to deal with disasters such as riots, bomb scares, terrorists, train wrecks or chemical spills. The city has certain resources; the county and the National Guard have others, such as the staff and the armored personnel carrier that were used in the recent hostage situation. Still to be determined are other methods of dealing with any possible threats.

Hanover Crosswalk

There have been complaints from Greenbriar residents about the amount of pedestrian and vehicular traffic and the speed of the traffic at the exit/entrance to ERHS on Hanover Parkway. Bram noted that Hanover Parkway is not wide enough to make two lanes each way. The problem needs to be studied.

#### Hanover Shoulders

GEAC board member Kay Moomey reported that the shoulders of Hanover Parkway near Hunting Ridge are disintegrating, due in part to the action of heavy construction vehicles. Bram promised to speak to City Manager Michael McLaughlin about the problem. Moomey further remarked that Hunting Ridge has no easement to get at their water main for repairs; the builder still retains the rights. Bram promised to withhold city occupancy and use permits until all repairs have been made.

#### **Reserved Parking**

Charlene MacAdams said that Greenwood Village and other associations are considering adopting reserved parking. She said that most lots don't have enough space for two cars per household. Houses with garages and driveways will need to be considered in any reserved parking plan. GEAC member Dorothy Pyles suggested that a parking lottery may be needed.

In Hunting Ridge, anyone parking in an "A" space without a permit will be towed. All homeowners' associations have signed releases to allow police access to association property to tow cars.

The possible annexation of Parkside was also discussed.

Absent from the meeting were Edward Putens (who was out of town), Richard Sellah and Candace Culhane.



#### What to Do?

What to do about the problem? Council decided it should take the initiative, and bring the matter to the attention of County Councilmember Audrey Scott, with the hope that she could-find some more money for the department.

Mayor Antoinette Bram asked

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### Thursday, May 8, 1997

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## Manager Proposes 4% Budget Cut for General Government

#### by Diane Oberg

The General Government budget of Greenbelt covers most of the city's administrative costs for the city council, the city manager's office, finance and administrative services, and the office of public information and community promotion, plus the costs for this fall's council election. For fiscal year 1998 (FY98), which begins July 1, Manager Michael City McLaughlin has proposed spending roughly \$1.2 million. This represents a four percent decrease from the current year's budget, after adjusting for an accounting change. This budget was discussed at a March 25 worksession of the Greenbelt City Council.

"McLaughlin has proposed establishing a revolving loan program to help city employees purchase homes in Greenbelt."

Total employment in this budget will decrease by 1.5 full time equivalents (FTEs). One FTE was eliminated when McLaughlin was promoted to City Manager and decided not to fill his previous position of Deputy City Manager/City Treasurer (though two employees, Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau and City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams received promotions as they assumed some of the responsibilities formerly held by the Deputy City Manager). The other half FTE reduction is the net effect of an organizational change in the Finance and Administrative Services area. Two Accounting Clerk I positions were eliminated, while an Accounting Clerk II position and a half-time high school intern were added.

#### City Council

One part of the budget that has remained very stable over the years is that for the city council. Salaries for council have been flat since FY91, which began July 1, 1990. The mayor receives a salary of \$6,000, while the four councilmembers receive \$5,000 per year. Total costs for the city council including benefits and other operating expenses are pegged at \$64,700 in McLaughlin's proposed budget.

Administration

was split 50-50 between this account and that for finance and administrative services).

McLaughlin has proposed establishing a revolving loan program to help city employees purchase homes in Greenbelt. The no-interest loans could be used to finance one-half of employees' closing costs. At the March 25 council worksession, McLaughlin estimated that "maybe \$10,000" would be needed to get this program started.

**Registration and Elections** A city council election will be held this fall. The budget allocates \$8,000 for the election-related expenses, up from \$0 in the current year and \$5,837 in FY96, the last time the city held an election. Nearly all of the increase is accounted for by the proposed purchase of four "Vote on Tuesday" banners, two each for Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake neighborhoods. (The city already owns two such banners, which were hung over Southway and Crescent Road in the last election.)

#### Finance and Administrative Services

This account covers the costs of the city treasurer and staff and the human resources officer. Total expenditures of \$516,500 are proposed. Major items include \$15,000 for a computer consultant to evaluate hardware and software expenditures planned for FY99. The department is working to select a new financial management system. The goal is to have an on-line system that is accessible to all departments. An additional \$15,000 is proposed for a review of the city's classification study to ensure that employees are paid appropriately for their responsibilities. The last city-wide study was done ei years ago, although some spec positions have been studied in interim.

#### Public Information and Community Promotion

Total expenditures of \$83,900 are proposed for this area. This account covers the cost of the Public Information and Communications Coordinator plus the part-time camera operators for the city's cable channel. These expenditures are more than covered by the revenues received from cable television franchise fees (estimated at \$107,000). Among the goals set for the upcoming year in this area are creation of an Internet home page and a community marketing brochure.

Other Accounts

\$38,500, up from the \$32,800 budgeted for the current year. This account covers the city's dues in organizations such as the Council of Governments (COG) and the Maryland Municipal Association, as well as the dues and conference costs for members of city boards and committees in regional, state and national associations. There was some discussion among the councilmembers at the March 25 worksession as to which of the organizations are most beneficial to the city and whether the city should drop its membership in any of them. No consensus was apparent for dropping any of the memberships. One additional irritant was the fact that Prince George's County, which used to pay half of the COG dues for the city (since the citizens are represented by both the city and county), stopped doing so last year. McLaughlin has proposed that the city pay the entire COG dues.

# GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

## 1997 SPRING MINI-SESSION

In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. All classes have a limit on enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!! All registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic & fitness classes.

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for nonsenior classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in City elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 397-2204.

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 397-2208 or TTY 474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

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This account, with proposed expenditures of \$341,000, covers the costs of the city manager's office. Staffing here totals five FTEs, down one-half from the previous year (the deputy city manager/city treasurer position Expenses for legal council will remain flat at \$67,100 under the flat retainer agreement worked out with the city solicitor last year. Expenses for dues for "Public Officers Associations," are proposed to increase to



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## **RECREATION BUDGET**

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building Salgado would like to see use of the front lawn expanded.

Expenditures, she noted, should be less than budgeted this year. Savings in electricity used will be about 50 percent.

#### Partnerships

The Community Center has begun a new partnership program. The Center provides the space but no staff responsibility by working with others who set up and administer activities in pottery, use of the new dark room, and, if staff and council agree, art classes. The Greenbelt New Year was a partnership with volunteers and some staff assistance. Space was provided for public workshops sponsored by Co-op and to the police department for workshops and seminars.

#### Unmet Needs

Salgado expressed concern about whether current weekend and evening staffing of one person is adequate at the Community Center. Adding a second person during those times would cost \$12,000. She also noted the need for replacing the 1937 metal frame windows in the building for a cost of \$350,000. The windows leak, causing interior damage, and some are difficult to close, causing security concerns.

#### Rentals

Much discussion centered on the need for further refining policies governing rental of space in the building for private parties. Noise is one concern. Following a teen birthday with a live band, the staff determined that live bands should only be permitted for large community activities. Two incidents were more serious. Both involved abusive treatment of staff.

The incident the first week the Center opened, involving only one person, was the worst. In the incident several weeks ago, a group went ahead with their plan to hold a large party even though they did not receive a permit. They had only applied one day in advance. Salgado told council the experience was "overwhelming." The people she spoke with were "angry and verbally abusive," but she felt safer because she had called in the police to back her up. Staff needs 10 working days in order to approve a permit to use a facility. They must determine what the intended use is and whether it is appropriate.

#### Aquatic & Fitness Center

The department's largest facility in terms of annual costs, personnel numbers and public use is the Aquatic & Fitness Center with its indoor and outdoor pools and fitness center. Some 211,300 people will have used one or all during this fiscal year, or one-third of the people participating in all of Greenbelt's recreation programs. Total expenditures are proposed to increase 4.8 percent to \$747,000. Of that 88 percent or \$645,200 will be paid for through the sale of passes, daily admissions, rentals, classes, and other items. The remainder comes from general city revenues. A 3 percent increase is proposed for passes, but no change is expected for daily admissions. One change in expenses is the need to raise the lowest pay for part-time work to

meet the new minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour.

Supervisor George Rogala explained to council that the percentage of expenditures paid by income probably won't increase in the future. To do so would require crowding during peak hours, raising fees significantly (to overcome those who might drop out with any increase) and/or attracting more non-residents who pay more per service.

Councilmember Ed Putens asked Rogala to decrease slightly what residents pay and increase what nonresidents are charged. Bram agreed there "should be a noticeable difference." Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated flatly that the facility is "extremely cheap."

Rogala is proud of his place, "It's homey, nice-looking, open. People tour here from all over the country." He says all the pools being built today are using the same roof design.

#### **Unmet Needs**

Rogala particularly wants a new computer and to get included in the department's "RecTrak" system of registration for classes now in use throughout the rest of the recreation department. Consistent reporting and accounting is also done through RecTrak.

#### Youth Center

The Youth Center houses the administrative staff and its own programs and open gym and game area. The building was used by over 80,000 people this year. The fourth phase of building renovations is currently in progress. Rest rooms on the lower floor will be available to all, but are required for pre-school program certification. Total expenditures are proposed at \$212,000, up 2% from last year. No changes in staffing are anticipated. Administration's budget would increase by 6 per cent to \$379,000 and includes senior personnel and many shared expenses for the department.

#### SHL Center

Springhill Lake Recreation Center provides a gym and game room and an adjacent club house and, last year, served almost 70,000 people. The budget for FY98 is to stay about the same. A paper transfer moves some unusual employee relevant expenses to another spot in the budget. Here the recreation coordinator hopes to build a closer relationship with the Springhill Lake management to better provide more information to apartment dwellers about programs available at the recreation center.

The recreation center held a special Teen Fair in April to provide ideas for summer jobs, community service, now required for high school graduation, and to provide help in filling out college application forms. More than 80 area students attended. An area festival centering on SHL residents is being planned. Also under development are after-school programs for Springhill Lake Elementary School students.

#### Schrom Hills Park

The budget for Schrom Hills Park will dip by 7 per cent to \$12,200. Staffing here means those who provide access to the buildings for group rentals and some programming, chiefly during the summer. Because no one seems interested in renting the buildings in the morning, the day will now be divided in half: 9 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 9 p.m.

The new RecTrak computer system that keeps track of all registrations from various points has opened the process to phone-in or mail-in registrations-providing a friendlier system for both the public and the staff. Creative and performing arts, leagues and tournaments, exercise/fitness, day camps, pre-school and other activities provided much to do for 114,000 people this year. The programs will cost the department \$188,700 for FY98, but will bring in \$238,000 or 12 percent in revenues.

Self Supporting

#### Other Programs

Under this miscellaneous category, budgeted for \$136,500, comes programming and expenses for special programs: Greenbelt Day, Independence Day, activities related to the Labor Day Festival and, this year, Greenbelt's 60th Anniversary. Here also is found support for the many programs run by community volunteers such as the Little League, the Arts Center and the new Greenbelt Writers Group. The budget for contributions to organizations is \$56,000.

#### Therapeutic Recreation

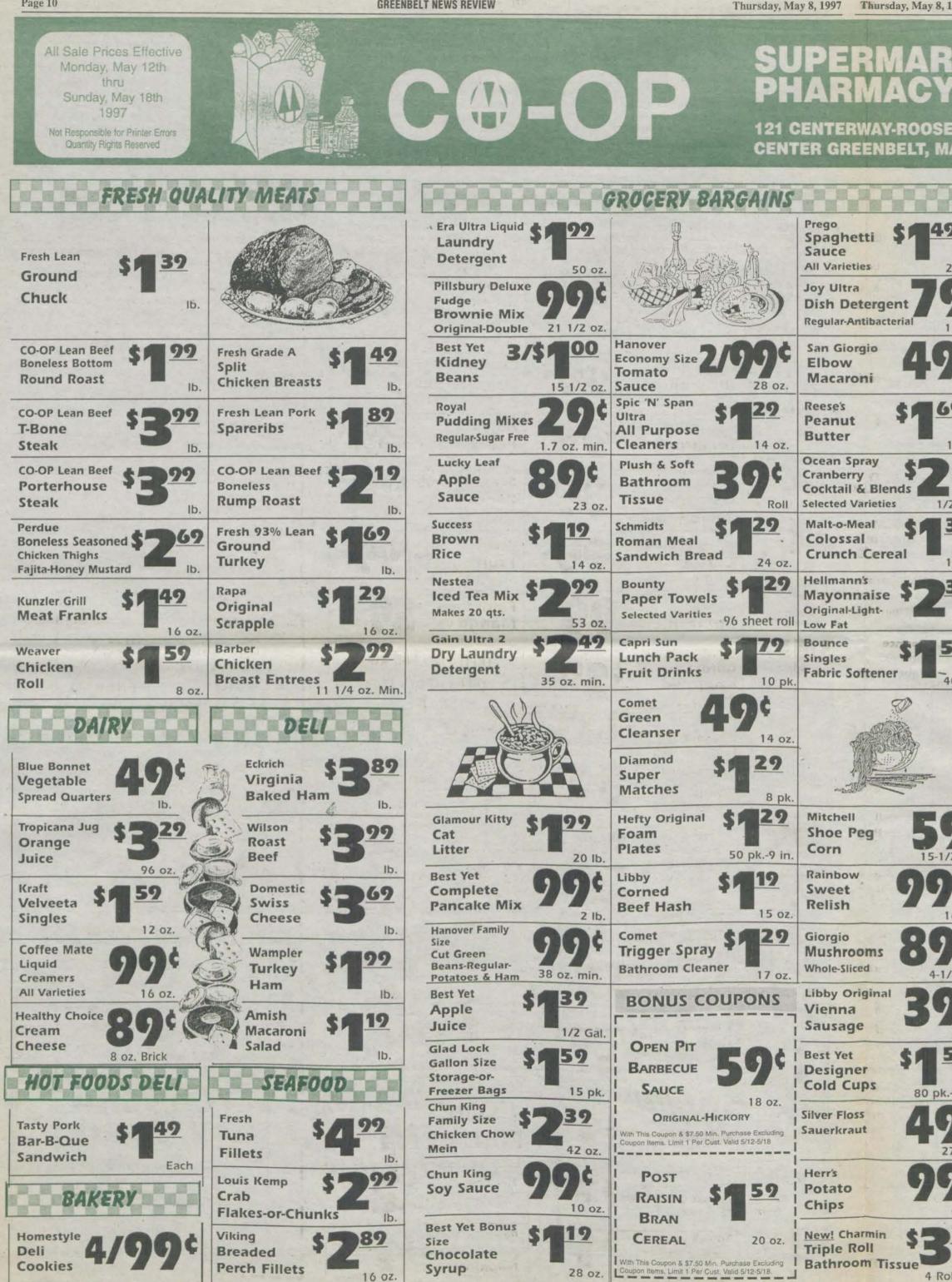
Programs for special populations - the elderly, the disabled -will cost \$83,500. Fees and a grant from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning will bring in \$18,000 in revenues. The city sponsors Explorations Unlimited, classes, trips, card games and "food and friendship" lunches. The city co-sponsors the Golden Age Club, senior softball, P.G. Community College classes and an exercise program through the Department of Aging. During the summer the recreation department runs camps for special populations.



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### "Pie in Your Face" For Safeway Win by Eileen Farnham

Customers at the Greenway Safeway on a recent Friday afternoon were entertained by pies flying into officials' faces at the front of the store. This slapstick, fun event was the bakery department's celebration for winning the Great Pie Buy challenge for the division (Maryland, DC, Northern Virginia). The store greatly exceeded its goals, beating the entire 130-store division by a wide margin in the April 6 - 12 sales event.

Recipients of up-close-andpersonal banana cream pies were Store Manager Pat Sullivan and District Manager Eric Gronbeck. Bakery Manager Jerry Sigler watched with a big grin as his employees gleefully made a banana cream mess of his, and their, bosses. He laughingly said, "We beat 'em; we always do!" The store



officials, draped in plastic from the neck down, took it in stride, licking off whipped cream, and a good time was had by all.

Sullivan has been manager at the Greenbelt Safeway store for nearly a year, coming here from a Safeway on the Eastern Shore where he was known for staging store activities that are fun for shoppers and the community. He has continued that approach here, with a Santa event at Christmas, "the world's biggest brownie" on Valentine's Day and as-yet-unveiled plans for Father's Day. Gronbeck, the District Manager, is the area supervisor for 16 Safeway stores, including the one in Greenway.



Safeway District Manager Eric Gronbeck, left, and Store Manager Pat Sullivan after being "pied."

#### Metro Storage Yard Services Green Line

The service and storage yard for the Metro Green Line, located across the Capital Beltway from the Greenbelt station, opened on September 9, 1996, according to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority spokesperson Cheryl Johnson. The facility cost \$75,000,000 to build and employs about 400 people over three shifts.

The yard provides storage for fifty rail cars for use on the Green Line between the Greenbelt and Farragut North stations during rush hours and between Greenbelt and Ft. Totten during non-peak times. Preventive maintenance and

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overhaul work is performed at the maintenance building on model 2000 and 3000 rail cars. The facility also maintains mechanical equipment used for track and structural mainte-nance. The service facility is the reporting location for train operators and other workers. It also contains workshops for plumbers, carpenters, electricians, and electronic technicians involved with systems and plant maintenance.

#### Mentors Needed

Jobs for Homeless People Inc. needs volunteers to offer support, guidance and friendship to recently employed homeless people. Volunteers meet with clients twice a month and talk to them **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW** 

**Business** 

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federal and state levels of gov-

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## Free Home Sales Database Available

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### Million Dollar Magic **Contest Repeated**

With the 1997 Major League Baseball season already underway, Giant Food, Home Team Sports (HTS) and the Orioles have teamed up again to launch another year of Orioles Million Dollar Magic that could enable a lucky fan to win \$1,000,000.

The Orioles Million Dollar Magic sweepstakes is simple: If an Orioles player hits for "the cycle" - a single, double, triple and a home run - during any of the 150 telecasts on HTS, WJZ, WNUV, or WB50 this season, the fan whose contest entry was randomly selected prior to that game will win \$1,000,000. In addition, the entry drawn for each televised game will automatically win a 27" Panasonic stereo color TV.

Orioles Million Dollar Magic entry forms, are available at the checkouts in all Giant and Super G stores in the Mid-Atlantic Region. To enter, a customer completes the entry form and deposits it in the ballot box at the front of each store. The contest ends September 17.

## Model Design Wins Award for G&O

Under the leadership of Susan Ballard, who heads the Military Housing and Community Living Division of Greenhome & O'Mara, Inc. (G&O), the firm has won multiple new military housing consulting contracts with various branches of the Department of Defense. Ballard is project manager for the Seymour Johnson Housing Community Plan at the North Carolina base.

### **G&O** Wins Award For Bridge Design

The Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) tapped the consulting firm of Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. (G&O) to prepare designs, plans, and specifications for replacing the Piney Creek bridge in Carroll County.

For this design, MSHA selected Greenhorne & O'Mara for the "Award of Excellence" in the Consultant Bridge Design Category of the Maryland with Pride Program. The award was accepted by Ali Hedayati, P.E., the G&O design team leader and project manager for this bridge.



Ali Hedayati, P.E., project manager for the westbound Route 50 bridge over the Chicamicomico River, proudly displays the 1997 Maryland with Pride "Award of Excellence."

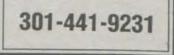
- photo courtesy of Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.



#### Iwo Scholarships

The Greenbelt Lions Club will once again award at least two \$500 non-renewable academic achievement scholarships. Scholarship criteria include: must be a Greenbelt resident; must be a high school senior or college enrolled, and must demonstrate financial need. One of the scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior who intends to major in education. Interested Greenbelters may pick up an application packet at the Greenbelt Youth Center, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Guidance Office or call 301-474-2324 for more information. Application deadline is May 15, 1997. Recipients will be selected in May-June and recognized at an Awards Dinner on June 24.

by phone weekly. For more information call Bill McCann at 202-797-8174.



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Local artist Nancy DePlatchett adorned her garden-side yard at 7-A Hillside with a pond filled with aquatic plants and fish and surrounded by variegated hostas. -photo by Lisa Goldman

A tile floor, new wood cabinets in both the kitchen and dining room and top-of-the-line appliances provide an elegant space in the GHI center-unit brick home of Avis and Marshall Cohen of 17-H Ridge Road.

-photo by Lisa Goldman

### **Tour Brings Out Community Spirit**

by Julia Eichhorst It was a wonderful day, full of community spirit as the 1997 tour of Historic Greenbelt took place. It actually began early in the day as balloons were delivered, ribbons tied around interesting trees and participants were busy with last minute preparation for the tour.

The tour began on the Community Center lawn with the opening ceremony which included Mayor Pro-Tem J Davis presenting a proclamation to Pat Adelaide and the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club. Alan Turnbull, president of GHI spoke of the cooperative spirit of Greenbelt and thanked the city for the extra efforts spent with the last minute cleaning. A gift award of \$150 was presented to Greenbelt Elementary School Principal Carolyn Goff by clubmember Kevin Donnelly for beautification projects of the inner court yard at the school. Isaac Robinson was honored as "Club Member of the Year" for his dedication and hard work with the care and beautifying of Greenbelt.

Over 400 people viewed

Two door prizes were provided by Breads and Spreads and Bittersweet Hill Nurseries. The gourmet food basket was won by Rita Williams, daughter of Betty Polaschik of Greenbelt. Richard Compton of Hyattsville won the herb pot.

As the day closed, the many visitors to our city left with a wonderful impression of the community and our citizens.



Esther Rivinus (r), 6-L Ridge, shows off her garden-side, two-story addition to house and garden tour visitors.

- photo by Lisa Goldman





the 29 homes and gardens on the tour, including the Greenbelt Museum. The houses ran the gamut of a one bedroom frame, frames with additions, block and brick homes with and without additions. The gardens were lush with green grass and foliage, spectacular spring flowers and the last blooms of the dogwoods and azaleas. The GHI Woodlands Committee marked two nature trails for viewing. Throughout the day, people were walking from one house to another commenting on how great the homes and gardens were. Many ideas were gathered by the tour takers to try themselves. The Model A cars provided transportation for all who wanted a taste of history.

Small touches add to the impact of the shade garden at 5-C Ridge Road. This award-winning garden, one of the highlights of the GHI House and Garden Tour, is the proud work of Ruth and David Reuben at 5-C Ridge Road.

Rich and Tiffany Nichols of 73-L Hillside, who do most of the decorating and remodeling work themselves, have done their kitchen in black and white with a one-person breakfast bar and a pass-through window into the living-dining room.

-photo by Lisa Goldman

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#### Thursday, May 8, 1997

## **Council Reviews CARES, Museum and Capital Budgets**

#### by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council's April 7 worksession on the budget dealt with one small department and a lot of odds and ends. In total, however, those small potatoes amounted to most \$4 million, equal to the yield from a 75 cent property tax rate. As usual, the councilmembers listened, asked questions and ate candy, but gave little indication as to what they might do to change the budget.

Greenbelt CARES, the city's smallest departmental operation, led off the budget review. Carol Leventhal, the Youth and Family Services Bureau's director, was present to answer council questions. Although potential clients for CARES' counseling must wait from one to three months for an initial intake appointment and up to another month for the first counseling session, the CARES staff will be slightly reduced by an office assistant position being changed from full to halftime. The city anticipates receiving a \$77,900 grant from the state and a \$5,000 grant from the county to help support the \$264,000 budget.

During the past year, CARES instituted a fee charge for nonresidents taking GED classes in order to obtain high school degree certificates. Residents do not pay a fee. The county charges somewhat more than the city's nonresident fee for this training. The imposition of a fee has reduced the number of participants. Mayor Antoinette Bram thought that that was a positive result, because the class sizes were now more manageable. Leventhal noted that counselor Judye Herring also felt that the classes were better now.

#### Washington Ear

Besides being a receiver of grants, the city has also been a giver-although the outflow is quite small. Except for recreational organizations that annually receive grants, the one other grant recipient is the Metropolitan Washington Ear, an organization that provides reading and information services to the blind. Karalee Schmidt, development officer for the organization was there to make the annual request for city support. The Washington Ear has been providing reading services to the blind for over 22 years. Some 350 volunteers provide 40 hour-a-week readings on the radio, drawing on the resources of 200 publications. The Ear now offers a dial-a-newspaper service with the Washington Post, Time magazine, the Washingtonian and other publications participating. Users can get specific news information by using a touchtone telephone and selecting from a recorded menu. Schmidt reported that 11 Greenbelt residents use the dial-in service and 8 use the radio reading service. The Washington Ear's budget is \$269,500 of which \$2,900 is needed to service Greenbelt residents. The city's contribution last year and proposed again this year by City Manager Michael McLaughlin is \$1,000. One year (FY 95), the city gave \$1,800. Councilmember Edward Putens indicated that he would like to see the contribution raised by \$500 if the money could be found.

nities with small museums, such as the cost of repaying the monies bor-Laurel, were funding curators. Current curator Ann Denkler, who has been working for FOGM on a parttime basis, will be leaving in April, having obtained her degree and now being in need of full-time employment. If the city is not able to fund a full-time employee, then FOGM would like \$5,000 for an endowment to fund the cost of a two-daya-week person. Without a curator, the impact on the volunteers of FOGM will be dramatic, according to Lange. Linstrom expanded on this, noting that Denkler is professionally trained, and can get a whole lot more done and is better able to deal with other professionals. She also knows things the volunteers don't, and is able to put the museum operation on a professional basis. Denkler has also helped obtain grants for the museum, one of which enabled her to work a second day each week. Lange pointed out that in order for the museum to become accredited along with other museums, it must have a full-time curator.

Councilmember Judith Davis noted that Denkler has been helping develop an educational unit on the museum for use by schools. Linstrom pointed out that the real reason for having museums is for education. They are not to be just interesting collections from out of the attic, but must include a teaching and interpretive program about the importance and meaning of the collections on display.

Lange also urged council to restore the Mother and Child statue, considering its condition critical. Asking that the restoration not wait upon the renovation of the center mall, FOGM urged that it be completely restored for the 60th Anniversary celebration in October.

A grant for a brochure with a map as a handout to visitors to the museum and the Community Center is pending, Lange said. She expects to hear from the State Historic Trust on this during the summer. The supplement to "Greenbelt, History of a New Town," is expected to be out in late July or August. Lange noted that the museum provided good publicity for the city, that it had drawn a lot of visitors to Greenbelt, and that its sponsorship of the play, "Maryland Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" had received laudatory reviews in both the Washington and Baltimore newspapers.

#### This and That

McLaughlin's budget proposed transferring \$369,600 to the Capital Projects Fund. This represents the yield from a seven cent property tax levy. In addition, he proposed reducing the city's surplus monies by \$200,000, using these funds for capital projects as well.

rowed to build the Community center, Schrom Hills Park, the police facility, the Aquatic and Fitness Center and other city facilities to below an 18.5 cent tax rate. All debt is to be paid off by the year 2007. McLauglin proposed spending \$5,000 from the Cemetery Fund this year to install an irrigation system for the city cemetery located on Ivy Lane next to Capital Office Park. The income for this fund is derived from the income realized by investing the proceeds from the sale of cemetery lots. City Clerk David Moran, who is responsible for administering the sale of lots, reported that there are only about 16 or 17 lots left unsold in the tiny cemetery.

In the Debt Service Fund, McLaughlin noted that there was a surplus available of \$172,744 for city use, but that it has been the policy to keep it on hand as a "rainy day" fund in case one of the private properties obligated to pay special assessments for public improvements financed by the city should become temporarily in arrears.

The Replacement Fund is to receive a \$199,700 contribution from the city's operating fund, the General Fund. These monies are put into reserves for the replacement of various city equipment, when needed. This year, the city departments proposed purchases of \$335,000 for computers, police radio equipment, radar guns (Motorists beware!), a brush chipper machine, a tractor with backhoe, a passenger van for the recreation department, two pick-up trucks for parks, and playground equipment.

In a past year, the city received an unexpected \$70,000 personal property tax payment. So far, there has been no information forthcoming from the company as to why the payment was only for one time or whether it was correctly paid to the city. The money is being put in the Replacement Fund for use there, unless the company seeks to get it back.

#### **Good Deed Funds**

The city accounts for 12 different funds where the money is given to the city for specific uses by various parties. Included are two tiny funds that have helped pay for assistance for people in need. One is called the Good Samaritan Fund, and most of its monies come from area churches. The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to roadside travelers who get stuck in Greenbelt. This may be buying a tankful of gas to help the travelers reach their destination or buying some food at a grocery store. The travelers are screened to avoid deadbeats and no funds are given directly to the people in need. Purchases can be authorized by members of the police department or local clergymen. The budget for the coming year for this fund is \$600.

The other good deed fund is the Emergency Assistance fund. It receives donations from various individuals and groups. The money is primarily administered by a volunteer who is dedicated to helping out Greenbelt families in need. The philosophy is that it is much more difficult to restore a family to suitable housing if they become homeless than it is to provide needed assistance to prevent an eviction from happening. Councilmember Thomas White noted that this fund was getting low - only \$295 was expected to remain at the end of the year. Putens suggested that the fund needed greater publicity in order to raise more contributions.

One of the larger funds in this group of agency funds is the drug and evidence fund, which accounts for the monies and properties confiscated from drug raids and busts. This year \$40,000 will be transferred to the General Fund to help pay for public safety expenses.



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#### Greenbelt Museum

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) came down in force to protect the city manager's \$3,600 proposed budget for maintaining the facility and to seek a lot more money. FOGM's president, Sandra Lange, who was backed up by boardmembers Mary Linstrom, Barbara Havekost, and Lee Shields, asked for funding for a full-time curator. She noted that other commu-

The cost of debt service to property taxpayers is slightly less than an 18 cent tax rate. The city's debt financing plan is intended to keep

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## Greenbelt's Senior Citizens **GIVES** Senior Services **Help to Solve Problems**

by Dorothy Sucher (Editor's Note: This article is one in a series the News Review is publishing in May to celebrate Older Americans Month.)

Less than two years old, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, usually referred to as GIVES, is one of Greenbelt's newest organizations. Founded after a period of study by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and with the blessing of the Greenbelt City Council, GIVES is trying to develop a pool of volunteers to provide assistance to homebound seniors and the disabled so that they can remain independent, in their own homes. The city provides office space in the Community Center, as well as photocopying.

"My sister and I realized we were having trouble dealing with my mother's aging," ex-plained Pat Unger, one of the founders of GIVES, who was president last year. "We couldn't seem to find needed services. I'm a teacher and my sister is a librarian, and we figured that if we were finding this process difficult, other families must really be having major problems."

#### Time Dollars

Modeled after the community volunteer pools and "care credit" banks that have sprung up in other parts of the country, GIVES is a cooperative in which caregivers receive a care credit or a certain number of "time dollars" for each hour given to the care receivers. The caregivers may use these credits to receive services themselves, save them for future use, or donate them to others or to the bank. No actual money

changes hands.

Many kinds of services can be exchanged. Janet Parker, the current president of GIVES, explained: "We know there are people who need help, but resist signing up because they say there is nothing they can do for anyone else. But there's always something they can do - sew on a button, telephone a shut-in who is having a birthday, cook a meal that someone else could deliver.

"One of our participants has a wheelchair-accessible van. His wife is an invalid and can't get out of bed, so when we need him to transport someone, another GIVES member goes over and sits with his wife."

GIVES volunteers have helped out with yard work, laundry, visits to doctors, and buying and wrapping Christmas gifts. Usually, women are paired up with women and men. with men. Volunteers are not permitted to give medication, lift people, or provide services that require a licensed professional. In the case of needs beyond GIVES' capacity, referrals may be made to social service agencies.

#### More Helpers than Clients

Initially, 40 volunteers signed up, and the list has now reached 150. The main problem of the new organization seems to be how to match up helpers with those who could use a little assistance. GIVES has tried advertising, with sparse results. Members of the group have given talks to organizations and at Green Ridge House (Greenbelt's apartment house for the elderly), which resulted in some referrals.

But word of mouth seems to work best, as when people hear of neighbors who have been helped in some way by the organization and think, "Gee, I'd love to have that." Currently, the list of recipients seems to be picking up.

Recipients may be of any age although the primary goal of the organization is to help older citizens remain independent in their own homes.

Pride can prevent people who need help from using GIVES' services, and sometimes people fear



"If you've got it, flaunt it"; Irene Hensel shows off her jewelry collection. -photo by Prospero Zevallos

dependence if they ask for assistance, said Parker.

But in the words of founder Pat Unger, "As the city of Greenbelt for 39 years and Greenbelt looks forward to celebrating its 60th anniversary in June of 1997, the Board and members of GIVES hope to be able to point to the established intergenerational exchange service as one of the most comforting features of life in the city for the senior population."

they will have to give up their in- if I look different. The older you get, the less you care about that stuff."

> Irene has lived in has six children. She has an amicable relationship with her husband, Richard (also a Greenbelter), although the two have been separated for 13 years. "He's a loner," she says. "Not a people person like me. So after a while I just went off and did my own

thing. You only live once."

Irene Hensel, Worker,

by Dorothy Sucher

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and bracelets, every day. "I'm part Irish gypsy," she

says. "At least, I know I'm Irish — I'm not sure about

the gypsy part. I don't care

Irene Hensel, 65, is a gre-

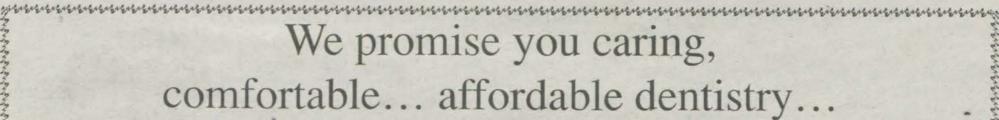
**Activist, People Person** 

Irene has retired from her job as a word processor at the Agriculture Department, and is often to be seen these days at the Greenbelt Community Center, where she works three days a week as a city employee. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings she babysits with the kids whose mothers are leaping about in the aerobics class across the hall. At other times she helps out with the Food and Friendship program or sits in as manager in the office of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange).

A former 1st Class Petty Officer in the Navy, Irene met her husband while the two were in the service, where she served three and a half years. She said proudly that her name will be on the new memorial to women in the service that will be dedicated in Arlington in October. Another distinction is that she was profiled in "Prince George's Women of Achievement" a few years ago.

She commented with a twinkle, "When we first moved here, my husband thought I wouldn't like Greenbelt. Then he said he couldn't get me out of here." She chuckled. "Three

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**POLICE BLOTTER** 

#### Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

An armed robbery occurred on Thursday, May 1, shortly before midnight in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace. Several people were walking to a vehicle in the parking lot when they noticed another vehicle following them. They fled in different directions when the vehicle stopped and four men wearing ski masks got out. Three were armed with handguns and the fourth was carrying a shotgun. One man was caught by the assailants and forced to the ground. His leather coat, wristwatch and tennis shoes were taken. The assailants ran back to their vehicle and fled the scene on Cherrywood Terrace toward Springhill Drive.

The suspects are described as: 1) a white man, 5'11", 170 lbs., wearing a black ski mask, black clothing, carrying a black handgun; 2) a black man, 6'0", 170 lbs., wearing a black ski mask, black clothing, carrying a dark shotgun; 3) a black man, 6'0", 170 lbs., wearing a black ski mask, dark clothing, carrying a black handgun; and 4) a black man, 6'0", 170 lbs., wearing a black ski mask, black clothing, carrying a black handgun.

#### Other Crimes

A city police officer saw three juveniles looking in car windows in a parking lot of Beltway Plaza on Saturday, April 26, around 6 p.m. As the officer approached, the group walked away, with one attempting to run and another tossing a knife to the ground. The three were detained and a second was found to have two knives in his possession. The two resident youths, 13 and 14 years old, were arrested, charged with possession of a deadly weapon and released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

An officer noticed a suspicious looking van in the 7000 block of Greenbelt Road on Thursday, May 1, shortly after midnight. A computer check identified the van as having been stolen. The officer attempted to stop the van in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road, when the operator jumped out and fled. The suspect initially eluded the search but was apprehended in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive. During the search of the suspect, controlled dangerous substance (CDS) paraphernalia were found in his possession. The 17-year-old youth was arrested, charged with theft over \$300, auto theft, and possession of CDS paraphernalia. The youth was taken to Boy's Village pending action by the Ju-

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venile Justice System. A woman hearing a noise on the balcony of her apartment in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court, looked out and saw a man climbing off the balcony with her bicycle, a purple and gray woman's mountain bike. The man rode off on the bicycle toward Springhill Lane. The man is described as black, about 25 years old, 5'10", 200 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, wearing a gray hooded sweat shirt. The theft occurred on Wednesday, April 30, around 12:45 a.m.

Other burglaries reported include: stereo equipment from a medical office in the 7300 block of Hanover Parkway on Monday, April 28; a wallet from a desk in an office in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive on Monday, April 28; a red Huffy men's 10 speed bicycle from Beltway Plaza on Monday, April 28; a wallet and currency from a desk in an office suite in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive on Monday, April 28; a metallic green Cannondale 18" 24-speed men's bicycle from an unlocked shed in the 100 block of Northway on Tuesday, April 29; home electronic equipment and tools from a residence in the 100 block of Westway on Wednesday, April 30; and a wallet from a purse in an office suite in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane on Thursday, May 1.

A silver 1995 Mazda 626 was reported stolen from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace on Monday, April 28. The owner located the vehicle later the same day abandoned in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Old Calvert Road. No arrests were made.

A 1986 Honda Accord reported stolen on March 29 from the 6200 block of Springhill Court was recovered on Tuesday, April 29, at Beltway Plaza by the owner. No arrests were made.

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After reading the Bike-on-Rail rules and regulations, it usually takes only 20 minutes to take the test and receive a permit. There is a fee for the permit which is valid for three years.

The Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA) will provide bike route maps, scheduled upcoming safe-bicycling classes and basic maintenance and safety information. Metro Transit Police will be at each site, too, to provide information on protecting bicycles.

Each person getting the Bike-on-Rail Permit at these events will receive cycling accessories.

was reported in the following areas: 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents), 6000 block (two incidents) and 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, 8 Court of Laurel Hill Road, and 7500

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### A Review

## "Come Blow Your Horn" at GAC A Fast-Paced, Funny Show

#### by Colette Zanin

with Neil Simon, whose funny, middle-America style lends itself nicely to community theatre production. This proves true in Greenbelt Arts Center's current business of making wax fruit. show "Come Blow Your Hom," di- Also, at 33, he feels he needs adrected by Ed Starr and produced ditional time to sow some oats. by Gene Duarte and Marie Bowles.

'Come Blow Your Horn," Neil Simon's first play, premiered on Broadway in 1962 but is still current, with its humorous themes of with him. family relationships and coming-ofage traumas. Not that these themes are inherently amusing, but funneled through Simon's quick wit and skillful writing, they cannot help but be. Through our laughter frequently weaves threads of self-recognition. The audience knows these people, for they have oftentimes been us.

the aforementioned are themes to which Simon repeatedly returns, this particular play lacks "the complexity, texture, and subtleness" of later works. While this may be true, "Come Blow Your Horn" is neither superficial nor shallow. Simon's script allows us to make our own inferences about what may have created these people and set into motion the tensions between them. Further, the younger set noticeably changes, maturing over the duration of the play and lending depth to Simon's plot.

#### Meet the Bakers

The play centers on a family: Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their two sons, the older, footloose Alan, and the younger, "good boy" Buddy. The clan is flanked by Connie Dayton and Peggy Evans, each of whom is involved with Alan Baker.

Generation Gap Mr. and Mrs. Baker are of the

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# old school, with a traditional mar-

It's hard to go too far wrong riage and set ideas about how their offspring's lives should proceed. The sons, of course, rebel - particularly the older one, who feels he isn't cut out for his family's Peggy, a flirtatious, would-be actress, joins Alan in oats-sowing, while Connie, a responsible career woman, tries to secure her future grateful progeny. Friedman

Buddy, the younger brother, who has always been considered a dutiful, obedient son, is having second thoughts under the influence of his more effervescent brother. This hardly thrills the parents, who tend to turn their disappointments on one another, though Alan and Buddy do not go unscathed. Mr. Baker, especially, is both revered The playbill states that while and feared by his sons, who must establish their manhood even at the price of alienating their father.

> Mrs. Baker is not a very welldeveloped character, coming across primarily as a shrill, hand-wringing nuisance who has little to offer her sons but worry and potroast. However, given the era when the play was written, and the nature of father-son relationships, it seems reasonable that Mr. Baker is presented as the more influential parent.

The Cast.

This play works, thanks largely to its cast. Without the empathy and recognition they create for these confused yet well-meaning folks, "Come Blow Your Horn" might be reduced to a barrage of witty repartee and pointed barbs. But because the portraits are not one-dimensional, they become believable as real people.

Mervine "Owns" the Play Keith Mervine as Alan Baker

owns this play. His portrayal is funny, wry, and intelligent; he gleefully careens through the role with the ease that is his trademark. The playbill notes that "Come Blow Your Horn" has been fun for him, and it couldn't be clearer that he's having a great time. Fortunately for the audience, he's onstage more often than not.

Mervine couldn't do this play alone; other actors support him and give his character something to push against. Mr. Baker, played by Irv Friedman, is a dead-on performance of a martyred patriarch spewing out diatribes to his unachieves just the right balance of concerned paternalism and blazing self-righteousness.

As younger brother Buddy, Justin Sondak successfully portrays an insecure, introverted boy who has quietly lived under his father's thumb for the first 21 years of his life. That is, until he decides to try a page out of his brother's book.

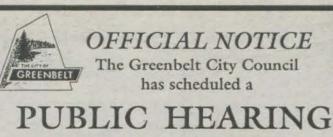
The women's parts are not as strong as the men's, nor do the women get the best lines. Jill Aline Cheilik plays a feisty Connie Dayton as a woman who has reached the end of her tether, due to a philandering boyfriend. Her part is in sharp contrast to Christine Mortenson's good-time girl, Peggy. Mrs. Baker, played by Jean Hudson, needs to be either toned down or lightened up. She is too abrasive for comedy, and thus out of sync with the other ac-

The Arts Center show is marked by good lighting, solid sound effects, and a pleasingly attractive set. Period costumes hit the mark also.

This show is well-rehearsed, fastpaced, and not too long, running just a bit over two hours, including two short intermissions. "Come Blow Your Horn" continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through May 24, and Sundays, May 11 and 18, at 2 p.m.



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CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1997/98 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

#### GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 1997/98

#### REVENUES Taxes \$10,284,800 Licenses & Permits 447,500 Revenue from other Agencies 686,500 1,610,700 Service Charges for Current Services Fines & Forfeitures 176,000 Miscellaneous Revenues 219,600 TOTAL REVENUES \$13,425,100 Appropriation of Fund Balance \$270,000 TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE \$13,695,100 EXPENDITURES General Government \$1,193,600 Planning and Community Development 411,900 **Public Safety** 4,916,400 **Public Works** 1,781,100 Social Services 264,100 Recreation and Parks 3,158,600 Miscellaneous 69,200 Non-Departmental 274,800 **Fund Transfers** 1,625,400

#### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

13,695,100

#### PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Cemetery	\$5,000
Debt Service Fund	\$1,411,200
Replacement Fund	335,500
Temporary Disability Fund	38,800
Unemployment Compensiton Fund	5,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS \$1,795,500

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNI	DS
Capital Improvements Fund IV	0
Capital Projects Fund	927,500
Community Development Block Grant Fund	360,000

#### TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS

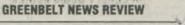
ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House

\$944,451

\$1,287,500

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Maryland. Public attendance and participation are encouraged and all citizens of Greenbelt shall have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments, and to ask questions concerning the entire budget.





If special accommodaitions are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on May 12.

Copies of the Proposed Budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road, or at the County Library, 11 Crescent Road. For information please call 301-474-8000.

> David E. Moran City Clerk

NOTE: THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE CABLECAST LIVE ON CHANNEL B-10.

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12-D Ridge
9-E Research
26-D Ridge
37-J Ridge
62-H Ridge
23-M Ridge
16-Z3 Ridge
13-B Laurel H.
57-Q Ridge
36-M Ridge
44-A Ridge
8-M Plateau
4-B Laurel H.
57-M Ridge

#### WANTED

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PT Medical Office Assistant. Experienced Medical Assistant needed for Greenbelt office to perform patient care and office duties as needed. Must be flexible and a team player. FAX short resume to: 301-345-0482.

Greenbelt Renaissance Group forming. Interested singers, instrumentalists danc-ers, actors. Call 301-486-0957.

WANTED, GHI MEMBERS to volunteer to register voters at the annual meeting on May 15. Volunteers are also needed to work at the polls after the annual meeting on May 15 and all day May 16. Please call GHI at 301-474-4161

WANTED: GHI MEMBERS who need rides and members who can give rides to and from the GHI annual meeting on May 15 and to vote on May 16. Please call GHI at 301-474-4161

#### DAY CARE

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