

News Review

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Thursday, May 29, 1997

Hearing on Intercounty Connector To Be Held at ERHS on Tuesday

by Elaine Skolnick

A public hearing dealing with the Intercounty Connector (ICC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Major Investment Study (DEIS/MIS) will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday, June 3. An information session with a short presentation will begin at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Formal testimony will take place from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Shuttle service to the high school will be provided to and from the Greenbelt Metro every 45 minutes from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

Testimony

The testimony will begin with a formal presentation lasting about 30 minutes. For latecomers, the presentation will be periodically repeated on video. Persons wishing to express their views have three ways to do so. Written comments will be accepted at the hearing or may be mailed to the ICC Project Study Office, 14015 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904 until June 23. Private testimony may be dictated to one of three court reporters at the hearing. Public testimony in an auditorium setting may also be presented. A speakers list will be created for each hearing. To be registered in advance, intended speakers should call the ICC Project Study Office at 301-989-1925. Speakers will be allotted five minutes.

The DEIS/MIS materials are currently available for public re-

view at public libraries in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, at the State Highway Administration's SHA Greenbelt office and at the ICC Project Study Office. A 48-page summary of the DEIS/MIS Overview may be obtained by calling the study office at 301-989-1925.

ICC Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 3, 1997

5 p.m. Workshop

6-11:30 p.m.—Public Hearing
Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The DEIS/MIS, a federal requirement for most major transportation projects, is the culmination of three years of intensive study into ways to improve east-west travel in Montgomery and Northwestern Prince George's Counties. Five combination alternatives, along with the performance and impacts associated with each are detailed in the study. (See separate stories.)

Following the various June public hearings, testimony will be compiled and evaluated. The study team will make a final recommendation to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) later this year. However, before the state can build any of the projects ultimately recommended by the ICC study, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FHA and the U.S. Corps of Engineers must have agreed on all stages of the study's recommendations. Public hearings

will also be held on Saturday, June 7 at Springbrook High School, 201 Valleybrook Drive, Silver Spring, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 4 at Colonel Zadek Magruder High School, 5939 Muncaster Mill Rd., Rockville, from 5 to 11:30 p.m.

Forty-year History

Constructing the ICC, which would provide an east-west transportation facility connecting the I-270 and I-95 corridors, has been on and off the drawing boards in a variety of forms and names for nearly 40 years.

The controversial ICC had polarized officials of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in the 1970s. Proponents had hailed the ICC as a solution to existing and future traffic problems and to realizing the area's economic potential. Opponents saw it as a threat to the environment and to the lifestyle of local communities. They feared there would be office and commercial centers developed at every ICC intersection. Over the years Greenbelt City Council members have consistently opposed the ICC. They feared that construction of the ICC, combined with Prince George's County's plans to widen Md 201 (Edmonston Road/Kenilworth Ave.) would have a huge adverse impact on Greenbelt.

Studies

Engineering and environmental studies were conducted by SHA. See ICC HEARING, page 5



Grave of Samuel Hamilton, who was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

- photo by George Hall

Historic Hamilton Cemetery Ceremony Slated for June 1

by Dorothy Sucher

The old Hamilton graveyard was never very large. According to city records, seven people were buried there, all of whom died before the Civil War. The memory of these early Greenbelters—not that they would have recognized the name, "Greenbelt"—will be honored on Greenbelt Day, June 1, at 1 p.m., when the Mayor and City Council unveil a historic display case recently built at the site.

Dates Back to 1700s

The cemetery, near Hamilton Place beyond the offices of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), dates back to the 1700s. To get to the cemetery, walk down the gravel road that extends beyond the end of Hamilton Place. It was the family graveyard of the Hamiltons, who once owned 438 acres of the land on which the city was later built, including much of Greenbelt East and some of old Greenbelt.

According to Alan Virta, a historian who now lives in Idaho but maintains his interest in Prince George's County history, "The plantation Hamilton's Purchase was patented on February 4, 1766, by John Hamilton . . . It remained in the family until 1863, when the heirs of Samuel Hamilton, deceased, sold it . . . The farm was subdivided in the late nineteenth century into several smaller farms. . . . It's fairly clear that the house was located . . . at the end of Hamilton Street. How long that was a homesite is anyone's guess."

The family achieved some distinction. Samuel Hamilton, the last owner of the farm, was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1841, and his father, Andrew Hamilton, was a justice of the peace. The death of Samuel's first wife, Elizabeth, was noted in a Washington news-

paper, the "National Intelligencer" in 1834, "indicating they were a family of some prominence," according to Virta.

The Hamilton graveyard is one of three historic family cemeteries in Greenbelt. The Turner Cemetery is located off Ivy Lane next to the Greenbelt Cemetery, and the Walker Cemetery is located on the Golden Triangle behind the office buildings.

What Goes On

Fri., May 30, 10 a.m. American Legion Memorial Day Ceremonies, Greenbelt War Memorial Roosevelt Center.

Sat.-Sun., May 31-June 1 Greenbelt Day Weekend

Sun., June 1, 1 p.m. Unveiling of Hamilton Cemetery Sign, Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton Place.

1:45 p.m. Greenbelt Day Activities at the Greenbelt American Legion

Mon., June 2, 7 p.m. Recycling Advisory Committee, Community Center.

8 p.m. Council Worksession - Capital Projects, Municipal Building.

Tues., June 3, 5 p.m. ICC Public Hearing; Work Shop.

6-11:30 p.m. ICC Public Hearing; Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Wed., June 4, 7 p.m. 60th Anniversary Committee, Community Center

7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center.

Fri., June 6, 5-8 p.m. Springhill Lake Elementary School 30th Anniversary & Playground Dedication, Springhill Lake Elementary School.

ICC to Adversely Impact Upon Area's Environment

by Virginia Beauchamp

Bay watchers and those devoted to the beauty and cleanliness of the Potomac River have been encouraged in recent years by interstate efforts to reduce the pollution levels in both those bodies of water. Now, however, they look with concern on development plans within the state of Maryland to move ahead on construction of the so-called Intercounty Connector, the ICC. This proposed six-lane highway, which would link I-270 in Montgomery County with I-95 near Laurel, would cut across a number of watersheds and streams flowing directly into the Potomac.

In Prince George's County both the Patuxent River and the Anacostia would be affected, the latter from impacts on Paint Branch and Indian Creek, the two streams near and within Greenbelt. Paint Branch, which forms the northeast boundary of the University of Maryland, gives its name to the new parkway that borders it from U.S. 1 to the former Calvert Rd. near Kenilworth Ave. Indian Creek is the small

stream paralleling Edmonston Rd. in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Farm and flowing under Sunnyside Ave. at the two-lane bridge near the railroad tracks. From there it flows southward near the CSX tracks, connecting with Paint Branch to become the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia.

According to comments prepared for the Greenbelt City Council by Celia Wilson, the

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city's Director of Planning and Development, some 20 acres of wetlands, 30,000 lineal feet of streams, and 60 acres of floodplain would be affected in the two counties by the construction of an ICC, leading to substantial increases in "sediment loads of streams." In addition, productive

agricultural land would be impacted, as would the habitats of endangered species of plants and animals.

A 44-page brochure, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Major Investment Study Overview of the ICC, which was prepared jointly by the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, indicates some of these impacts. What is called the Master Plan Alternative (MPA) would add 36 acres of "impervious area"—that is, pavement—to the Paint Branch watershed alone, almost one-third of the watershed area. But another option, the Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative (UERA), would contribute the "most sediment" to the upper reaches of Paint Branch, about 67 tons.

Environmental Studies

Since the 1960s, when the Capital Beltway was constructed and Kenilworth Avenue extended as far as Greenbelt, ordinary citizens as well as professionals have

See ICC IMPACT, page 12

Letters to the Editor

Open to All

The article in the May 16 issue of the News Review listing the many activities available to senior citizen in Greenbelt was interesting and informative, and we in the Gray Panthers are always pleased to be mentioned. However, along with that organization, which the senior population is welcome to join, others should be included. These are the Lions Club, Rotary, and political groups, as well as coaching sports teams and leading scout troops.

The Gray Panthers have never separated themselves into any group other than as advocates for fairness for all, regardless of income, capability, or the disenfranchised. We are race, age, and gender neutral.

On June 19 at 5 p.m. we are having our annual summer potluck picnic at Schrom Hills Park. Please join us. There you will meet some of the nicest people you will ever want to know.

Janet Jacobs-Parker
Convener

Save the Trees

Calling all environmentalists; calling all "tree huggers"; calling all those in Greenbelt who have stood for trees in the last 40 years. Some nearby neighboring forestland could be in for an 18 mile clear-cut called the Inter-county Connector (ICC).

If you're sick of growing nowhere, go to the public hearing on Tuesday, June 3, at 6 p.m.

Paul Downs
P.S. Rally begins at 5 p.m.

Ravenous Connector

The Intercounty Connector is back, and it is ravenous. The Highway that Wouldn't Die wants to spend \$1.1 Billion of your money, trash the Chesapeake, and provide a beachhead for the Outer Beltway just a few miles north of Greenbelt.

However, this dinosaur might be scared off by regular people if it knows how many of us there are opposed to it. If you want to see this money better spent, show up and be counted at the official public hearing at Eleanor Roosevelt High School this Tuesday, June 3. The highway's opponents will rally with a pre-hearing tailgate party in the parking lot at 5 o'clock, so come and bring a picnic; formal testimony will be heard until 11:30 p.m.

Greenbelt needs you — please show up at this crucial hearing. For further information, call 301-309-2362. Isn't one Beltway enough?

Alan Turnbull

GIAC Holds Class On Internet June 18

by Matt Elliott

The Greenbelt Library hosted another in a series of classes about the Internet on Tuesday, May 20. The Library co-sponsors this series with the Greenbelt Internet Access Co-operative, also known as GIAC or Greenbelt.com. The latest class was taught by Dan Macy, president of GIAC. The topic was "Travel Resources on the World Wide Web."

An exciting feature in the class was a new projector which enables computer displays to be projected onto the screen in the Library's meeting room. Use of this new unit became possible after GIAC member Doug Love acquired hardware that enables his computer to interface with the projector. Love was then able to borrow the projector from his church, the Atholton Seventh Day Adventist. The group hopes to use the projector for future classes.

During the class, a wide range of travel resources on the World Wide Web were displayed. Several web sites of possible vacation destinations were shown, including several national parks. Techniques of searching for airline flights were demonstrated. Web sites for companies such as Fodor's and Frommer's were visited. These sites provide reviews, similar to those found in their travel books, of facilities at many possible destinations. A demonstration of using email was given, and web sites were shown which provide access to newsgroups. By using email and some newsgroups, people can gather information about travel destinations.

The next Internet class will be on Wednesday, June 18. The subject of the class will be "An Introduction to the Internet and the World Wide Web." This class will begin at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. Reservations are not required, but are requested. Reservations may be made by telephoning GIAC's Class Coordinator, Matt Elliott, at 301-345-7783.

New Recycling Bins Dedicated at Center

by Jennifer Foley, Recycling Coordinator

The two new recycling clusters were unveiled at the Roosevelt Center on Saturday, May 24. Mayor Antoinette Bram, Mayor pro tem J Davis, and Councilmembers Tom White, Ed Putens, and Rodney Roberts participated in the ceremonial first drop of a recyclable aluminum can. Bob Davis from the Co-op and Tom Rice of the Credit Union, two of the sponsoring businesses, also attended. The Recycling Advisory Committee (RAC) gratefully acknowledges the Greenbelt Co-op, Credit Union, Professional Building Management, NationsBank, Physicians Family Practice, and friends who contributed 100 percent of the \$2,394 needed for the project.

Neal Barnett, chair of RAC opened the ceremony, thanking the sponsoring businesses for their commitment to keeping Greenbelt clean and litter-free. Pearl Siegel of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee said a few words thanking RAC for responding to their request to provide recycling bins at the Center. The bins were then unveiled and Mayor Bram presented the Recycling Advisory Committee with a certificate of appreciation for their tireless efforts to promote recycling in the city. Esther Rivinus, a RAC member, was also presented a certificate acknowledging her energy in recruiting the sponsorship for the clusters.

These recycling clusters are made of 100 percent recycled plastics like soda bottles, milk jugs and plastic bags. The same recyclables placed in the yellow bins on Wednesdays and the bags dropped off at grocery stores are melted and made into plastic lumber to make the bins. The city is closing the recycling loop by buying products made from collected plastics. The recycling clusters will be maintained on a daily basis by the Department of Public Works. For more information, contact Jennifer Foley, City of Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator, at 301-474-8308.



Recycling Bins unveiled in the Roosevelt Center in front of the Mother and Child statue. Left to right: Neal Barnett, Chairman of the Recycling Advisory Committee, Mayor Antoinette Bram, and City Councilmembers Thomas White, Rodney Roberts, J Davis, and Edward Putens.

- photo by Beverly Palau

A Review

Brazilian Art Show Delights

by Dennis Jelalian

The Prince George's County Arts Council and the Joint Bar Council and the Joint Bar Association Advisory Committee for the Southern Division of the District of Maryland are sponsoring an exhibition of Brazilian art at the U.S. District Court on Cherrywood Lane. The exhibit includes 112 works by 78 Brazilian artists. The show also includes a number of works by American artists. Most of the works are paintings, but there are sculptures, textiles, and ceramics as well.

The only word to describe the show is eclectic. Every style of art from traditional to avant-garde is represented, so there is something for everyone in this show. There is much that will delight, a few works to be pondered, some that are humorous, and some that surprise.

With its four and a half story neo-Palladian window that faces

north, the atrium is flooded with soft, steady light that is perfect for an art exhibit. The show is distributed on each of the four semi-circular balconies overlooking the atrium. There are other works of art tucked away in side passages, so be sure to explore. You never know what gem will be hiding around the next corner. Especially, go to the library at the end of the fourth floor, which contains interesting watercolors by Irene Sylvester, and huge, breathtaking close-ups of flowers in watercolors by Eva Beidler, which should not be missed. Beidler's flowers delight the eye and remind us of the beauty of nature and the fragility of nature.

The exhibit is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment only. The show runs through September 12. For information, call 301-344-0660.

No Messages!

The Voice Mail for the News Review Office is still not working. Callers believe they are leaving us a message, but when we listen there is nothing there.

We are in the office Mondays and Tuesdays both in the afternoon and evening. Please call us again when we can answer the phone.

Correction

In last week's story about recognition of library volunteers, the name of volunteer Irving Suskin was inadvertently omitted. We're sorry, Irving!

Try The Greenbelt Landmark Quiz

This is one of a series of Greenbelt history questions to commemorate the city's 60th Anniversary and the designation of its historic district as a National Landmark. You'll find the answer on page 3 of this issue.

In 1933, below what annual income level was a family considered low-income and what percent of the population was classified as being low-income?

Volunteer to Help Senior Citizens

Sarah's Circle provides a constructive environment for senior citizens. Volunteers are needed to work in areas of music, art and other crafts, and for outreach work. For more information about these volunteer positions or other information call Andi Veitch-Clennon at 202-332-1400.



Giant Flea Market and BAKE SALE

Saturday, May 31
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Rally Round Flag At Legion June 1

by Dorothy Sucher

Greenbelt Day will be celebrated at the American Legion Post 136 with a Family Day event on Sunday, June 1, from noon to 6 p.m. The all-day program of activities will include children's game booths, face painting, tarot readers, variety show, and a used book sale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and spend the day!

Flagpole Renovation

Celebrants are asked not to bring food or drink, as plenty of it will be for sale at moderate prices. Proceeds will benefit the Rally Round the Flag renovation of the flagpole at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The flagpole, which may be original, is located to the side of the building near the Adult Care facility. According to old photographs, this was the original site of the Center School flagpole. No flag has flown there for some time, however, because the pole is in poor condition. A plan to landscape and grade the area is on hold, for although \$2,500 is available, this will only cover the cost of the drawings and the permit application fees.

The Legionnaires are hoping that funds from their Greenbelt Day celebration will go far toward repairing or replacing the pole so that the flag can fly again in the original spot.

Invitation to Hikers

Those who like hiking or trekking but don't want to hike alone may join a park ranger for a series of six mile treks along the Perimeter Trail at Greenbelt Park. They should meet at the ranger station at 10 a.m. on Sat., June 7. Hikers are urged to bring water and wear comfortable shoes.



Marvin Gay, Greenbriar Tennis Pro

Free Tennis Lessons Offered at Greenbriar

Greenbriar's tennis pro, Marvin L. Gay, is providing free professional tennis instruction again this year to Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents. Registration will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building June 2 - 20. All participants must have a valid 1997 photo I.D. card. Lessons for children (age 6 and over), will be on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., beginning on Tuesday, June 24. Adults (18 and up) will train on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, June 25. Lessons will consist of ten one-hour sessions and will be held at Greenbriar's tennis courts.

For additional information contact Barbara Parham at 301-441-1096.

Community Events

At the Library

P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4.

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 5.

Poetry Plus, an adult poetry discussion group at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7.

New Deal Update

Friday evening, May 23, the New Deal Cafe Board of directors met to establish the Cafe's summer operating hours, and to set a date and prepare for the members' annual meeting.

According to president Andy Levin, the board decided to cut the cafe's hours to Saturdays only, from 8 to 11 p.m. to give volunteers a break and because of anticipated lower customer patronage over the summer. To further simplify the Cafe's procedures, the espresso machine was returned and the menu will focus on coffees, teas, and desserts for now. Levin says the board is looking into less expensive espresso models.

Levin also noted that 1996 was quite successful. The Cafe held special hours for several events such as the City's "First Night," and GHI's House and Garden tour and annual meeting.

The members' annual meeting will be Saturday, June 21, at 7 p.m. in the New Deal Cafe. Members will get free dessert and coffee. Five board members will be elected; many of the current board members are not returning to office. Several bylaws changes are up for a vote. One is to change board term limits from two years to one year. Another is to establish a membership category for volunteers based on the number of hours a volunteer contributes. Under new business, the board will discuss getting a part-time manager to assist with advertising, and volunteer coordination and training. For more information call, Andy Levin at 301-345-2032.

Find the Animals

Discover the exciting community where animals live in Greenbelt Park. Meet at the ranger station at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 8. Please call 301-344-3944 for reservations.

New Deal Cafe

Open Music
Fri-Sat 8:30 pm
8-11 pm No cover

Friday May 30th: Steven Gellman (original singing and songwriting)

Saturday May 31st: Rob Gutenberg (contemporary folk with a positive slant)

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN IN JUNE
SATURDAY EVENINGS 8-11PM

Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Caregiver Support Group Meets

The Caregiver Support Group will meet Tuesday, June 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Adult Care Center. Caregivers learn coping strategies from each other, how to handle difficult behavior, available community resources and, most importantly, that it's okay to accept help.

For people who are unable to attend the support group, but wish to discuss caregiving issues, please call the center for information or Beverly Long at 301-507-6590.

Little League Standings as of 5-27-97

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	7-1	Lions	5-3
Athletics	4-4	Cubs	4-4
Tigers	3-4	Indians	3-5
Orioles	4-5	Cardinals	2-6

Schedule

Mon., June 2—6 p.m. Cubs & Lions
Tues., June 3—6 p.m. Giants & O's
Wed., June 4—6 p.m. Indians & Cards
Thurs., June 5—6 p.m. A's & Tigers
Fri., June 6—6 p.m. Indians & Cubs
*Fri., June 6—7 p.m. Giants & Cards
Sat., June 7—10 a.m. O's & A's
Sat., June 7—1 p.m. Tigers & Lions
*Braden #2

Drop-in-Art Class Closing for Summer

The last session of the Children's After-school Drop-in Art program at the Community Center will be Wednesday, June 4, according to coordinator Barbara Simon.

"I want to thank all those who responded to our appeal (in a March issue of the News Review) for donations. We received so much material and yarn that we will be able to start weaving projects in September. The ceramic tiles we received were glazed by the children to make 'hot plates for Mother's Day,' she continued.

One thing needed immediately before closing for the summer is an old-fashioned metal date stamp, the kind with rubber numbers that can be rotated. Anyone able to donate one should call Simon at 301-474-2192.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

(301) 474-9744

WEEK OF May 30

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Fri, Sat:
(5:15 all seats \$3.00)

7:25, 9:35

Sun:

(5:15 all seats \$3.00)

7:25

Mon:

(7:30 all seats \$3.00)

Tues, Wed, Thur:

7:30

<http://www.pgiheatres.com/>

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The monthly business meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, June 4, at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. A board meeting will be held from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in the Senior Classroom.

Before the birthday party on May 21, Rachel Algaze, a Goldstar mother, gave an interesting report on "Taps", which was officially recognized for use by the military services and others in 1874. Joe Rimar's birthday poem was read by Arlene Souser.

Maurice Love reminds the club members that the Seasoned Players' Revue has opened. Goldenagers Harvey and Helen Nichols, perform in this revue.

Best wishes to all those Golden Agers on the sick list; either at home or in the hospital.

The speaker scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, is Karen Haseley, Greenbelt's therapeutic-recreation supervisor. The June 25 meeting will feature Valerie Siegel, a local attorney, as speaker.

Congratulations to Rose and Ray Haber upon their grandson's graduation from the University of Maryland Medical School last week, a proud event for them.

Bill Souser is still accepting articles and volunteers for the Yard Sale/Flea Market to be held on June 7. Drop by and help with pricing if you have the time. Bill is usually in or near the Senior Lounge in the Community Center.

The next trip will be on Thursday, June 19, to the Franciscan Monastery and Oseh Shalom Synagogue. Lunch is scheduled at the Colony Buffet and is included in the fee.

Clown at Library

Nellybelle the Clown will be at the Greenbelt Library on Thursday, June 5 at 10:15 a.m. in a special performance for children ages 2 through 5. Children love her magic and stories and her rabbit. Parents are invited also. For more information call 301-345-5800.

Walk in Greenbelt

Visitors from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and Virginia will be walking in Greenbelt this Saturday. Registration for the walk is from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Come and join Greenbelt in welcoming the visitors and exploring the town. The International Volksporters Association (AVA) will be meeting and walking here this Saturday. They will see how Greenbelt Day is celebrated. Next week the Greenbelt Walking Club will host five events, 3 walks, a bike, and a swim, as well as a year round event in Greenbelt Park and one at the College Park Airport. Five and ten kilometer trails are available.

Poetry Plus to Meet

Poetry Plus, a reading and discussion group, meets at the Greenbelt Library the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on June 7.

Some of the group's favorite authors include Gerard Manley Hopkins, A.E. Housman, Naoshi Koriyama, Josephine Miles, Alice Walker, Connie Warnock, Oscar Wilde and others.

Copies of selections available and more suggestions are taken at the Information desk.

City Notes

The dead trees in Greenbelt East were replaced. Three willow oak trees were planted by the Youth Center parking area. Voting booths were moved from the Community Center to GHI. Signs for Ridge Road and Eastway were fabricated and installed, along with signs for the batting cages. Erosion prevention measures were installed in the swale along Crescent Road.

Greenbelt Landmark Quiz Answer

Yes. Many rural families were moving to the cities to find employment after their farms failed to produce sufficient income on which to live. Builders deemed constructing houses for low-income people as unprofitable. The country was experiencing a severe housing shortage.

(Historical information contained in this answer is taken from the Greenbelt Application for recognition as a National Landmark prepared by Elizabeth Jo Lampl.)

Greenbelt Arts Center
presents

Greenbelt Day Concert
Saturday May 31st 8:00 pm at the Pool
Contra Line Dancing & Concert
featuring
Fiddlestyx
It's FREE!!! Bring the family, fun for all.

Peter Pan

Saturday June 7 th at 2	One Weekend only!!!!	Sunday June 8 th at 2
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The Annual Youth Production this year presents an adaptation of Peter Pan, written and performed by the kids of the community. Sure to be a hit, come on down and see it. Admission \$5/\$3 seniors and students.

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

OBITUARIES

James J. Karitas

Former Greenbelter James J. Karitas, 69, died May 17 of congestive heart failure. He graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1944 and served in the Navy in World War II. While earning his degree at the University of Maryland, he worked at the Cop Food Store. He was employed as a marketing specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture until his retirement in 1979, following a disabling stroke.

Mr. Karitas is survived by his wife, Esther, and son, Joseph, both of Lanham, and two sisters, Margaret Powers of Seattle, WA, and Katherine Putnam of San Luis Obispo, CA. His youngest sister, Annette, died about 10 years ago.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Matthias Church, Lanham, on May 22. Burial was in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham.

Candidate Holmes Focus of Gathering

In celebration of the candidacy announcement of Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., to the Maryland House of Delegates 23rd Legislative District Prince George's County, a "meet and greet" will be held on Saturday, May 31, at 4 p.m. at 13215 Burleigh Street, Upper Marlboro.

Holmes is seeking election as a state delegate for Prince George's County, 23rd Legislative District. He is a former president of Citizens for Greenbelt and a former resident of Springhill Lake.

"Leadership requires preparation and vision," stated Holmes. "I have the experience, and perhaps more importantly, I have the commitment to represent Prince George's County in our state legislature."

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Timothy Evans

Greenbelt Pioneer Richard Francis Timothy Evans, 68, died of a stroke at his home in Washington DC, on April 27.

Born in Cleveland, Mr. Evans lived with his mother, Helen Ewing Evans, and his grandmother, Mrs. W. Corwin Ewing, (both now deceased) on Gardenway and grew up in Greenbelt. He was a graduate of Greenbelt High School and George Washington University.

While he was still in high school, his interest in art was apparent. He designed a cover for the Greenbelt High School year book.

Mr. Evans was a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. He did illustrations for advertising including Teen Times magazine and the federal government, especially the tourism offices of the Commerce Department. He did costume and makeup design for professional theater, including the Kennedy Center and the Washington Opera. His fabric representations of people are included in the permanent collection of the Renwick Gallery. He received many honors, including awards from the Smithsonian Institution.

He belonged to the International Alliances of Theater and Stage Employees, and Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Delta Epsilon service fraternities.

Mr. Evans' father was killed in a hurricane in Florida in the late '20s. There are no immediate survivors.

Emerald City

The following letter appeared in *Historic Preservation magazine of the National Trust for Historic Preservation* in the November/December, 1994 issue - the letter is reprinted with permission.

When Mom brought us from Ohio to 12-F Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland, in 1938, the town was one year old and I was nine ("Open House," September/October). Dad had died and Mom sought the security of government employment. There were just the two of us in Mom's little black Chevrolet "businessman's coupe."

The town was a jewel set in a green forest. The houses were painted white with colored raised-brick trim. Uncle Gene in Cleveland had made me a bike, and I could ride it to the nearby lake or nonstop from one end of town to the other through street underpasses and on sidewalks without curbs. Greenbelt was a safe place for kids, designed with bikes, roller skates, scooters, and wagons in mind.

Much of the town's beauty came from the landscaping talents of Angus MacGregor, the town's "gardener." Gruff and knowledgeable, he would knock on your door if your privet hedge was not trimmed to his standards - flat on top and slanted outward on the sides to

permit sunlight to enter for good growth. Yards bloomed with indigenous plants; I could look from my bedroom and see dogwood and mountain laurel.

In summer we had the swimming pool open late into the hot evening. Sometimes bats from nearby woods would skim the water for flying insects attracted by the underwater lights. There were tennis courts, a baseball diamond, and a handball court. I loved the "nature trail" with a hidden pond (I thought only I knew about it) where I spent long moments watching the one big fish that swam there.

In winter the town sometimes closed Crescent Road to traffic so the kids could sled. Mr. MacGregor marked forest fringes for thinning so that residents could cut free holiday greenery. I learned to ice skate on the lake where a little band of wild ducks swam in circles to keep it un-frozen. On milder winter days they would waddle to the lake banks to enjoy my hand-held bread.

Gran Ewing came to live with us, and we moved from the Crescent Road apartment to 1-C Gardenway. Gran and I liked the radiators. I thought they were great for quick-dry-

New Lutheran Worship Service

St. John Lutheran Church at 5820 Riverdale Road is planning a new type of worship service to supplement the traditional 9:30 a.m. Sunday service.

"Saturday Night Alive" will be an informal come-as-you-are service with modern music and sounds, kids' activities and practical messages from God's word.


The new weekly Saturday service starts June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

St. John's pastor is the Rev. Doug Cox, and the music director is Lance Batchelder. Call 301-927-4100 for further information.

ing my "Toboggan," and wet mittens. It was fun to use the tiny steam-valve key to release trapped air when a radiator started knocking. Gran discovered that if she put water and oatmeal in a saucepan on the radiator at night, our instant breakfast was ready and waiting in the morning.

I lived in Greenbelt for twenty-two years. I'm sixty-five now, but Greenbelt remains in my memory as my Emerald City.

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Five Alternatives Proposed For Intercounty Connector

by James Giese

Five alternatives have been considered for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Major Investment Study Overview for the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC). These alternatives are No Build, Upgrade Existing Roads, Master Plan Route, Northern Route and Midcounty Highway. The Master Plan and Northern Routes would begin at the west end by connecting to the end of I-370 at Gaithersburg and end at the east side by connecting to US 1 with an at-grade intersection. The Midcounty Highway would begin on the west side by extending the existing Midcounty Highway to the east from Shady Grove Road. At its east end it would tie into MD 198 on the west side of Laurel.

No Build

The No-Build Alternative would provide no major improvement to the east-west transportation system, other than those improvements included in existing long range plans plus a few other assumed improvements. These improvements are assumed to be in place in the year 2020 regardless of an ICC being built. (One such improvement is the extension of Kenilworth Avenue northward as a four-lane divided highway to cross over US 1 and end in the vicinity of Virginia Manor and Muirkirk Roads.) The no-build alternative serves as a baseline for the transportation analysis of all the other alternatives.

Upgrade Existing Roads

The Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative consists of improvements to numerous existing east-west highways, as well as improved bus service. The improvements consist of both widening existing roads and increasing capacity of major intersections. Two intersections, MD 28 (Norbeck Rd)/MD97 (Georgia Ave.) and MD 28/MD 586 (Veirs Mill Rd.) would become grade separate interchanges. Combined with the upgraded roads would be transportation system management measures. These would consist of several new east-west bus routes.

Master Plan Alternative

The Master Plan Alternative consists of building a new six-lane divided multi-modal road extending from I-370 to US 1, a distance of 17.5 miles. There would be only six planned interchanges along the route. Of special interest to Greenbelters is a proposed interchange with the planned extension of Kenilworth Avenue. This alternative would have a 60 mph design speed with a parkway type design, including a 72-foot wide median and a multi-use trail. This would be a toll road with electronic toll collectors. As a toll road, this alternative would not only raise money to help defray costs, but also serve as a way to manage demand to maintain a congestion-free facility. The two inside lanes would be designated for busses and high occupancy vehicles. There would be a number of special features to enhance bus service along the route.

Northern Route

The 19.4 mile Northern Alternative has design features similar to the master plan alternative and is also to be a tollway. This route is located north of the master plan route between MD 97 and I-95. There are alignment options in five sensitive areas.

Midcounty Highway

The Midcounty Highway is proposed as a six-lane divided highway with a 30-foot wide raised median and a limited parkway-type design. It would have a 50 mph design speed, with partial access control and a multi-use trail. Most road crossings would be at-grade, although interchanges would be provided at MD 97, US 29 and I-95. Much of the alternative would be on a new alignment, although some existing and proposed road sections would be used.

These alternatives are No Build, Upgrade Existing Roads, Master Plan Route, Northern Route and Midcounty Highway.

Impacts

Of the four build alternatives, the upgrading of existing roads would cause the most displacements of homes and businesses, 139 residences and 35 businesses. The northern alignment would require 1,252 acres for right-of-way of which 1,047 is currently in private ownership. The master plan alignment requires nearly as much acreage for right of way (1,153), but much of it is already in public ownership, including 144 acres of parkland. Upgrading existing roads would require the least amount of land for rights-of-way.

Some historic sites eligible for being placed on the National Register of Historic Places would lose acreage on each alternative except the master plan one. Seven sites would be affected, ranging from one for the midcounty highway to the four for the master plan route.

Natural Environment

The master plan alternative would impact upon 552 acres of wetlands. The northern alternative would affect nearly as many (492). The midcounty highway route would affect 236 acres and upgrading existing roads would impact upon 43 acres.

The master plan alternative would impact upon 16 rare, threatened or endangered species as determined by the state, none of which are Federally listed. The other alternatives would affect one to three plant species.

Upgrading existing roads would result in the most unsatisfactory noise levels (61) while each of the others would have impacts in the mid-twenties.

Cost

Most costly to build would be the master plan alignment at \$1,090 billion plus another \$17 million already spent. The Midcounty Highway alternative would be the least costly at \$460 million and \$190 million less than upgrading existing roads. The northern alternative would be almost as costly as the master plan. Its estimated cost is \$1,050 billion.

Transportation Impacts

The study report identifies several different methods for assessing the impact of these alternative highway improvements upon traffic conditions. These measures tend to show that building the Intercounty Connector along the northern alignment offers the greatest amount of benefit and slightly more than if the ICC uses the master plan alignment. The one method easiest to understand is the length of time it will take during rush hours to travel from one point to the other. Eleven travel times are estimated. Collectively these eleven show that the northern alignment would reduce travel time by 24% while the master plan alignment will reduce it by 23%. Upgrading existing roads will provide the least benefit, 8%. However, bus riders could benefit the most from the master plan alignment with the northern alignment coming in second.

How would Greenbelters benefit? Commuters to Rockville and northern Bethesda could save ten min-

Diabetes Program At Laurel Hospital

A four-session program to teach diabetics self-care will be offered once a month at Laurel Regional Hospital, in Laurel. The June program will begin on June 7. Pre-registration is necessary.

The Diabetes Management Program offers 1 1/2 hours of instruction on self-care, including management through diet and monitoring of blood sugar. The program also addresses related physical, emotional and social issues. Costs are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and some third-party insurance.

For more information and to pre-register, call 301-497-7983 or 410-792-2270, ext. 7983.

Bank Opens Branch With Ceremony

On Thursday, May 29, First Liberty National Bank hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to announce the grand opening of the new Greenbelt branch, located directly in front of the Sir Walter Raleigh's restaurant at 6329 Greenbelt Road. The guest of honor was Congressman Albert Wynn, who cut the ribbon.

utes a trip if the northern alignment is built, six minutes on the master plan alignment on a trip that will take 50 minutes if nothing is done. Commuters to White Oak would save 3 minutes out of 33 if the master plan alignment is built. Greenbelt bus riders commuting to Rockville/northern Bethesda would not benefit from any of the alternatives, but 20 to 24 minutes on a commute to White Oak with the best time savings occurring if the upgraded road alternative is undertaken.

The greatest benefit would be for commuters between east Gaithersburg and Laurel. They could save 33 minutes on a 71 minute commute if the ICC is built on either the northern or master plan routes.

ICC HEARING

(Continued from page 1)

in the early 1980s. In 1983, a Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was published and approved by the FHA. However, the final EIS was not approved.

In the late 1980s, ICC studies were stopped primarily due to changes in regulations and environmental issues. The preferred route, Modified Alternate G, traversed wetlands in Rock Creek Park. This alternate linked Interstate 370/270 with Route 1 (Baltimore Ave.) about a quarter of a mile north of Muirkirk Rd. At that time about 60% of the right-of-way for Alternate G, which is identified on the master plans as the ICC, had been acquired.

In late 1993, highway officials were at odds with a proposal submitted by the Army Corps of Engineers. That proposal followed the Montgomery County master plan route from I-370/270 to just east of Georgia Avenue. There it split off from the right-of-way shown in the master plan and veered to a more northerly route to connect with I-95. The Corps said that fewer wetlands would be impacted but more homes would be taken.

Highway and Montgomery County MNCPPC officials were also angered when the EPA in September 1994 said "the original transportation corridor (alternate G) remains unacceptable in light of the large waterway, wetland and parkland impacts ..." The officials argued that the EPA and Corps of Engineers made these announcements preceding the ICC study process, when, they say, all possible routes will be considered.

In 1993 the dormant, emotionally charged ICC proposal was resurrected. A new system study was launched and an ICC Public Information Center was opened as a joint venture of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), SHA and the Federal Mass Transit Administration, together with Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

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Greenbelt's Senior Citizens

Green Ridge House Acclaimed Over Twenty Years as Success

by Dorothy Sucher

(This article is one in a series the News Review is publishing in May to celebrate Older Americans Month.)

A resounding success after almost twenty years in existence, Green Ridge House is Greenbelt's housing for the elderly. An attractive, four-story building on Ridge Road that opened in 1979, it contains 100 one-bedroom apartments for senior citizens and the handicapped, as well as a number of common rooms. At present about 115 people live there. Most, but not all, were Greenbelt residents before they moved in. Many have small pets: dogs, cats, birds, and fish.

Common Rooms

Even residents who are quite frail need not be alone at Green Ridge House. A Residents' Association sponsors holiday parties on the premises, as well as weekly bingo, line dancing, movies, and trips. Recently, a number of residents went to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at a local dinner theater, and a Christmas outing offered seniors a tour of the White House.

Socializing also takes place informally in the common rooms—a library, a downstairs party room, a laundry room, a beauty shop, and a lounge on each floor.

There is a dining room where Prince George's County provides a low-cost lunch, similar to the county's Food and Friendship program at the Greenbelt Community Center. Residents who prefer to do so can eat in their apartments, which are equipped with full kitchens. Benches, picnic tables, and an outdoor grill are available for use in warm weather.

Operated by City

The City of Greenbelt operates the building through a management company, Community Realty, and keeps the place in good shape. A perusal of the city's 1996 budget reveals that elevators

and doors were upgraded, wallpaper and ceiling tiles replaced in the common areas, new armchairs purchased, and new hairdryer chairs installed in the beauty shop, among other improvements.

It shows. Green Ridge House looks fresh and welcoming—a cheerful setting for the elderly.

Survey of Residents

The tenants like the building, judging from last year's resident satisfaction survey. Of the 37 units that responded, 34 rated the operation and management as "Very Good" to "Excellent."

Said Susanna Laird, Community Director of the facility, "Green Ridge House is a nice place to live. It's really a community. People check on each other and make sure everyone is okay."

Conceived by Volunteers

In the Greenbelt tradition, Green Ridge House was first conceived by a citizens' cooperative, led by Jim Cassels. After years of study, lobbying, and finally a citywide referendum, the controversial housing project became a reality, financed by a state loan and subsidized through federal funds.

Waiting List

Not surprisingly, about 80 people are on the waiting lists. There are two lists, one for regular apartments and one for those that are handicapped-accessible.

To qualify, applicants must be over 62 or disabled. The maximum annual income is \$24,000 for singles and \$29,000 for couples. Greenbelters receive a preference, as do those who have been on the waiting list longest, by means of a system of "points."

Since the building is federally subsidized through the Section 8 housing program, rents are determined according to income.

Green Ridge House does not provide medical, nursing, or housekeeping services, which residents arrange for themselves, as needed.

For further information, call 301-474-7595.



Governor Parris Glendening visits with an elderly constituent during a visit to Green Ridge House on June 27.

- photo by Irv Siegel

Glendening Visits Greenbelt

by Kerana Todorov

Gov. Parris Glendening stopped by Green Ridge House Tuesday, May 27. Mayor Antoinette Bram, Councilmember Ed Putens and City Manager Michael McLaughlin welcomed the governor at the city's apartment building for the elderly and handicapped. So did Sue Ward, Director of Maryland's Office on Aging. And Susanna Laird, Green Ridge House manager, wondered if there were going to be enough chairs in the cafeteria for people to sit. There were.

"This is a wonderful facility," Glendening told about 30 residents who were having lunch in the dining room. "And it really is the type of senior facility that we want statewide."

Glendening spent the hour chatting with residents on topics ranging from parenting, to history, retirement, politics and geography. "He's a very handsome man," said Betty Sherrod, 71, a Green Ridge resident since March.

Alene Petrone, social director

Thimey Dancers Offer Festival of Fables

On Sunday afternoon, June 1, at 2 p.m. The Chancel Community Concert Series of First United Methodist Church will present the Erika Thimey Dance and Theatre Company as they perform their Festival of Fables. Children in the audience can participate in the action.

This free concert will be held in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Road. For further information contact Sharon Starling 301-927-6133 ext. 20.

sure to send the invitations and also suggested that she make arrangements for the residents to see the Festival of Lights.

Glendening, who last came to the center during his race for governor, went from table to table, sharing a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato and pasta salad, and sliced strawberries, all served with lowfat milk and cranberry juice. The governor also chatted with the staff, including 90-year-old volunteer Rosalie Jones.

There are 27 nutrition centers in the county and all serve the same menu, said Catherine Stasny, director of the nutrition program for the county. Stasny was busy preparing the servings in the kitchen. Green Ridge House has about 115 residents.



The camera surprises Marie Houck, 96, and her daughter, Mayor Antoinette Bram, at Green Ridge House on May 27.

- photo by Mary Moien

Rep. Hoyer Votes For Balanced Budget

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) recently announced that he voted for the Bipartisan Balanced Budget Resolution, setting the stage for the first balanced budget in a generation. The five-year budget plan, approved in the House by a 333 to 99 vote, increases funding for education and training programs, protects national defense priorities, strengthens environmental enforcement, and ensures the solvency of the Medicare and Medicaid programs, Hoyer said.

Speaking in support of the budget agreement, he added: "As with most compromises, no one got exactly what they wanted with this budget deal. But the agreement is a real and honest attempt from both sides of the aisle to move this country down a path of fiscal responsibility. This budget resolution will continue the excellent progress made under President Clinton's 1993 Deficit Reduction package, which I supported, that has brought the deficit down five years in a row.

"I am particularly pleased the Federal employees, who over the last twenty years have lost a

quarter of a trillion dollars in pay and benefits owed to them by law, will be protected under this plan," said Hoyer. "This agreement does not require Federal employees to pay more for their health benefits and does not include an unnecessary delay in COLAs for federal retirees. I remain concerned that the deal contains increased employee contributions to the Federal retirement system, and will continue to fight this provision in the coming months."

According to Hoyer, the bipartisan agreement between President Clinton and congressional leaders, which balances the budget by 2002, includes the largest expansion of the Pell grant program in two decades, doubles the pace of Superfund cleanups, provides \$3 billion to speed up the process of moving welfare recipients into jobs, and funds measures aimed to tackle diabetes and detect breast and colon cancer earlier.

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The Ad-Hoc Historic District Study Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

There will be a Special Board meeting held on Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room for the purpose of discussing the Reserve Study done by Reserve Advisors, Inc. Copies will be available at GHI.

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Greenbelt's Senior Citizens

Adult Care Center Offers Program for Frail Elders

by Dorothy Sucher

(This article is one in a series the News Review is publishing in May to celebrate Older Americans Month.)

Many programs for active senior citizens in Greenbelt have been described this month in the News Review's current series of articles on our town's facilities for older people. But what about frail seniors, the kind we all hope we won't become, yet know we might?

Due to strokes, Parkinsonism, Alzheimer's Disease, and other ailments, some elderly people require constant care and supervision. For them, the choice may lie between a nursing home (seen by most as a last resort), and care by family members, which takes a heavy toll on even the best-intentioned of relatives.

Day Treatment

There is, however, another alternative, less well known yet often useful: day treatment. The patient continues to live and sleep in the family home, yet may spend up to 13 hours a day, six days a week, at a center where therapeutic activities and skilled caretakers are available.

In Greenbelt, day treatment is offered at the Adult Care Center, located on the lower level of the Greenbelt Community Center. The non-denominational facility is one of four in Prince George's County run by a private, non-profit organization sponsored by the Baptist Senior Adult Ministries and supported in part by a variety of private and public funding sources.

Activities

When I visited the Center re-

cently, I was pleasantly surprised to find a bright, cheerful atmosphere in which staff members assisted participants, who were sitting around tables engaged in various activities, according to their abilities and interests, while others sat chatting in twos and threes.

Daily activities at the Center include exercise, crafts, discussion groups, games, and occasional trips, as well as breakfast, lunch, and two snacks. Usually two or three activities are going on at a time, so participants can pick what they want to do.

Once a week the children

from the nursery school come to visit, and they and the oldsters play together with blocks or Plad-Doh—a popular activity. Each May a "Senior Prom" is held, in which everyone dresses up, and high school students from Eleanor Roosevelt come and dance with participants. In June a mock wedding is held, with names of the couple drawn from a hat, which features a wedding cake and the involvement of family members.

Transportation Provided

Some participants spend six days a week at the Center, while some come only part-time. Most

are brought by one of the Center's six vans, which arrive on different shifts; others have private transportation.

About 80 people are enrolled in the program, although the usual attendance is closer to 50. Ages range from 44 to 95, with the majority over 55. About a third of the participants are Alzheimer's patients whose caregivers need a break.

Some participants improve as a result of attending, like a stroke victim who was able to decrease her participation from four to two days a week as her confidence increased and she was able to go out more into the community.

Director Loves Job

For the last two years the director of the Greenbelt Adult Care Center has been Michelle Cordova, an enthusiastic young woman of 29 who started out as a direct care provider. She says

she never had any grandparents or older people in her life and finds that "Seniors have such a rich wealth of experience to share. They're wonderful to work with."

She says she loves her job, and perhaps one reason is that she used to work with adolescents. To the elderly people at the Center, "We're just the best thing since cream cheese. They're always thanking you, where adolescents will rip you apart and spit you out."

Cordova has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maryland and plans to get her master's. She grew up in Montgomery County but finds Greenbelt to be a "great community," and "sorta" lives here, being a resident of one of the new developments up Greenbelt Rd., just outside the city limits.

The Staff

The staff at the Center includes a program coordinator, a recreation staff, a medical team, and trained volunteers. A local physician acts as a consultant, and the medical staff also maintains contact with the individual doctors of participants.

Support for Families

"We want to stay open to the community," Cordova stated. On the first Tuesday of every month, from 5 to 6:30, a support group for family members is offered. This is an open group, to which caregivers from the community are invited. While the group is in progress, the Center provides respite supervision for the patients. There are forty on the group list, and usually about 15 turn up at meetings.

Staff social worker Beverly Long has developed a resource file, and is willing to consult with people in the community, whether or not their family members are participants at the Center.

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Cooking class at the Adult Care Center in Greenbelt.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Occupants of a vehicle parked at Schrom Hills Park at around midnight on Saturday, May 17, suddenly found their car blocked in by another vehicle that had just pulled up. Two men, one of them armed with a silver semi-automatic handgun, then got out of the second vehicle and approached. Both victims were robbed and the glove compartment of their car also rifled. The two men then got into their vehicle, which was operated by a third man, and fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Substation-East

The Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 301-474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, 301-474-5454.

All three men are described as black. One of the robbers was about 20 years old, 5'7", 160 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes, and wearing a goatee. He had on a black jacket and dark pants. The other was between 18 and 23 years old, 5'6", 130 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket, dark pants, and a baseball cap. The vehicle was a white late 1980s Chrysler 4-door, possibly a LeBaron, with a partial white vinyl top and possible Maryland tags RSB111.

Windows Broken

Two Greenbelt youths and one from New Carrollton, 17, 16, and 15, were arrested on Friday, May 16, around 8:30 p.m. in the wooded area to the rear of the Prince George's County school bus lot on Greenbelt Rd. Police were responding to a report that the juveniles had been seen as possibly armed with handguns; indeed one was carrying a pellet gun. Two buses in the lot were discovered to have had their windows broken out. The juveniles were charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property and malicious destruction. They were released on citation pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Responding to the report a little after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, of a group of disorderly people in a playground area, officers observed one member of the group drinking a beer. A 23-year-old Riverdale man was arrested and charged with possessing an open alcoholic beverage in public. He was released on citation pending trial.

A theft occurred at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten in the Community Center about 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 22. A black male, 20 to 25, 6 feet tall with a medium build and black balding hair, was observed on a TV monitor as he entered the building, removed a computer from the school, placed it in a plas-

tic bag, and exited. He was wearing a light colored, short-sleeved shirt and white shorts.

A 13-year-old Greenbelt youth reported that he had been assaulted in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza by five 17-year-old black males at about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16. He received minor lacerations to his head and face.

Five vandalisms were reported on Friday, May 16, in Springhill Lake between 9:13 and 10:24 p.m. In each case rocks were thrown through windows of residences. The events occurred on Edmonston Rd. (twice), Breezewood Ct., Cherrywood Terrace, and again on Breezewood Ct.

The office manager of a business in the 7200 block of Hanover Parkway reported that a man approached her desk and exposed himself. He then fled the building.

Burglaries occurred at a storage room in the 400 block of Ridge Rd., where clothing and toys were taken; at the Sports Zone in Beltway Plaza, where money was taken; in a hotel room on Ivy Lane, where a laptop computer was taken; and at a residence on Cherrywood Terrace, where money was taken.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 301-507-6522. Callers may remain anonymous.

The following thefts were reported: a purse was taken from the back of a chair at TGI Fridays; a lawn mower was taken from the driveway of a residence on Lastner Lane; a purse, left by mistake in a restroom at the Giant Supermarket, had been taken when the owner returned for it; it was later found in a trash can, with money and a credit card removed; and a wallet was taken from an unattended purse placed under clothing in a shopping cart at the Burlington Coat Factory.

A white 1990 Honda Accord 4-door, with Delaware tags 469169, was reported stolen from the 100 block of Westway; a gray 1984 Toyota Celica 2-door, AEB767, was reported stolen from Beltway Plaza; and a 1986 Honda Accord, stolen from the 6200 block of Springhill Dr., was recovered the same day by Takoma Park Police. Three Acura Legends, all stolen from different blocks of Morrison Dr. on May 15, were all discovered by Baltimore Police the next day in the 700 block of Nottingham St. in Baltimore.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles occurred at Beltway Plaza (two incidents), Ivy Lane (three incidents), Cherrywood Lane, Springhill Lane (two incidents), Springhill Ct., and Greenway Plaza.

Police Department Highlights Training

Lt. Daniel P. O'Neil and Lt. John A. Lann, of the Greenbelt Police Department have recently completed the Executive Development Institute's Law Enforcement Executive Officer Program. As a branch of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions, the Institute coordinates, develops and produces training programs for management level members of law enforcement and correctional agencies. The three-week program included training in the areas of managing a Maryland police agency, performance management, vicarious liability, police ethics, budget and finance, partnership building, and future trends.

In its effort to provide high quality police services to the community, the department regularly utilizes continuous training and retraining for its officers and staff. For example, throughout the month of March, various members within the department received training in the following areas: tactical handcuffing techniques, interview and interrogation concepts, forensic surveying, fraudulent documents and undocumented aliens, defensive tactics, and municipal infractions.

The other training programs were conducted in driver improvement, liability management, effective media practices, National Crime Information Center certification, mental preparation for armed confrontation, dispatcher stress reduction, internal affairs investigation, team leadership and communications field training.



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Home Repair Seminar

The topic "No-Fraud Home Repair" will be discussed at a "Not For Seniors Only" (NFSO) workshop on Saturday, June 7, in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center at 1 p.m. Choosing a contractor or home repair specialist can be a very difficult and trying experience, especially for widows, widowers, and others who live alone. This presentation will help homeowners find reliable service firms and repair specialists.

The speaker will be David Hollies, a former contractor and an expert on human relations, who runs Home Connections. This referral service helps to match consumers with reputable firms and individuals. Hollies will explain the service fully and give tips for dealing with home repairs and home repairers.

The general public is invited.

Arboretum Holds Ikebana Show

The National Arboretum will hold a free Sogetsu Ikebana Show in the Administration Building Auditorium on Saturday, May 31, from noon to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Appreciate nature through Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging. Harmonious yet asymmetrical, the compositions suggest that all things in the universe can be used to create beauty. Designs are created by members of the Maryland and D.C. branches of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana who have reached teacher status.

Information is available by phone 202-245-2726, fax 202-245-4575 or the Internet, <http://www.ars-grin.gov/ars/Beltsville/na>.

Fun at Goddard

There will be a model rocket launch on Sunday, June 1, at 1 p.m. Bring a rocket or just come and watch. Launches are monitored for safety.

Also on Sunday is a NASCOM tour at 11 a.m. This walking tour of the space telescope operations control center and NASA Communications Center is appropriate for ages fourth grade and older.

For information call 301-286-8981.

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Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
301-474-5285

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Greenbelt Pioneer Timothy Evans of Washington, D.C. A graphic artist, Mr. Evans showed an early interest in art and designed one of the yearbook covers for Greenbelt High School.

Congratulations to Jade Wexler, daughter of Larry and Wendy Wexler, of Greenbelt CARES. Jade graduated cum laude this month from James Madison University. She received her B.A. with a dual major in special education and English.

Walter and Leonie Penney, of Northway, are happy to announce the arrival, on May 24, of their grandson, Thomas Harold Garber. His parents are Olga Penney Garber and husband Jonathan; the family lives in Philomath, Oregon. Thomas joins his brothers, David, 3, Joseph, 5, Benjamin, 7, and Jonathan, 9, and his sisters, Mary,

17, and Leah, 18. Like his siblings, Thomas was born at home. So far, Olga is home-schooling her children through high school. Leah and Mary currently attend their local community college where they are on the Honor Roll.

Congratulations to Jonathan Vaughn, sixth grade student at Greenbelt Elementary School who took top honors in Greenbelt's Earth Day Poster Contest. Jonathan designed an original poster highlighting the importance of keeping the community beautiful. For his design of trees along a beautiful horizon suddenly littered with trash, Jonathan was honored at Earth Day ceremonies on Saturday, April 19. He received a \$25 deposit in a savings account.

Debra Saunders has entered the Baltimore International College, majoring in professional cooking and baking.

Patrick and Linda McAndrew of Periwinkle Court are pleased to

Emily Ann Wins State Beauty Contest

Eighteen-months-old Emily Ann Carmona, daughter of Cindy Lou and Frank Carmona of Laurel Hill Road, came out a winner after competing in the Maryland State Finals of the Sunburst Beauty Pageant held in Aberdeen, MD on Sunday, May 4.

As a winner in Composite, Emily Ann earned a crown and a large trophy. Other trophies were awarded for placing as first runner-up in Swimwear, third runner-up in Photogenic and second runner-up in Overall Beauty for ages 16-23 months.

Because of all these awards, Emily Ann is now qualified to compete in the International Finals scheduled to take place in Atlanta, GA in August.



Emily Ann and her trophies

- photo by Cindy Lou Carmona

announce the birth of Kristin Margaret on May 7. Kristin was born at Laurel Regional Hospital at 11:06 p.m. and weighed in at 6 lb. 1 oz. The proud grandparents are Tom and Peg McAndrew of Eastway and Bill Williams of Parkway. Kristin joins sister Colleen, aged 4.

Volunteers Needed

Watkins Nature Center, located in Watkins Regional Park, Upper Marlboro, is seeking volunteers to perform several trail improvement projects for National Trails Day on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should wear long

pants and sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Lunch will be provided.

Check-in for volunteers will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants must be 11 years and older. This project will be held rain or shine.

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ICC IMPACT

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come to recognize that what used to be called "progress" in the form of road-building and commercial development has negative impacts as well. Water, air, and noise pollution have been among these consequences, as well as the destruction of communities, archeological sites, and historic landmarks. As a result, environmental studies of proposed changes to the landscape have become mandatory in all such planning and roadway designs.

Although the ICC might in a sense be regarded as another Beltway, further north, its designers include two nationally known landscape firms — Wallace, Roberts and Todd (WRT) and LDR International. The former, based in Philadelphia, is the environmental planning firm that developed the Master Plan for Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the Canal Parkway project in Cumberland. LDR, located in Columbia, MD, is the foremost urban design consultant for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge study.

With the help of these firms, the ICC designs are being developed to: 1) be respectful of the area through which it would pass and be integrated into the environment, 2) blend into the adjacent areas, 3) enhance adjacent park areas, and 4) be designed as a parkway type of facility. The six proposed lanes would be divided into three lanes in each direction with a median strip planted with trees and shrubs.

According to these plans, the road itself would be depressed into the landscape to minimize visual and noise impacts, and plantings along the side slopes soften the view. Trees along the right-of-way would remain when possible, with new trees planted next to the road when construction is finished. This description is contained in a spring 1996 newsletter, ICC News & Views, put out by the study team from their office at 14015 New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring.

ICC Opponents

Other groups are less optimistic. The proposed ICC would be "an 18 mile clearcut through the biological heart of the suburban stream valley park system," says a group called the Campaign to Stop the ICC (C-SICC). It would threaten a number of champion trees, they say, including one tulip poplar 18 feet in circumference, which dates to the 1600s and is part of the original Eastern old-growth forest. The ICC would also cause the extinction of the last surviving grove of chestnuts to escape the chestnut blight, they say.

Besides the threat to certain plant and animal species, "the cumulative environmental impacts of the ICC would have to include, a C-SICC handout proclaims, "the toxins created by the required concrete and steel production, the shattering of mountains for the needed raw materials, logging the wrong-of-way, smog and greenhouse gases from the increased traffic, the widening of feeder roads, and the

associate sprawl development waiting for the road's construction."

Wilson's comments for council agree: "The impact on cultural and natural resources brought about with the construction of the ICC is devastating.... Are these the type of impacts," she asks, "which satisfy the objective to 'maintain natural and community resources'?"

Annual Church Strawberryfest

On June 7, Berwyn Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Festival — rain or shine. The goal is to raise at least \$2,000 for the church's outreach services. Berwyn Presbyterian participates in the Oak Hill and Help-By-Phone programs. The church also offers college scholarships. "It's a tradition that has been continuous for 30 years," said Roland Van Allen, of the Board of Deacons.

On June 7, there will be food — strawberry shortcake and BBQ are on the menu, games for children, an auction of larger items — such as computers — and a "white elephant sale," offering smaller items.

There is no admission charge. The church's address is 6301 Greenbelt Rd., College Park.

For more information, call 301-577-2119 or 301-262-7654.

Recreation Review

Park Permits

Park permit applications are now being accepted at the Recreation business office. The picnic areas at Buddy Attick Lake Park and Schrom Hills Park are available for six hour time slots of either 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Groups of 15 or more are required to have a permit for these areas. Permits will be issued to Greenbelt residents only. Also, alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited in all city operated parks. Contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 for availability, application procedure and prices. Please allow at least seven days to process all permit applications.

Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled for Monday, June 23, from 2 - 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The drive is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and will be staffed by personnel from the American Red Cross. In response to The News Review call for blood for former Greenbelters Bob and Isabel Field, donors may designate that their contribution be credited to the Fields.

Anniversary Celebration

Make plans now to attend this special anniversary dinner dance, planned for Sunday, October 19, from 2-7 p.m. The celebration will be held at Martin's Crosswinds and includes a sit down dinner and live entertainment. Tickets are available for purchase at the Greenbelt Youth Center, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased by mail or phone. For additional information, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.



Festival Notes

Keeping with its theme of community service and fun, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee kicked off the 1997 season with a picnic meeting in Schrom Hills Park. The Committee now moves back to its regular meeting location — the Greenbelt Police Department meeting room. All meetings are open to the public and Greenbelters with suggestions and ideas are invited to attend or contact Committee President Rick Ransom at 301-441-1597. Ransom was re-elected president; others elected are Barbara Ransom, vice president for programs; Ed Cook, vice president for finance; J Davis, vice president for carnival; Debbie Cooley, treasurer; and Denise Troeschel, secretary. Other officers and volunteers heading the various activities will be listed in future articles.

Pageants Begin

It's time for girls and teens to plan to be in this year's Miss Greenbelt Pageants. There are three pageants open to girls who live, go to school or work in Greenbelt. The traditional Miss Greenbelt Pageant is open to teens ages 14 to 19; Junior Miss is for those 11 to 13; and Little Miss for girls 7 to 10. The participants enjoy events throughout the summer, including parties, trips, and community activities. The Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Pageant promotes education with the awarding of scholarships through donations of area businesses and organizations. Miss Greenbelt receives a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied to her educational and career goals. The 1997 Pageant has a country and western theme which will be featured in the pageant's opening night performance and in the float which appears in the Labor Day parade. For more information contact pageant chair, Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665.

Carnival

J Davis (301-345-3243) and Mike Vaccaro (301-474-4431) announce that there are openings for new community groups to have booths at this year's Labor Day Carnival. While most groups return from year to year, there are also a limited number of openings for community organizations that have never participated or were not at last year's festival to try a booth or return again. The booths offer a great opportunity to raise money for organizations, publicize the organization's activities and goals, and participate in the community-wide festival. Call now for more information and an application blank. Applications will be automatically sent to organizations that had booths in last year's festival



United States Park Police horse "General" and officer Gryzbowski on Police Day, April 15, at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten.

-photos by Linda McAndrew



During Police Day, April 15, at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten, PFC Michael Mesol explains to a group of children the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet.

GIVES to Hold Annual Meeting

Members of GIVES - the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service - will hold their third annual meeting in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 7. Interested persons from the general public are also welcome to attend. Farrell Didio of the parent Cooperative Caring Network will be on hand to answer questions.

GIVES' purpose is to help seniors, and the homebound elderly or disabled remain independent longer in their own homes. A pool of volunteers respond to requests for assistance with transportation, chores around the house or yard, and other necessary things. The volunteers receive a "care credit" for each hour given, and these may be used for services, "banked" for the future, or given to other participants. Over 160 members are registered in the GIVES' computer. More information is available from the office manager, Irene Hensel, at 301-507-6580, and a ride can be ar-

ranged to the meeting.

The agenda of the annual meeting will include a review of the group's first two years, an election of executive committee and board of directors to serve until 1999, and a proposed bylaw amendment to help get non-profit 501(c)(3) status. This will help with fund raising and grant applications. All members are urged to attend.

The meeting will be followed by a pot luck picnic from noon until 1 p.m. Bring a dish to share; drinks will be provided by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Help Clean Up River

The Anacostia Watershed Society is seeking volunteers to assist in cleaning up the Anacostia River. Clerical workers, river cleaners, and tree planters are needed. Volunteers must be able to work in groups, and enjoy working outdoors. For more information call Jim Connolly at 301-513-0316.



GHI Board Elects Jahoda President; Opposes ICC

by Sue Krofchik

The new board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc (GHI) met for the first time on May 22 following the co-op's annual meeting and elections. Results of the election were certified by Charles Braun, chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, and the new board took their seats and quickly got down to business. Board officers were elected, dates were set for board meetings through December and a special meeting was scheduled to discuss replacement reserves. They voted to send a representative to speak at the June 3 hearing regarding the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC), to register GHI's corporate opposition to this road.

Approval was given for three contracts and a conference expense policy for staff. The board also heard from a member who says she continues to be denied access to her gardenside yard. Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) stockholders were designated and a date set for the stockholders meeting.

Election of Officers

Leading GHI for the upcoming year as president will be Keith Jahoda, vice president, Julia Eichhorst, treasurer, Chuck Hess and secretary, Dorothy Lauber. Serving as directors are Betty Deitch, Steve Harper, Susan Ready, John Taylor and Alan Turnbull.

Board meetings will be held once a month during the summer on June 12, July 17 and August 21. The schedule for the rest of the year is the first and third Thursdays in September, November and December. October meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays, to accommodate religious holidays. The GDC annual stockholders meeting will be on June 12, prior to the GHI board meeting. A board training session will be held on July 13.

Intercounty Connector

It took a good bit of discussion with a few twists and turns, but ultimately the board decided three things: to take a position on the ICC, to oppose it, and to have Alan Turnbull represent the board at the June 3 hearing at Roosevelt High School. Turnbull will represent GHI as a corporation that has paid up to \$1.5 million in taxes.

Chuck Hess wondered if GHI should take any position and asked if the principles of cooperatives allow for getting involved in politics. General Manager Gretchen Overdurff pointed out that co-operatives do get involved with the community and this is a community issue. The matter was settled when former director Nat Shinderman said, "not to take a position would be negligent."

The next hurdle was how to proceed. The board was sensitive to the fact that individual members most likely hold differing opinions about the ICC and it would be improper for the board to take a position saying they represent 1,600 individual households when members have not been polled or voted on the matter. They decided to proceed from a taxpayer point of view. Former board member Ray

Stevens described how local traffic will increase and our "tax dollars will go North." He noted the federal government does not allow the ICC to connect to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. This means traffic heading to the ICC will have to go through Greenbelt via Kenilworth Avenue (and Route 1) to get to Laurel to get on the ICC. He also said there are no funds allotted to improve or upgrade the roads feeding into the ICC. GHI tax dollars will most likely go toward improving roads to get to the ICC instead of being used on projects that will directly benefit Greenbelt.

Dorothy Lauber reminded everyone that the state highway administration is in the business of building roads, and that it appears they are building the outer beltway piece by piece. With that, Susan Ready asked, "How can we drive a stake through the heart of this?" Turnbull replied "make it parkland." He said it is critical that everyone show up at Roosevelt High School on June 3 — whether pro or con — and make their views known by signs, applause, cheers as well as disapproval. A pep rally is to begin at 5:30 p.m., the state presentation at 6 p.m. and speakers set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Replacement Reserve Meeting

An issue with long-term ramifications for the co-op is funding of replacement reserves. A special meeting for all members has been set for Thursday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the board room. A consultant from Reserves Advisors will be present to discuss their report and recommendations. Members may borrow or have a copy of the consultant's 100 page report and the 50 page in-house reserves policy and analysis. Call Donna at 301-474-4161 for more information.

Visitors and Members

During the visitors and members portion of the meeting, the member at 3-C Gardenway told the board she is still being denied access to her gardenside yard. For eight years there was no problem, but two years ago GHI gave approval for a tall wooden fence/privacy screen to be attached from the addition at 29-C Ridge to the garage for 3-C Gardenway.

President Jahoda suggested this be referred to the Member Complaints Panel, but the Gardenway member opposed this, saying this is a handbook, not a member, problem. GHI had approved the fence without getting permission of the adjacent neighbor. Over the last two years GHI has maintained permission was not required because the fence abuts the attached garage of 3-C, instead of the actual home. Further complicating this is the fact that GHI cites the 1938 walkway and yardlines but allegedly applies this standard inconsistently. Jahoda indicated he would look into the matter.

Other Business

In keeping with past Board practices, the GHI Board designated themselves as Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) stockholders. Each of the nine directors holds a proxy for one-ninth of GHI's shares of GDC.

French Students Win Top Slots in Contest

For the second consecutive year, students enrolled in the Rogers Heights Elementary School French Immersion Magnet Program have earned more top slots in the National French Test, "Le Grand Concours de Francais" than any other students nationwide. This year 4,230 students from throughout the United States and around the world took the rigorous test.

A total of 90 Rogers Heights Elementary School students in grades 4 to 6 took the test. Of the group, 33 were named in the top slots nationwide. Of the 78 students who scored in first to eighth places nationwide, 23 were Rogers Heights students.

The national test is open to any student enrolled in French classes. This is the second year Rogers Heights students participated in the contest.

Rogers Heights Elementary School is located in Bladensburg. For more information, contact Principal Jacquelyn O'Neill at 301-985-1860.

The board voted 7 - 1 (Hess opposed; Deitch absent) to suspend the rules and allow for a first and second contract reading for J&M Utilities to replace sewers at 6 E-H Crescent and 1-K Gardenway, not to exceed \$13,520. Underground storage tanks at these locations had been previously approved and scheduled for removal in June, with sewer replacement scheduled to be done in August. Yards would be torn up for the summer. However, J&M has an opening for work in June and offered GHI a discount price of \$12,800 if a contract is authorized now. Waiting two weeks for a second reading would jeopardize J&M being available in June and would definitely cancel the discount price. Now removal of underground storage tanks and sewer replacement will be done at the same time and yards will be affected for a shorter period of time and replaced more promptly. The co-op will also save money.

A policy was approved for employees attending co-op or trade-related conferences. GHI will pay registration fees and an allowance up to \$30 per day for meals and incidental expenses such as ground transportation. The policy also details guidelines for transportation and lodging.

Accepted for second reading and passage were contracts with Shen Valley Roofing for \$85,500 to replace block home roofs at 39 H-M Ridge, 58 J-M Crescent and 4 E-H Crescent, and with Fireman's Insurance Company for property and liability insurance for policy year 1997-98 at \$121,061 annually. This is a guaranteed rate for the next three years, to be reaffirmed by each successive board.



Greenbelt's 8 and under all-girl soccer team, the White Shirts, finished the spring season with a record of 6-0. Front row, left to right: Tanya Salgado, Kim Wynkoop, Amanda King, Julie McLaughlin, Sara Johnson, Gayla Jo Rhodes. Back row, left to right: Eleanor Lomax, Monica Lehman, Rita Wade, Shanna Wisler, Dina Goldberg-Strassler, Lianna Bissell. Coach: Mark Wisler -photo by Joseph Lomax

Undefeated Girls Soccer Team 6-0

by Mark Wisler

The first and undefeated Greenbelt all-girls 8-and-under soccer team finished the season with a record of 6-0.

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Coaches were Mark Wisler and Al Lyons, and Lil Johnson served as Team Mom.

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SHA Administrator Bikes to Greenbelt

by Bill Clarke

The new head of the State Highway Administration made a recent Saturday visit to Greenbelt. He came on a bicycle in order to fully appreciate the Cherrywood bicycle lanes and other bicycle facilities in this area.

Parker Williams, SHA administrator, was accompanied by more than 200 bicycle enthusiasts on a ride organized by the College Park Area Bicyclist Association. He said that he really admires the way we have managed to provide first-class bicycle facilities to Metro stations.

In addition to the bicycle lane system in Greenbelt, the group toured the Anacostia Stream Valley Trail, Lake Artemesia and parts of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Several other public officials accompanied Williams on this bi-

cycle tour. Delegate Jim Rosapepe of College Park rode a folding bicycle of the type that can be carried on Metro trains. John Porcari, Maryland's deputy secretary of transportation, rode with his many friends in Greenbelt and College Park. Four members of the Governor's Bicycle Advisory Committee participated, and two of these brought their families. Lt. John Brandt coordinated a group of six bicycle patrol officers from the University of Maryland and Prince George's County.

This is the ninth year that Bill Kelly, chair of the College Park Area Bicycle Coalition, has organized this bicycle awareness tour. Governor Parris N. Glendening, an enthusiastic bicyclist, participated in one of these rides several years ago.



City Council members and the Miss Greenbelts at group ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating new Cherrywood Lane bike lanes. Also present were the city manager and members of the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition.

-Photo by Beverly Palau



On April 26, as part of the Maryland 500 Tour, over 200 bicyclists rode the 20 mile awareness ride with the following elected officials and transportation officials: 1 to r, Bruce Hancock, MNCPPC; Parker Williams, administrator, SHA; Bob Moore, MBAC (Balt.); Harvey Muller, state bicycle coordinator and Del. Jim Rosapepe, College Park.

- photo by Bill Kelly, CPABC

Council Dedicates New Bicycle Lanes

Despite cool weather and light rain, a large group was in attendance for the dedication of Greenbelt's new bicycle lanes on May 8.

The ceremony on Cherrywood Lane included 40 bicyclists (some without bicycles), including representatives from College Park and Rockville. Also on hand were the members of the Greenbelt City Council, Little Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt and Miss Greenbelt. Mayor Antoinette Bram officiated at

the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Steve Harper, president of the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition, having led eight bicyclists from Roosevelt Center to attend the ceremony, thanked the mayor and council on behalf of his group for their support in completing the bike lanes.



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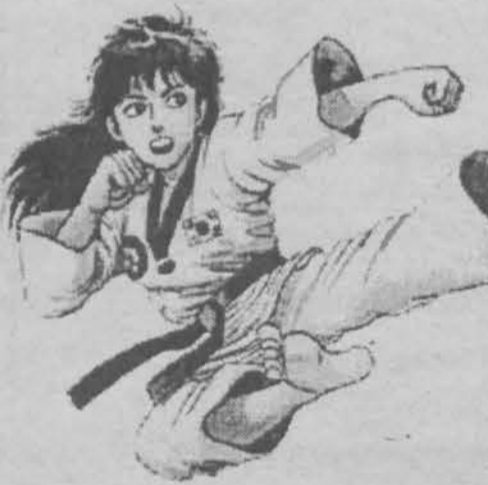
The Prince George's County public school system has released a booklet titled Summer Search 1997: Expanding Educational Horizons, which lists 264 summer enrichment opportunities for students at all grade levels. The programs are designed to assist students in broadening their educational capabilities, developing their skills and exploring career interests. Many of the programs are free, offer financial aid, or pay student stipends for participation.

The booklet is available for review at all county public schools. Parents who want information about summer enrichment opportunities may contact their child's guidance counselor, magnet program co-



ordinator, or the chairperson of their school's mathematics, social studies, or science department.

For information, call Marla Weisenberg, Career Development Specialist at 301-749-4519.







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