

Beat The Rush

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

## Snow, Snow and More Snow!

by Elaine Skolnik and James Giese

As this paper was put together Tuesday night after the big snow, both police and the Greenbelt Public Works Department were calling the day somewhat uneventful. Public works crews managed to keep on top of the snowfall, estimated to be from eight to 12 inches and roads remained open and passable, although cars parked along the curb were blocked by huge piles of plowed snow. Public works crews worked well into the night pushing snow off the pavement wherever possible.

In charge of the removal operations were Acting Superintendent of Operations William Phelan and Street Foreman Gene Diest. Trucks first began operation at 4:30 Tuesday morning. By lunch time, close to 30 crewmembers were on the job. A fleet of seven trucks with plows and salt, and 12 other trucks with plows only were in operation. Some drivers were out for more than 12 hours, with breaks. During the day there was one crewmember in each truck. At night, another rider was added to help with visibility problems and with conversation. Volunteers, including other city personnel, were expected to ride along. As in the past, once snow falls slowed down, the crew began taking shifts with breaks for sleep.

Besides the trucks, two small tractors were used for sidewalk cleaning and some crewmembers used shovels. Sidewalks at or near public buildings were cleared.

City refuse service picked up curbside debris on Tuesday. The department planned to pick up both Tuesday's and Wednesday's routes on the next day.

No trees were reported down. There was no known damage to city property and no accidents with equipment as of Tuesday afternoon.

The Public Works Department was receiving its usual comments that Greenbelt roads were generally in better condition than in other areas, something that many Greenbelters have come to expect and take for granted — at least until they travel out-of-town. On Tuesday night, News Review staffers found the roads well cleared, many to the curb, but a little slick in places with packed snow.

On Tuesday, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, warmly dressed and ready for action, rode along with a public works driver in a salt and plow truck. On Wednesday, he told the News Review, "In Greenbelt the public works crews did an excellent job of staying ahead of the storm. All streets today have been kept passable and travel, for the size of the storm, 'is relatively easy.'"

McLaughlin noted, that the Aquatic and Fitness Center was closed because "we were unable to maintain staff during the storm." However, both the Recreation and Community Centers were kept open on Tuesday until 6 p.m. Only the News Review remained open in its Community Center quarters where an almost full staff carried on their afternoon and evening operations, putting the paper to bed at 1 a.m.

This reporter carried out her duties by telecommuting.

It was a quiet day for the police because most everybody was snowed in. "Because people kept their cars off the roads, there were a minimum number of accidents," said Officer George Mathews, spokesperson for the Greenbelt Police Department. He explained that officers "doubled-up" using four wheel drive vehicles obtained from the city's Code Enforcement Office. This enabled officers to make their rounds in all sections of the city.

Mathews reported that there were several domestic calls and a weather-related death on Tuesday. A 48-year-old Bowie man collapsed while shoveling snow in the parking lot of 7800 Walker Drive. The Berwyn Rescue Squad transported the man to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

This was the third snow removal operation for the crew within a week. On Tuesday, January 18, crews worked overtime to keep streets passable from the surprise dusting that wreaked havoc throughout the area and caused traffic jams on major roads and school buses to be delayed well into the night.

The next day trucks were readied for the next storm which arrived on Thursday. Crews were called out at 5 a.m. and worked through the day into the early hours of Friday morning to salt and plow streets and sidewalks.

By Friday, the city's stockpile was restocked with 200 tons of road salt.

## Education Needs Are Focus Of Delegation Open Door

by Judith Ransom Bell

Once a year Greenbelt's legislative representatives in Annapolis hold an open door meeting in Greenbelt at which citizens can ask questions of and address comments to the state senator and delegates. This year education issues dominated the meeting. On Saturday, January 15 Senator Leo Green opened the meeting, welcoming citizens to come forth with comments, concerns, issues and petitions. Green then introduced Delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin, and James Hubbard.

### Education

On the issue of education, Kelby Brick questioned the delegation about plans to support the public school system. Hubbard answered that his number one priority is education. He cited legislation placing a surcharge on development and \$300 million in bonds that have been approved for renovations

and additions to schools.

Pitkin added that one percent of the student population is chronically disruptive and that alternative settings are needed for these students. A bill has been passed to create a task force now looking into this issue.

Green stated that he introduced a bill, which had passed, to bring back retired teachers, allowing them to keep their pensions without penalty. This bill brought back 220 teachers, he said. He revealed plans to introduce a bill this year enabling retired principals to return under the same program.

Hubbard stated that a full-day kindergarten program is now being considered. A bill was passed pertaining to additional funding for distressed areas, although Prince George's County is not yet in the plan. Hubbard hopes to get that rectified. Green

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## City Council Creates Millennium Task Force

by Diane Oberg

At its January 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council created a Millennium Communities Task Force, heard a report on the Greenbelt New Year 2000 celebration and referred a proposed panhandling ordinance to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for comment.

### Greenbelt New Year 2000

Earl Kepler of the Greenbelt New Year Committee reported on the success of this year's event. He reported that 948 tickets were sold. Roughly 300 children under five were also admitted. The audience enjoyed Mayor Judith Davis's report that the committee took its security responsibilities so seriously that one volunteer insisted on confirming that Police Chief James Craze had paid before allowing him to enter.

### Legislation

Council adopted an ordinance creating a Millennium Communities Task Force in response to the White House's Millennium Communities initiative calling for cities across the country to establish local celebrations of history, culture and community. The city's task force is to "encourage, coordinate and promote a yearlong program of activities to celebrate the millenium year." Four city advisory bodies and six volunteer organizations have been asked to name representatives to the task force.

The first referral made to the committee, which as yet has no members, was a request from Bertram Donn. He reported that the United Nations (UN), at the request of a group of Nobel laureates, had called upon member states to dedicate the first decade of the new millennium to the

teaching of peace and nonviolence. Donn asked that the task force include building upon the UN call in its mandate.

### Other Actions

In response to complaints Davis has received about panhandling in Roosevelt Center, council referred a model ordinance prohibiting aggressive panhandling to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Sheldon Goldberg noted that Jones Communications had dropped Baltimore Channel 54, the UPN affiliate saying that it duplicated programs on Channel 54, the Washington, D.C. affiliate. He expressed concern that using the same logic the company would drop the Baltimore affiliates of ABC, CBS and NBC. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that the city had received no other complaints about this service change. Councilmember Thomas White noted that the company was raising the cost of basic service (public access and broadcast channels) by 20 percent in February.

Council approved a revegetation plan for Brae Brooke Drive. This is a dedicated right of way adjacent to Greenspring. In approving Greenspring I, council deferred for ten years a final decision on whether to require the developer to construct a road in this location. The ten year period has now elapsed and the developer is required to revegetate the right-of-way. The plan approved by council retains existing trees and supplements the existing vegetation with a combination of flowering and deciduous trees. Landscaping is to be completed in early spring.

## Council OK's Speed Watch, Tightens Noise Ordinance

by Barbara Bonham Young

Before the Greenbelt City Council's regular meeting got under way at 8 p.m. on January 24, Mayor Judith Davis and council members gathered on the street outside the Municipal Building to inspect the newly-acquired street sweeper and the new police mobile data terminal installed in a city police car parked nearby. Davis climbed up into the cab of the huge sweeper, the cost for and use of which will be shared in a novel arrangement by the four cities of Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton.

The mobile data terminals are expected to increase officer safety, enabling police officers to check license tag information instantly without having to communicate with the police dispatcher. Later, the city was presented with a check for \$1,500 for the purchase of 20 "reversing aid" devices in police cars which will also enhance officer safety. The check was presented to the city by Fitzroy Smith on behalf of the Local Government Insurance Trust.

### Speed Watch Program

Council approved the public awareness proposal presented by Police Chief James Craze to establish a Neighborhood Speed Watch Program similar to that of Rockville. Under the program, residents may borrow a radar gun from police and collect license tag numbers of speeders, after which the police department will send a letter to the registered owner of the speeding vehicle to encourage future compliance with the law. No fines or citations are involved.

### Noise Control Ordinance Passed

The agenda for the meeting was a full one. On second reading, a revised ordinance tightening noise control measures had full consensus and was adopted quickly and unanimously. One of the new provisions makes property owners responsible for noise violations committed by tenants. Fines were set at \$100 for first violation, \$250 for second violations and \$500 for subsequent violations. There is no provision in the ordinance relating to lawn equipment.

### Tree City, USA

Subject to lengthier discussion were matters brought up by first reading of an ordinance on trees which would meet one of the requirements for Greenbelt to become a Tree City, USA as designated by the National Arbor Day Foundation. A draft application was submitted in December. Another requirement for a Tree City is that there must be a tree board or department. Thus the ordinance proposes an advisory tree committee to work with City Horticulturist Bill Phelan. Concerning such a committee, council then discussed how boards and committees are currently appointed or constituted. Some councilmembers expressed

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### What Goes On

Wed., Feb. 2, 8 p.m.  
Council Worksession on Planning and Zoning Authority, Community Center

Thurs., Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Four Cities meeting, New Carrollton Municipal Center

## Letter to the Editor

### I Love the Lights

I accepted Kevin Parker's invitation set forth in "Letters to the Editor," Thursday, January 20, 2000 to admire my GHI fees at work along the sidewalk between the 3 Court and the 5 Court of Ridge Road. I waited until night fell to really get the full effect of these eight downward shining light fixtures on this formerly spooky part of our wonderful inner walkway system. As I entered from Ridge Road, the lights seemed to assure me that all is well in Old Greenbelt. At the end of the lighted section I continued on the sidewalk directly toward Crescent Road. This section on the gardenside of E, F, G, H of the 4 Court is lighted by the streetlights on Crescent Road.

Because GHI is a bona fide cooperative, Mr. Parker can circulate a petition for signing and hold a whole bunch of meetings so that this shiny holiday present from GHI can be recycled to another dark and lonely sidewalk. Which gets me to my conclusions — I love the lights and maybe GHI and its army of volunteers should have circulated written information and held a couple of meetings for all the residents in the neighborhood before the \$2,000 was spent, as Mr. Parker suggested.

Isaac Robinson

### Seniors Reschedule Legislative Rally

The annual legislative rally sponsored by the United Seniors of Maryland has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 1 from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The rally "Aging in Place: Your Place or Mine" will be held in the Francis Scott Key auditorium at St. John's College in Annapolis. The fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch and rally packet.

People who bought tickets for the rally's original date of January 19 but are unable to attend on February 1 can receive a refund.

For more information call 1-800-60-SENIOR or 1-800-AGE-DIAL.

### Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Drives Help Needy

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks residents had a successful toy drive in December. Over five large boxes of toys were picked up for distribution to needy children in the area.

Their food drive for Thanksgiving was also successful. They were able to fill six large boxes (complete with turkeys) that were distributed to three Greenbelt families.

### Understanding Joint Pain & Relief Options

Americans of all ages are plagued with joint pain, sometimes related to arthritis or a variety of other reasons. Dr. Christopher Magee will discuss the new therapies. The free seminar will be held on Monday, January 31 at 7:15 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park). To register, call 301-681-6800.

## Greenbelt Museum Uses Grant for Spring Exhibit

by Sandra Lange

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum expressed thanks to County Councilwoman Audrey Scott for her sponsorship of a \$2,000 county grant to the Museum. The funds will be used for the upcoming exhibition, What Playground for Your Child?, which will open during spring 2000. The exhibition will focus on how Greenbelt children were influenced by many of the city's design features such as underpasses and playgrounds.

The group also expressed gratitude to former Greenbelt Mayor Antoinette Bram whose \$500 donation to FOGM establishes her as a Roosevelt Club member. Roosevelt Club members have their names placed on a plaque which hangs in the Museum.

While many people visit the museum during regular Sunday hours, 1-5 p.m., museum docents also give tours by appointment during the week. Many school groups from all over the Washington area

toured the Greenbelt Museum during 1999, including an Eleanor Roosevelt High School economics class.

Other groups were from the University of Maryland schools of Architecture, American Studies, Sociology, and Urban Studies; Gaywood Elementary School; Oxon Hill Middle School; High Point High School special education class; Prince George's Community College; British School of Washington; Charles County Community College American Studies; Barrie School second and third graders; and Montessori School third graders.

In addition, the museum has hosted groups from Japan and the Philippines, as well as one from Greenbelt's sister city, Greenhills, Ohio.

The Greenbelt Museum and gift shop are located at 10-B Crescent Road and are open every Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m. Greenbelt millennium calendars are now available at a discounted price at the museum gift shop.

## SHL School News

by Sandra J. Hansen

All of the children, kindergarten through fifth grade, participated in Springhill Lake School's (SHL) "Celebrate" program, a multi-cultural experience through the performing arts, on Tuesday, December 21 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The tremendous support and parental attendance were overwhelming. Thanks to all the staff that helped make this program a success and to all of the children who performed so well!

The Peer Mediation program has started. It is designed to help students understand conflict and develop skills needed to get along with others. Selected fourth and fifth graders have been trained as mediators to help other students find positive ways to solve their disagreements. The program supports the objectives of the county school system's Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediations Program to keep schools safe and orderly.

On January 25, the school hosted a MSPAP parent meeting night to help parents become aware of the assessment of MSPAP and some strategies that can be used at home to strengthen the skills of their children. This state-wide testing will take place in May and

the objective is to help students at Springhill Lake attain their highest potential.

Science Fair packets are being passed out this month for the children to begin planning their projects. They are due in early March. Winners of SHL can move on to compete at the county level.

The library media center (LMC) has grown with book acquisitions, even several Harry Potter books purchased for the school by the American Legion Auxiliary, Greenbelt Unit 136. These are in great demand by the children and they cannot wait to have them circulate. The school now has a computer that is a look-up station to help children with their research skills. Another improvement in the LMC is the development of a special collection of Spanish language literature.

### Volunteer??

**Tuesday afternoon  
TYPIST needed for  
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Read it first!  
as you type our stories  
on WordPerfect  
301-441-2662 or  
513-0482**



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on February 8, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center (Senior Classroom), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, on an application filed by **Dane and Karlene Phillips** for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at **6818 Green Crescent Court**. The applicant is requesting permission to encroach 9'-9" into the 20 foot rear yard setback requirement and to exceed allowable lot coverage for the purpose of constructing a gazebo off an existing deck attached to the rear of the home. For more information call 301-345-5417.

## Public Forum Set For Route 1 Plans

The Prince George's County Planning Board will hold a public forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7, to solicit comments on an issues report for the College Park U.S. 1 Corridor. The forum will be held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park and will begin with an information display at 6:30 p.m.

The College Park U.S. 1 Corridor report is one of the first steps in an extensive process to develop an overall land use plan for area adjoining approximately three miles of Baltimore Avenue within the city of College Park.

The February 7 public forum will provide an opportunity for property owners, residents, the business community and public officials to voice ideas and concerns regarding the future of the U.S. 1 Corridor. Exhibits which illustrate the sector plan area and indicate the proposed issues will be displayed, and planning staff will be available to answer questions.

Those wishing to speak at the Forum may register in advance by calling the Planning Board office at 301-952-3560. Written comments will also be accepted through Feb. 22 and may be addressed to: Elizabeth M. Hewlett, Chair, Prince George's Planning Board, Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

## Greenbelt CARES

Sutha Veerasamy has joined the CARES Family Clinic staff as a volunteer counselor. Sutha is in his fourth year of a counseling psychology doctoral program at the University of Maryland. Originally from Malaysia, Sutha has lived in the United States for 12 years. He is interested in the roles of religion, counseling and multi-cultural issues. Given a moment's spare time, he will do some bicycling or play his guitar.

## Four Cities Coalition Will Meet Thursday

The next Four Cities Coalition meeting will be held Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Center. Invited are County Council-member Thomas Hendershot, and Rhoda Washington, liaison to County Executive Wayne Curry. The meeting is open to the public.

## School Boundaries Public Hearings

The Prince George's County Public School System will hold public information meetings regarding the proposed high school boundary changes for the upcoming school year. In Greenbelt a meeting will be held Wednesday, February 2, at 7 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Students, parents, guardians and citizens are encouraged to attend. A draft of street reassignments is posted on the school system's web site, [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org). Comments may be submitted via email to Bill Greene, Director of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries, at [bgreene@pgcps.org](mailto:bgreene@pgcps.org). Voice mail may be left at 301-627-4278.

## Community Tax Aid Needs Volunteers

Community Tax Aid is seeking volunteers to help low income people with their tax returns on weekends and weeknights at one of 12 sites in Prince George's County and the Metro DC area. Training is provided starting January 29 and each site has an experienced manager. They are looking for help from individuals with tax, foreign language and administrative skills. Community Tax Aid is an all-volunteer non-profit group in its 13th year. They can be contacted by email at [ctavol@aol.com](mailto:ctavol@aol.com) or by phone at 703-318-2133.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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## Greenbelt Elementary Gets Grant for Books

Greenbelt Elementary School will be receiving 300 new books from a Literacy Empowerment Foundation Grant. The school only had to pay for the shipping of these new books. The books will be concentrated in the first, second and third grade classrooms. There will be different genres, and the majority of the books will be paperback.

According to Cynthia Hall, the full-time reading specialist at Greenbelt, "The books will be utilized in the classroom reading corners and will be read during the students' free reading time. There will be a variety of books including biographies, poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. There should be enough books to spark interest in all the children and keep them enthusiastic about reading."

Every year Greenbelt can apply for this grant, and next year Greenbelt will ask for books for the upper grades.

Hall also applied and is on a waiting list for a federally funded RIF (Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.) grant. This grant entitles all the children in the school to select and receive books three times a year. These books are for the children to personally own.

The book selection contains all levels of reading materials. Hall said, "All books reinforce vocabulary taught in the classroom and increase reading comprehension."

The federal government will pay for 75% of the cost of the books, and Greenbelt must make up the difference. Hall estimates Greenbelt's cost to be about \$600 to \$700 and thinks the books will arrive in six to 12 months.

If any individuals or businesses are interested in donating money to the cost of these books, please call Hall at 301-513-5911.

According to Hall, "The community is always invited to volunteer their time and just read to the children."

## City Notes

Much of the time of Public Works crew members was spent on snow removal (see separate story). Other crew activities were: began installing flexible bollards to demarcate the traffic circle planned for Hanover Parkway; repaired the bus shelter on Crescent Road; chipped Christmas trees and other material and hauled to the county compost facility; got the heat back in the Youth Center gym when the furnace went out; worked with a contractor to complete a catwalk for the new heating/air conditioning system at the police facility and repaired many lights at the Community Center.

# Community Events

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, February 1, P.J. Storytime, 7 p.m. for ages 4-6.

Thursday, February 3, Drop-In Storytime, 10:15 a.m. for ages 3-5. Toddler Time, 11:15 a.m. for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Saturday, February 5, Poetry Plus, 10:30 a.m. A reading and discussion group for adults.

In the display case for February will be senior citizens' hooked rugs from Montpelier Cultural Arts Center.

## Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club 2000 Intramural Basketball Games

Wed., Feb. 2 - 6 p.m. - Wolfpack v. Terps  
7:15 p.m. - Wizards v. Manticores

Fri., Feb. 4 - 6 p.m. - Manticores v. Terps  
7:15 p.m. - Wizards v. Raptors

Sat., Feb. 5 - 9-10:15 a.m. - Wizards v. Terps  
10:15 a.m. - noon - Wolfpack v. Raptors



"Viola Player" by Allan Leventhal.

## Watercolor Exhibit Opens February 1

An exhibit of watercolors by Silver Spring resident Allan Leventhal will be on display in the Municipal Building February 1 through March 30, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Monday evenings Feb. 7 and 28 and March 13 and 27, from 7 - 10 p.m. He is the husband of Carol Leventhal who is the director of CARES.

Since staff use of the conference rooms may occasionally impede access, visitors are encouraged to call ahead at 301-474-8000.

A reception and gallery talk with the artist will be held in March. For further information call Nicole DeWald at 301-474-8000, ext. 107.

## Greenbriar Hosts Family Matinee

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are invited to bring the family and enjoy "Tall Tale" on Saturday, January 29 in the Terrace Room at 1 p.m. This is an adventure movie with Patrick Swayze, Scott Glenn and Oliver Platt. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free but registration is required. Call Tina at 301-441-1096 by January 26.

## Genealogical Society Meets at Library

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, February 2, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt public library at 11 Crescent Road. The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge.

The speaker for the meeting will be R. J. Rockefeller, director of reference services, Maryland State Archives. His topic will be "Research on Computers and Websites."

The Society will also present the Erma Mae Prosser Award to Karen Williams Gooden, Esq., deputy director of the Division of Credit Assurance for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development and Dr. Alvin Thornton, chairman of the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program, for their efforts toward preserving the history and culture of Prince George's County with their recent book "Like A Phoenix I'll rise: An Illustrated History of African Americans in Prince George's County, Maryland 1696 to 1996." For more information call 301-262-0865.

## Learn about the Care And Feeding of Birds

Fred Fallon of the Audubon Society and Maryland Partners in Flight will be the guest speaker at the February Home and Garden Club meeting. The featured topic will be the feeding and care of birds. Fallon will have various bird feeders and selection of bird seeds on hand and will discuss what individuals can do to promote a good environment for their feathered friends. A short business meeting will precede the guest speaker. The meeting will be held February 1 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road in the Media Center. The speaker is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome.

## St. Hugh's to Hold Open House Feb. 2

St. Hugh's Elementary and Junior High School will host an open house for prospective families on Wednesday, February 2, from 9-11 a.m.

Interested family members are invited to tour the building, sit in on classes, and speak to school personnel. Registration day for new families will be held Saturday, February 26, 9-11 a.m.

## Boating Safety Class

Flotilla 24, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is again offering its basic boating safety course to the public. This course is offered for no charge, other than the cost of the materials, as a service to promote boating safety.

Classes will be held weekly beginning on Thursday, February 3, for a total of four weeks. The classes will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each Thursday. The location is Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

"Boating Safely" is an eight-hour course essential for anyone new to boating, providing information on safe operation of a powerboat. Topics to be presented include Rules of the Road, Legal Requirements, Boat Handling, Aids to Navigation, and Seamanship.

The Boating Safely course is an approved course for certification under the Maryland Boating Safety Education Law, which requires anyone born after July 1, 1972 to complete an approved boating safety education course prior to operation of a powerboat.

Anyone desiring further information may contact Stan Stankiewicz at 301-345-3036.



Condolences to husband, Jim, son Joe and Greenbelt sister Mary Ann Baker and other family and friends of Linda Lynch, of Hillside, who died on Tuesday.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death on January 5 of Greenbelt Pioneer Graham Bradley Houlton of College Park.

The Northern Virginia Shag (Carolina dancing and beach music) Club has elected Greenbelt H. K. Lee as a new board member for the year 2000.

## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

There were a lot of empty seats at the meeting on January 19. Remember this — if schools are closed, the Golden Age Club is cancelled. Wednesday schools were delayed for two hours, not closed.

Karen Haseley introduced intern Sohael Abedi, who will be a speaker at an upcoming "Explorations Unlimited," speaking on Nova Scotia.

President Bill Souser welcomed guest Tonia Fike who said she is looking forward to becoming a Golden Ager.

The four birth celebrants were Rose Haber, Ernie Varda, Ruth Huggins and Eli Crupain. Ruth Huggins won the birthday drawing. The 50/50 drawing was won by Irene Owens and Dorothy Wilhelm.

There are still seats left for the February 15 Inner Harbor trip, the April 4 trip to see Charlie Prose and the September 8 - 16 trip to Nova Scotia. See John Taylor at meetings or contact him at 301-345-1608.

On February 2 there will be a board/business meeting.

Get well wishes to Irene Hensel, who is recovering from flu and Robert Terrell, who is recovering from cataract surgery.



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS ONLY ELECTRIC DEREGULATION IS COMING...

GHI is looking for volunteers to join its newly formed Ad Hoc Electric Utility Deregulation Committee

### Key Committee Goals:

- Educate members about what deregulation means for them.
- Lobby the Md. Legislature on issues affecting housing co-ops
- Explore ways members and the community can participate
- Explore master metering and bulk purchasing of electricity
- Learn about potential new products and services

Interested? Send your letter of interest and reasons for serving to GHI at Hamilton Place, or call Member Services at 301-474-4161, extension 138.

## Channel B-10 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Tuesday & Thursday, February 1 & February 3

Introducing a new entertaining program geared towards children ages 4-11, focusing on the art of magic. This is the second in a series of 13 programs.

4:00 p.m. "Dr. Magic Show" Episode 2  
6:00 p.m. "Seniors' New England Literary Tour"  
6:15 p.m. Leo Green, People & Places

PUBLIC ACCESS-GATE-301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, February 2 & February 4

7:00 p.m. Greenbelt In Focus  
7:30 p.m. Public Safety

## New Deal Cafe

Open  
Fri & Sat,  
7-11 pm



Music  
8:30 pm  
No cover

Friday, January 28

Bad Weather Boys  
Put the bad weather behind you and rock to the music  
Blues and Rock

Saturday, January 29

Terry Mulligan Troupe  
Acoustic Rock with  
Poetic Interludes

Sunday Brunch 10 to 2  
Greenbelt Community Center

(301) 474-5642

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

ONE OF THE YEAR'S BEST PICTURES! WEEK OF JANUARY 28  
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## OBITUARIES

### Graham B. Houlton

Graham Bradley Houlton, 67, of College Park, died January 5 at Montgomery County General Hospital in Olney.

Mr. Houlton was the son of Greenbelt pioneers Samuel and Katherine Houlton. He played in the Greenbelt Community Band and graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1950. Later he played tuba and baritone horn in the University of Maryland ROTC marching band and the Redskins band. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1953 to 1955.

After returning to the United States, he worked at Virginia Paper Co. and the national headquarters of the National Guard in the District.

Survivors include his sister Beverly Houlton Smith of Frederick; two nephews, Mark R. Smith of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Scott B. Smith of College Park; his niece Dawn S. Myers of Shepherdstown, W.Va; and several grandnephews and grandnieces. Funeral services were held in Frederick.

### Linda E. Lynch

Linda E. Lynch, longtime Hillside Road resident, died on January 25, 2000 after a courageous battle against breast cancer.

Mrs. Lynch was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1948. She and her husband Jim had been married 29 years. Together they raised their son in Greenbelt. She was a research cook for the USDA in Beltsville. She was active for many years with the Greenbelt Swim Team.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Lynch is survived by her son Joe; her mother Mary E. McGovern of Pittsburgh; sisters Mary Ann Baker of Greenbelt, and Patricia (Dolly) Wurgler of Switzerland; a

### Cancer Society Seeks Local Volunteers

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For more information Prince George's County residents should call 301-933-9350.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

brother Terry McGovern of Pittsburgh; many nieces and nephews; and special friends Kathy Lewis, Debbie Coulter, and Sue Burns.

Burial will be in Pittsburgh on January 31.

### Register on Internet for Selective Service

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Men can also register by returning a mail-back registration form received in the mail, by registering at any U.S. Post Office or by checking

a box on government forms.

Although late registrations are accepted, a man cannot register after reaching age 26. Failure to register is a felony and causes a man to be ineligible for student loans and grants for college, most federal and many state jobs, jobs with U.S. Postal Service and federal job training programs. Male immigrants who are subject to the registration requirement also may be denied U.S. citizenship if they do not register.

### Spanish Classes Resume at Mowatt

The Mowatt Methodist Church in Greenbelt will resume Spanish Classes, at the church, on 40 Ridge Road, on Saturday, February 5, between the hours of 1 - 2:30 p.m. These classes will run for a period of six weeks and are free to anyone wishing to attend.

### Dancers, Drummers At Children's Museum

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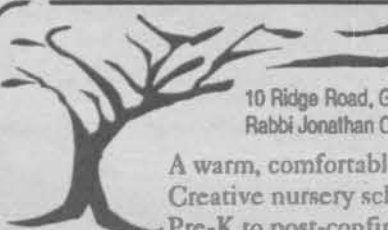
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## Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" Opens at Arts Center

by Sabine Hentrich

"One's past is what one is. It is the only way by which people should be judged," argues Lady Gertrude Chiltern, one of the main characters in Oscar Wilde's play "An Ideal Husband." This quote, which director Stephen Cox chose among others for his program notes, pinpoints the key conflict in Wilde's comedy about love, betrayal, blackmail, loyalty, forgiveness, and how one's past influences these subjects.

With these serious issues to consider, one need not forget that the play is in fact an extraordinarily funny comedy. It was written and premiered in London in 1894—almost simultaneously with Wilde's now-days better known "The Importance of Being Earnest." Both plays were an immense success.

The comedies were abruptly canceled, however, after Wilde's conviction and jail sentence in 1895 for "gross indecency" when his affair with Alfred Douglas became known. ("Homosexual conduct" was punishable by law in Victorian England.)

The action of "An Ideal Husband" is set in London and begins with a ball at the house of Sir Robert (Stuart Fischer) and Lady Gertrude Chiltern (Kim Weaver). Mrs. Cheveley (Lori Murray Sampson), an utterly immoral woman, attends this ball, her first in London after a prolonged stay abroad. She confronts her host Sir Robert, a politician and gentleman of unstained reputation, claiming that she has written proof of a crime he committed in his youth.

Sir Robert confides in his best friend Sir Arthur Goring (Max Pugh) asking whether he should agree to Mrs. Cheveley's terms or to tell his wife about his past. The story, like others of Wilde's plays, is interwoven with several subplots and its humor generated by witty dialogue, mistaken identity, eavesdropping, and many surprises.

The play's cast was almost exclusively great. Cox cast talented and ambitious actors into even the minor roles. Sheilah Crossley-Cox (Lady Markby), Don Juran (The Earl of Caversham), and John Sullivan (Mason) earned much applause in their supporting roles.

The production further rewarded minor characters like Angela Pugh's Mrs. Marchmont and Kelly Newman's Countess of Basildon with the director's original idea

to dress his actors in servants' attire during scene changes. During these changes, the "servants" became stage hands, transforming this usually tedious intermission into an opportunity for the audience to chuckle. Most of the main characters were also excellent. Lori Murray Sampson as the antagonist Mrs. Cheveley was superb in this difficult role. She managed to be seductive and cunning, as well as charming and vicious. Stuart Fischer as Sir Robert amazed the audience with a flawless British accent and a perfect stiff-upper-lip "English gentleman attitude."

Kim Weaver as Lady Gertrude acted her role with all the required nuances. She conveyed her love and compassion for her husband as well as her inner conflict about whether she could forgive him. Shannon Farias as Mabel Chiltern, Sir Robert's sister and Lord Goring's sweetheart, acted as silly and cute as was appropriate for this role.

Max Pugh's performance as Lord Goring, however, had one wondering. His portrait of a Victorian philanderer was too naive and playful, even for a dandy like Goring. This distracted notably and took some getting used to—especially if one liked Rupert Everett's masculine portrayal of Lord Goring in the 1999 movie version of "An Ideal Husband" by Oliver Parker. Although the set was well designed by Stephen Cox (the Arts Center borrowed some of the beautiful Victorian furniture from generous theater supporters), the stage balance was a problem at first. A love seat, prominently placed center stage in the first act, for example, was almost the sole place of action during the initial half hour. In the subsequent acts, however, set and props were much more evenly and creatively used.

Susan Schulman's costumes were very ambitious—beautiful, silly, or outlandish—whatever was appropriate for scene and character. The lighting design by Jim Robertson worked well in a production that kept shedding light on something or someone.

The Arts Center's admirable production of "An Ideal Husband" will run every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. through February 12 and with Sunday matinees on January 30 and February 6 at 2 p.m. For tickets and directions call 301-441-8770.

### Smithsonian Offers Heritage Brochure

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## Cast of "An Ideal Husband" now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center



Top row from left to right: Lori Murray Sampson (Mrs. Cheveley); Don Juran (The Earl of Caversham); Sheilah Crossley-Cox (Lady Markby). Middle row from left to right: James O'Sullivan (Phipps and Vicomte de Nanjac); Angela Pugh (Mrs. Marchmont); Kelly

Newman (Countess of Basildon); John Sullivan (Mason); Penny Martin (Maid, Set Dresser). Bottom row from left to right: Shannon Farias (Mabel Chiltern); Viscount Goring (Max Pugh); Stuart Fischer (Robert Chiltern); Kim Weaver (Gertrude Chiltern).

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### Science Fiction Art Show at UMD

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There will be an opening reception on Monday, January 31, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, March 3, a roundtable discussion will consider "Science Fiction Art: Lessons for the Millennium." The event will conclude with a keynote address at 6 p.m., for which pre-registration is required.

The exhibition is open to the public. The art gallery is wheelchair accessible, and translation for the hearing impaired can be provided with advance notice. For information, visit the website at [www.inform.umd.edu/artgal](http://www.inform.umd.edu/artgal).

### Learn about Quilts

On Sunday, January 30, from 1 to 3 p.m., join Dr. Raymond Dobard, co-author of "Hidden in Plain View: A Secret Story of Quilts and the Underground Railroad." Dobard will present an informational lecture/workshop on quilts and their connection to the underground railroad's system of communication at Deerfield Run Community Center, 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel.

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### Happy Birthday, Mozart Concert

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### Try a Squirrel Talk

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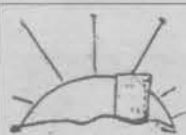
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This agreement is expected to generate an estimated \$70 million in additional revenue for OAOT over the 10-year term of the contract. OAOT will provide development, integration and maintenance of custom application software on an outsourced basis. Delivery is planned to begin in the first quarter of 2000, with staffing completed in the spring of 2001.

OAOT Technology Solutions, Inc. (Nasdaq: OAOT) provides clients with a wide range of IT solutions and professional services including: enterprise application solutions, application development and maintenance, systems and software engineering, the operation of large-scale service delivery centers and networks, distributed systems management, staffing augmentation services, state-of-the-art software solutions for the managed care marketplace, design and fabrication of ergonomic workstation console systems for complex technical environments, as well as web-enabling solutions.

### Coldwell Banker Top Sales Associates

Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors recognized top sales performance by the following

Greenbelt office sales associates for December: Lisa Smith, top sales, top listings sold, and top producer; Ron Harris, top sales, top listing agency and top producer; Rachel Jefferies, top listings sold, and top listing agent.



### G. Fallon Joins Clifton Gunderson

George F. Fallon, CPA, CDP, CISA has joined Clifton Gunderson L.L.C. as a manager in Information Systems in the Greenbelt office.

Fallon specializes in information systems auditing and consulting with an emphasis on federal government contracts. Much of his experience has focused on computer consulting, data processing, computer programming, and network administration.



Weichert, Realtors Greenbelt office sales associates and staff are shown l. to r. in first row: Harmony Campbell, Teresa Lookenbill, Moji Okubanjo, Rick Carroll (seated, manager Greenbelt office), Florence Facchina (seated), Kanitra Tyler (kneeling), Edward Larley (kneeling), Jean Johnson (processing manager, stand-

ing), Josephine Mourning, Anna Thomas, Leah Roberts (Missing from photo is Pam Kay, a top agent.); second row, Thomas Cunningham and Karen Rich; third row (behind wall), Benson Akinkuowo, Kenneth Aderotoye, Arnold Ogunmoyero, Ime Akpan.

### Weichert, Realtors Staff Recognized

The staff of the Greenbelt office of Weichert, Realtors participated in the annual food drive and the donated toys campaign.

Greenbelt sales associate Kenneth Aderotoye was recognized for several achievements in December—Top Producer/Revenue Units, with five new revenue units, Top Sales/Resales Associate, and Top Dollar Volume Associates.

Florence Facchina was recognized as Top Listings Sold Associate, with two new revenue units sold, and Teresa Lookenbill as Top Listings Obtained Associate.

### Hale-Sermons Is Weichert Graduate

Olivia Hale-Sermons is a recent Fast Track graduate of the Weichert training program for new real estate associates. She works in the company's Greenbelt office.

### Top Sales Associates Listed for November

Coldwell Banker Stevens Realtors announced the two leaders in each sales category for each office during November. At the Greenbelt office, the leaders were: Ronald Harnes and Betty Hunter for sales, Louise Brown and Teddy Gremillion for listings sold, Tammy Robinson and Teddy Gremillion for the most new listings, and Louise Brown and Ronald Harnes for the most combined sales and listings during the month.

### Realtor Wins Awards

Rachel Jefferies, manager of the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors announced that the total number of sales for December 1999 increased 13% and total sales volume also increased, in comparison to the same figures for December 1998.

### Chante Brady Joins Clifton Gunderson

Chante Brady has joined Clifton Gunderson LLC as an in-charge accountant, and will be working in the accounting services group for Clifton Gunderson's Greenbelt office and in the information technology group for its Baltimore office.

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## SPEED WATCH

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the view that city policy with respect to committees should be reviewed and/or made the subject of a worksession. Whether a GHI Woodlands Committee member should automatically be part of the tree committee was discussed but not decided.

### Assisted Living

On the matter of assisted living in Greenbelt, Assisted Living Task Force Vice-Chair Alexander Barnes summarized the group's interim report. He said the task force recommends that the City of Greenbelt hire a Community Resource Advocate. Among other duties, the position would provide information to the council, be the central point of contact for council and provide information and referrals on assisted living. The mayor clarified that the advocate would deal not only with senior citizen needs but also with the needs of temporarily disabled Greenbelt residents. She noted that the matter will be considered in upcoming budget discussions.

### Museum Grant Application

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum president Sandra Lange sought council's support for FOGM's grant application to the Maryland Historical Trust Heritage Museum Program. The grant would cover 70 percent of the cost of the full-time position of curator the first year. The grant amount would decrease each year. After three years, the city would have to fully fund the curator position, which would fall under the City of Greenbelt, not FOGM. McLaughlin proposed that the curator also serves as a "point" person for the city's expected involvement in the Anacostia Trail Heritage Area and heritage tourism as well as give the city greater focus on historic matters.

By a vote of 4 to 1, council decided to authorize the mayor to send a letter to accompany the FOGM grant application. However, further consideration is to be given to FOGM's proposals during the budget process, and City Manager Michael McLaughlin was asked to prepare a job description for the proposed curator.

### Other Actions

Councilmember Thomas White described his attendance at a Prince George's County Block Grant Advisory Committee meeting and noted that Greenbelt has requested \$100,000 in block grant funds for three projects.

Council approved the negotiated purchase from Fortran Corporation, paid by federal public safety funds, to provide voicemail to the police department.

Possible purchase by the city of a permanent or mobile presentation stage for Labor Day or other festival use was the subject of another agenda item which will be given consideration in upcoming budget discussions after a needs assessment study is made. Rick Ransom and Wayne Williams were present to encourage council to purchase a stage. They explained the background and why such a facility is needed and answered council's questions.

## Fourth Graders Learning Cartooning from Kochell

by Helene Taylor

George Kochell is a visiting artist who teaches a weekly multi-media class to Nicole Tabron's fourth grade class at Greenbelt Elementary School. The class meets every Friday for two hours of instruction and creativity.

The multi-media class covers all aspects and types of cartooning. They have studied daily comic strips, and on January 14 the class was learning and drawing weekly comic strips while a reporter from the Washington Post's Prince George's County section observed. Kochell had the class contrast the differences between the two types of strips and taught them the importance of reading from left to right and stated that the students can't stop drawing and writing until they have used all eight different boxes to tell a story. He also emphasized the importance of titles, main characters and supporting characters, and space orientation. He left it up to the young cartoonists to decide if they wanted to create an original character or continue with their characters from their daily strips. The children will eventually use a scanner on their artwork and will post their work on a web page and create presentations on computers. Kochell states that ideas are not limited to paper.

Kochell also incorporates the school curriculum into his weekly class and plans his class by following Tabron's lesson plans. For instance, Tabron's class study theme was Super Sleuths, taught through the literature series and writing projects such as writing a sample case. Kochell then helped the children design detective business cards using graphic arts skills. He also went with the students to the Capital Children's Museum where they toured the Cave Art exhibit, Animation Floor and the Progression of ABC's exhibit.

Tabron said, "The students

are always excited and look forward to the multi-media class. The vocabulary discussed in the class and the process of producing comic strips crosses over and is integrated into the regular classroom work. I just wished more classes could participate with Kochell."

Kochell is presently teaching two separate classes on animation and cartooning at the Greenbelt Community Center through the Greenbelt Association for Visual Arts (GAVA) and co-sponsored by Greenbelt Access Television. In addition he is teaching cartooning at Howard County Community College and at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center.

### Program Financed by Mobil

The program at Greenbelt Elementary School is financed directly through the Greenbelt Service Center/Mobil's Wednesday Fuel for Schools program. On Wednesdays for every gallon of gasoline bought, a penny is distributed to St. Hugh's and Greenbelt Elementary Schools. This averages \$45 to \$50 per month to each school to be distributed as the school wishes. At Greenbelt the money is spent on a combined visual arts program consisting of Kochell's class and visiting artist Barbara Simon's ceramic classes for all the second grade classes. This year's ceramic classes will begin again in February. Greenbelt Service Center/Mobil has been contributing money to the local schools since October 1997. In October 1998 Greenbelt also received \$500 from the Mobil Corporation Educational Alliance Grant, which went through the Greenbelt Service Center/Mobil to fund Greenbelt's ceramic classes.

From February through March GAVA will be hosting at Greenbelt Community Center an exhibit from Kochell's various programs, and visitors will be able to see art from Greenbelt Elementary School's multi-media class.

## College Trust Will Host Open House

On Saturday, February 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Maryland Prepaid College Trust will host an Open House at the Washington Hilton, at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. The public is invited to stop by to learn more about the multitude of benefits offered by the program.

Representatives will be available throughout the day to answer questions, hand out application materials, and to discuss

how parents, grandparents, or others interested in a child's future college education can make the Maryland Prepaid College Trust a part of their savings plans. For more information about the open house call 1-888-4MD-GRAD (option #3). To obtain an application booklet by mail, call and select option #1. Complete information about the program and the open house can also be accessed at the website: [www.prepaid.usmd.edu](http://www.prepaid.usmd.edu).

## POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Drugs

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, January 19, 9:34 p.m., a 21-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after he was stopped for a traffic violation and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary and Theft

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, January 17, 9:09 a.m., someone broke in and took property from vending machines.

7600 block of Greenbelt Road, January 18, 11:34 a.m., money was taken from a coin-operated vacuum cleaner.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, January 19, 5:40 p.m., jewelry, clothing, and electronic equipment were taken.

### Trespassing

Beltway Plaza Mall, January 19, 5:59 p.m., two 16-year-old residents were charged on petition with trespassing when they were observed on the property of the mall after they had been banned. Both subjects were released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Vehicle Crimes

January 19, 1992 two-door Cadillac Eldorado reported stolen October 6, 1999 from the 6500 block of Capitol Drive was recovered by the U.S. Park Police in the area of the B/W Parkway and Landover Road. A 19-year-old non-resident and an 18-year-old nonresident were arrested.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a red 1991 GMC Sierra truck with Maryland tags 23147S, January 13, and a gray 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe with Maryland tags M171732, January 15, both from Beltway Plaza, and a green and

tan four-door 2000 Mitsubishi Montero with Maryland tags M388310, January 20, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

Thefts from or attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenbelt Metro station, 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 6100 block of Breezewood Court, 6500 block of Capitol Drive, 7200 block of Hanover Drive, and 8400 block of Canning Terrace.

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Sands has over 17 years of experience working as a textile designer in several African countries. She is presently working through Aid to Artisans with groups of women in African villages, helping them to develop their indigenous arts and crafts and market them internationally.

For more information call 301-953-1993 or TTY 301-490-2329. Accommodations for those with disabilities are available upon request; please contact the facility two weeks in advance of the program start date. The Department of parks and Recreation requests 72-hour advance notice for the provision of sign language interpreters.

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## IRS, Maryland Seek People Due Refunds

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The following residents who all live, or lived in Greenbelt are due refunds: Adenike O. Benson; Kimberly J. Bullock, Jeffrey L. Holbrook, Vaughn Holmes, Cosme Luis-Antonio and Elvira Itiart, Omowunmi A. Makinde, Kelli M. Newman, Rick J. Peluso, Joy Snyder, Decd., Clayton A. Stewart, Haydee Valentin, and Mahendra K. Verma.

Anyone who is expecting a

1998 or prior year federal refund check, and who has not already contacted the IRS, should call 1-800-829-1040. For Maryland State refund inquiries, taxpayers should call 410-260-7980 in central Maryland, or 1-800-MD-TAXES toll-free from elsewhere. Maryland taxpayers can also check out the Comptroller's website at [www.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.marylandtaxes.com) to see if they are due a federal or Maryland State prior year undeliverable refund.

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## OPEN DOOR

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stated that tobacco money is available. He also indicated that a bill is pending to get more nurses in the school system.

At this point Greenbelt Councilmember Edward Putens was introduced. He stated that Superintendent Dr. Iris T. Metts is a "breath of fresh air" and that she is making herself accountable. "When are we going to make ourselves accountable? What can we do? Do we need a statewide plan?"

Hubbard stated that the superintendent has allocated \$25 million for teachers in her proposed budget, with an emphasis on recruitment. A bill passed last year that grants \$3,000 a year for teacher scholarships. This year a bill will be introduced raising the scholarships to \$7,000 a year, and to \$9,000 for special needs areas. Hubbard would like to amend that bill to include students who go to out-of-state colleges, as long as they agree to come back to Maryland to teach.

A concerned citizen raised the issue of transportation problems, asking if a study could be done to move people around without widening highways. Senator Green cited the Smart Ridership Program, which has been planned to attract more riders. Delegate Pitkin stated that Maryland has a goal wherein ten percent of state workers would be teleworking by 2010, which should help to alleviate the transportation problem.

Another citizen spoke, addressing several issues, including taxes, privatization of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), education, and universal health care. Conroy, replying to the tax issue, said, "We are probably going to eliminate the inheritance tax this year."

Hubbard answered the privatization issue, addressing the efficiency of WSSC in the last two years (they're under more control, they're reporting to more people, and the rates have not increased). "I don't think you're ever going to see the WSSC privatized, but what you are going to see is the Cap Plus programs...become more efficient," he said.

Green stated that he is a sponsor of the inheritance tax repeal. He further stated that funding private schools is not a constitutional issue. Maryland gives \$36 million for private colleges. Bond money is also given to subsidize people that go to private colleges. Lunches and bus transportation for private schools are subsidized as well.

Green further noted that he served on the Governor's cancer control committee. With the help of doctors on the committee, it was recommended to the governor that \$100,000 be put in the budget to study universal health care for Maryland. The governor did not act on it, but there will be a bill in Annapolis to look at this plan.

### Taxing Authority

Another citizen raised the issue of the financing of public education, addressing the question of alternatives for funding. She cited Catherine Smith, a member of the Prince George's County School Board, who said

that the board should have separate financing and the ability to tax for education.

Pitkin replied by stating that if the funding doesn't come from the county, "We have to get it from the state, we have to increase economic development, and we have to get it from the federal government." She further commented that the principle that the board could tax would improve accountability. "It is the ultimate accountability that those who spend it have to raise it."

Conroy commented that she was in favor of the school board having the autonomy to have taxing authority.

Another citizen spoke, stating that one-third of the nation's citizens rely on alternative health care, such as yoga, meditation, prayer, spiritual healing, and herbal remedies. He would like to see these kinds of alternatives considered in the health care system. Pitkin replied that a commission had looked into it. One major health insurer is now covering some alternative health care.

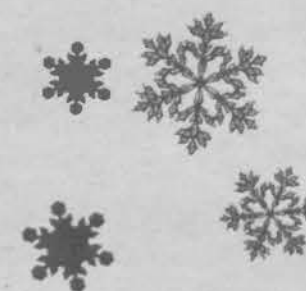
Brick spoke again, asking about plans for teleworking, and describing fire alarms with lights for the disabled. Addressing the teleworking issue, Pitkin stated that the legislators are looking at giving incentives to employers. In addition, a bill to increase the availability of satellite work centers was passed, starting with the National Guard partnering with the legislature. A bill that did not pass was to get a computer in every home but is being considered again this year. On the fire alarm issue, she will look toward helping to fund their availability.

Putens addressed education and the TRIM issue. He stated that TRIM would have a chance to be repealed if the voters could count on the saved money going directly into education and public safety.

Pitkin wrapped up, saying there will be a bill to put citizen members on the Legislative Ethics Committee. Regarding the \$1.5 billion tobacco settlement money, she reported that Prince George's County has had a committee meeting for a year. The committee wants all of the county's portion to go to health care, prevention, and programs under the Center for Disease Control's guidelines.

Hubbard concluded by saying that this past year he has focused on education and will continue to focus on education for the current year. Green stated that the legislature will be looking at the juvenile justice system as well as the entire criminal system this year.

As he closed the meeting, Green stated that other than education, the number one issue will be the state surplus—"How do we invest your money in new initiatives, as well as evaluating the reduction and spending of tax dollars, and how we're going to return those dollars to you."



Congratulations to members of the 14 and Under Girls and Boys Soccer Team, who finished first in their league of the 1999 P.G.C.B.G.C. Fall Soccer. The team's final record was 6-0-2.

Shown, back row, left to right, are team members Matthew Sciannella, Torrey Duncan, Cody Beasley, Patrick Edmondson (behind the ball), Stephen Kimble, Patrick Keolu Fox (he has the

most goals), Diego Oliva, Cara Snyder, and Nathaniel Snyder. Front row, left to right: Lee Fang, Mark Halpern, Julia Wade, Stephen Sciannella, Kristin Stenson, and Michele Burton. Congratulations to all of the parents of the team for their cooperation and help and thanks to the head coach Arturo Oliva and his assistant coach Mike Sciannella.

## 49 Local Students Are in "Who's Who"

A total of 49 students from this area are included in the 33rd Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99."

Local students selected include Ryan Abel, Morolake Adenuga, Folayemi Akinsiku, Michael J. Anderson, Lauren Arnold, Darius Bailey, Adelaide E. Barnes, Lorena Bustos, Joseph A. Canter, Chacorey A. Davis, Aja D. Diggs, David Dupree, Theodore Flo, Alicia Ford, Antoine Gamble, Jasmine A. Harris, Disha Jain, Amber R. Jones, Joannah Kim, Chelsey Lagerwerff, Rebecca R. Lemus, Stephanie Leonard, Joi Loretz, Lamin Manneh, Asha Manohar, and Latosha Melvern.

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The 33rd Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99", published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5 percent of the nation's 14 million high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

"Who's Who" students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. The book is distributed to up to 15,000 high school, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about "Who's Who Among American High School Students," visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

## Miss Maryland Teen Search Offers Prizes

The search is on for Miss 2000 Maryland Teen. This year's winner will receive a \$30,000 scholarship from Johnson and Wales University and will represent the state of Maryland in the Miss 2000 United States Teen Competition at the Hard Rock Cafe's *Hard Rock Live Theater*, Universal Studios Florida.

Miss 2000 United States Teen will receive close to \$100,000 in scholarships, cash and prizes including a \$25,000 modeling contract from Empire Talent in Los Angeles, CA. She will spend her year promoting the community service platform to which she is dedicated, making local and national appearances, and taking advantage of the many opportunities offered to her. In addition, she will have the honor

of representing the United States in the Miss Teen International Competition.

Anyone who is between the ages of 13 and 19 as of July 22, 2000, could represent Maryland at the National Competition. All contestants will be judged in four areas of competition: personal interview, swimwear, eveningwear, and commercial presentation. For more information or to receive an application, contact the Miss Maryland Teen Competition at the National Office: Miss Maryland Teen Competition, 6239 Edgewater Dr., Suite N3-2, Orlando, FL 32810; phone 407-523-9015; fax 407-523-9017 or check out the web site at: [www.missunitedstatesteen.com](http://www.missunitedstatesteen.com).

All applications must be received by January 30.

## Scouting Exhibit At Wildlife Refuge

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