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## Jack Johnson, City Council Meeting Is a "Getting to Know You" Affair

by Judy Bell

The Greenbelt City Council greeted a relaxed and amiable Jack Johnson at a February 19 get-acquainted meeting with the newly elected Prince George's county executive. Mayor Judith Davis told Johnson that council had not met with his predecessor Wayne Curry until the last year of his term in office. "The fact that you are here within two months of taking office is such a breath of fresh air," she said.

A 2003 legislative agenda laying out the county executive's priorities for the year was the foundation for the work session. In response to this agenda, which was received in January, council issued a statement with the city's positions on each of the proposed legislative initiatives and added five other matters of interest.

Although the city qualified its support in a few cases, Johnson and the city were in basic agreement on all nine items he had listed. "I appreciate a county executive that has an agenda that looks so much like ours," commented Councilmember Alan Turnbull.

The county executive's document began with full funding for schools, as mandated by the Thornton Commission. This item is "the centerpiece of the legislative agenda," Johnson said. Council concurred, while

also supporting additional or separate money for magnet schools.

On school construction aid, which the county designates a top priority, Davis added that "we want to make sure that Greenbelt Middle School is in the loop this year."

Councilmember Thomas White told Johnson that Greenbelt was interested in cooperating with the Board of Education on a park school concept. He described "a very good space" next to the school and also near the Springhill Lake apartment complex that would meet recreational needs for both.

"We are going to try to move everything up," replied the soft-spoken Johnson. He mentioned the "Hubbard Bill," H.B. 414, which raises developers' fees from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for school construction. He hopes to raise that amount to \$12,000. He thinks this bill will pass.

Another agenda item, continued investment in the county's established communities, stresses the county's support of ongoing property acquisition and demolition to expand housing, which the city also supports. Council questioned the reduction of Community Development Block Grant funds.

"Well, we can't tell the local

people what to do," said Johnson. As to grants funding, he promised to "work as hard as we can to assist you."

Concerning the county's commitment to ensure that state funding for programs remains intact and to oppose unfunded mandates, the city reported the loss of almost \$200,000 in Highway User Revenue. Johnson indicated possible delay in some road construction ("put it back a year or two").

### Safety Issues

Johnson proposes to pursue legislation allowing for use of photo radar technology to create an "Automated Speed Program." Davis commented that "we're right on track here."

Johnson hopes to get additional state funding to reduce the number of infant deaths through better education and treatment and to continue to get state funding for substance abuse treatment programs. Johnson also believes state law should be changed to allow group medical coverage for retired government employees not covered under the state's plan. Greenbelt supports this initiative.

Johnson said, "We have anywhere from 75,000 to 90,000 people in this county who are the working poor." He plans to put \$50,000 in this year's budget to support walk-in health clinics.

Another concern of Johnson's was the need to enhance the Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver for Older Adults in order to provide home and community-based services, which the city also supports through the Assistance in Living program.

Councilmember Edward Putens said to Johnson, "If you have any pilot program ideas out there that you would like to try, Greenbelt would be anxious to jump in and give it a shot."

Johnson countered, "And the same thing for you. If you're try-

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### What Goes On

**Sunday, March 2**  
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center  
**Monday, March 3**  
8 p.m., City Council worksession, Springhill Lake Management Plans, Municipal Building  
**Tuesday, March 4**  
7 p.m., Public Forum by Public Safety Advisory Committee on Public Safety Issues and Concerns in Old Greenbelt, Community Center  
**Wednesday, March 5**  
8 p.m., Council stakeholders meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board, Hamilton Pl.

## Emmett H. Nanna Dies, City Solicitor 1967-1985

by James Giese

Emmett H. "Zip" Nanna, 77, died on February 16, 2003, from injuries sustained in a fall at his home in South Ocean City (Berlin), Md. He was a Greenbelt Pioneer, having come to Greenbelt as the child of a Greenbelt pioneer family that lived at 2-A Hillside Road. He had been an attorney, a judge of the juvenile courts and a city solicitor of Greenbelt.

Nanna was born May 23, 1925, in Kingswood, W.Va., the only son of Emmett H. and Lillian F. Bettoney Nanna, both deceased. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janice Buckingham Nanna; son and daughter-in-law Frank and Gina Nanna of Berlin; daughter and son-in-law Christine and Patrick Lieb of Berlin; daughter and son-in-law Lauren and William Connor of Lisbon, Md.; five grandchildren, Brian, Rebecca, Patrick, William and Frankie and brother-in-law Kenneth Bucking-



ham of Berlin.

Upon graduation from high school in 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served in the Asian-Pacific Theatre during World War II and was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal April 16, 1946.

He graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1950 where he was a cadet colonel in the ROTC. He was then commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force and served briefly in the Korean War.

After that he attended George Washington University Law School graduating Juris Doctor in 1954. Upon passing the bar in both the District of Columbia and Maryland, he undertook the practice of law for 31 years in Prince George's County. He first worked in the practice of Abraham Chasanow, a Greenbelt attorney, before establishing his

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PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Canada geese line the edge of ice beside open water at partially frozen Greenbelt Lake on a recent winter day before the big snow.

## Resident Canada Goose Population Is Exploding

by Al Geiger

The beautiful and regal-looking Canada geese we see on the water and flying overhead may be responsible for degradation of Greenbelt Lake. By some estimates, between 200 and 1000 geese are permanent residents on or near the lake. These geese have lost the instinct to migrate and because of lack of predation and hunting, their numbers are increasing rapidly.

According to Hannah Blair Harris, in a report prepared for the Anacostia Watershed Society, migratory birds that use the Atlantic flyway and breed in the Canadian Arctic weigh about eight or nine pounds and the females lay four to six eggs per nesting season. In contrast, resident geese adults average between 12 and 14 pounds and may lay 12 or more eggs per nesting season.

Harris also says that resident geese are the descendants of

captive "giant" Canada geese brought into the Atlantic flyway from the Midwest to restock the declining Canada goose populations of the flyway. They are a different subspecies from those that use the flyway. They were essentially non-migratory in their native habitat and have remained so in their new home. Some wildlife specialists consider them an "invasive" species.

### Concerns in Greenbelt

Greenbelt, according to Asst. Director of Public Works and Horticulturist Bill Phelan, is mainly concerned about pollution and over-fertilization of the lake. A single goose produces at least a pound of droppings every day, according to a report by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The city has contracted with Environmental Systems Analyses, Inc. to study

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## Series of Safety Forums Planned around Town

by Barbara Young

Residents are urged to attend a public forum on safety issues in Historic (Old) Greenbelt to be held Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

The forum, first in a series, will be held by the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Its purpose is to listen to the safety concerns of Old Greenbelt residents and advise the city council of them at a later time. Residents are invited to ask questions and make recommendations as they see fit.

Another public safety forum will be held on March 19 to hear public safety concerns in the Greenbelt East area of the city. It will be held at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Room.

Still other public safety forums will be held for both Springhill Lake and Green Ridge House residents; the date, time

and location to be announced soon.

Work is also under way to gather information on public safety concerns from Springhill Lake residents by means of a specially-prepared survey. Volunteers are going door to door to complete the survey. A public forum will be scheduled later, committee members decided.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee is chaired by Silke Pope. City Human Resources Officer Connie Harris is the city's liaison. Lt. Michael Craddock is the police liaison and a fire department liaison is anticipated. Committee member Ed Hickey will facilitate the March 4 forum. Other committee members are Walter Moody, Ted Shafer, James Thompson and Sherre Washington.

## Make a Difference

A series of town meetings held by the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee throughout the community to discuss public safety concerns will begin on March 4. The first one, to be held at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, will focus on Old Greenbelt. Future meetings will address Greenbelt East, Springhill Lake and Green Ridge House issues.

This will be an opportunity to learn and share ideas with your neighbors about keeping Greenbelt a safe place. Get to know your community better and find out how you can help. Show your support by attending; make a difference.

## Letters to the Editor

### Thank You, Thank You, etc.

Mary Lou Williamson and all the other staff at the Greenbelt News Review for getting our newspaper out – published and delivered – on time last week. Your efforts, at worst, were positively heroic!

Also, though unsung 99.9 percent of the time, to those diligent folks at the Greenbelt branch of the U.S. Postal Service, still operating out of those cramped quarters below the Co-op supermarket, for delivering our mail six days a week, 52 weeks a year.

All of you have done and keep on doing good! I've been a Greenbelter for 36 years and keep getting prouder by the year for "the spirit of Greenbelt." Again, thank you, and I know y'all will keep up the good work!

Anne Zevallos

### Good Job!

Your "Special Snow Issue" of February 20 is a fine souvenir. Mr. Giese wrote a good presentation of the background behind the snow plowing and parking-lot clearing operations. I liked the "snow items" scattered through your paper. It will be fun to bring out this paper in the hot, humid, brown-lawn months of the summer and compare the scenery with the snow photos. Thank you! for your record of this time.

Personal memories of the "Major Snow Event of 2003" include my exercise walk, pre-dawn Sunday morning. The falling snow felt like powdered glass because the air was so dry and the breeze was at such low temperature. Within a few hours my footprints had filled up with freshly-fallen snow.

Late Tuesday afternoon was a time of local beauty. Piles of snow taller than a basketball player shone golden. Blue shadows added to the impression of an exotic resort, or a far-away land.

Good job – to both the News Review and the snow crews!

Christopher Scherer

### Wonderful Greenbelt!

It's wonderful to live in Greenbelt. Here are five reasons why:

First, our wonderful city workers did a fantastic job of snow clean-up.

Second, neighbors helped other neighbors with shoveling sidewalks and cars. There were really many acts of kindness.

Third, on a cold winter day, I could have a delicious bowl of Ms. Siegel's hot soup and homemade apple pie at the New Deal Café.

Fourth, we could all go and shop at the Co-op, a marvelous convenience.

Last, those who needed extra help could be transported by the Greenbelt Connection bus to the

store.

Thank you to the city administration, all the city and Co-op workers, volunteers and neighbors who make Greenbelt great.

Pat Adelaide

### THANKS

Thanks to the many people who responded to the urgent call for blood donations for the February 25 blood drive. Due to the unusually large turnout, several people could not wait. Special thanks to those who could.

As usual, the Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department express their appreciation to the volunteers and the Red Cross personnel for making the blood drive a success. Blood donated at this drive will help the Red Cross replenish its supply of blood.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be on Friday, April 25 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for an appointment if not contacted directly by the Red Cross.

Janet Goldberg  
Recreation Coordinator

### Correction

Snow must have been clogging our brains last week. Although the gist of the public school system's use of snow days was reported correctly, the exact dates in "Snow Day Rrieve?" were not completely accurate. Monday, February 17 was a school holiday. From February 18 through 21 schools were closed as the fourth through seventh snow days. Only four snow days were calculated in the original school calendar, which would allow schools to close for the season on June 23. How these other three snow days (to date) will be handled has not been determined. The News Review regrets the error.

## GEESE

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this problem at Greenbelt Lake.

Resident geese are more placid than their migratory cousins and have easily adapted to urban and suburban settings. There, nest and gosling predation by crows, gulls, turtles, skunks and raccoons is greatly reduced. Hunting is the greatest source of mortality for Canada geese.

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the resident goose population in the Atlantic flyway is increasing at an average rate of 10 percent per year and now is around one million. DNR estimates there were 90,000 resident geese in Maryland in 1998. Reopening of hunting seasons since then has reduced the number to 75,000, DNR estimates. Hunting, however, is not an option in urbanized areas.

Since the geese need or prefer open areas to graze, they are attracted to golf courses and airports, especially where they are near water, and become a nuisance or a danger to aircraft. Crop damage in agricultural areas can be significant. Goose grazing can have a major adverse effect on wetlands vegetation, leading to the invasion of less desirable species or weeds.

### Management Options

Several management options outside of hunting may/may not be acceptable to the public. Surround traps can be used to capture birds when they are molting and therefore flightless. Captured geese are killed and processed for consumption in soup kitchens, but there is concern about the meat processing and cost.

Submerging eggs in vegetable or mineral oil will prevent the development of embryos. The geese usually continue to sit on the eggs and do not re-nest. This is usually more socially acceptable than killing adult birds, but the results may not be noticeable for five to 10 years because of the long life of resident geese (15 to 20 years).

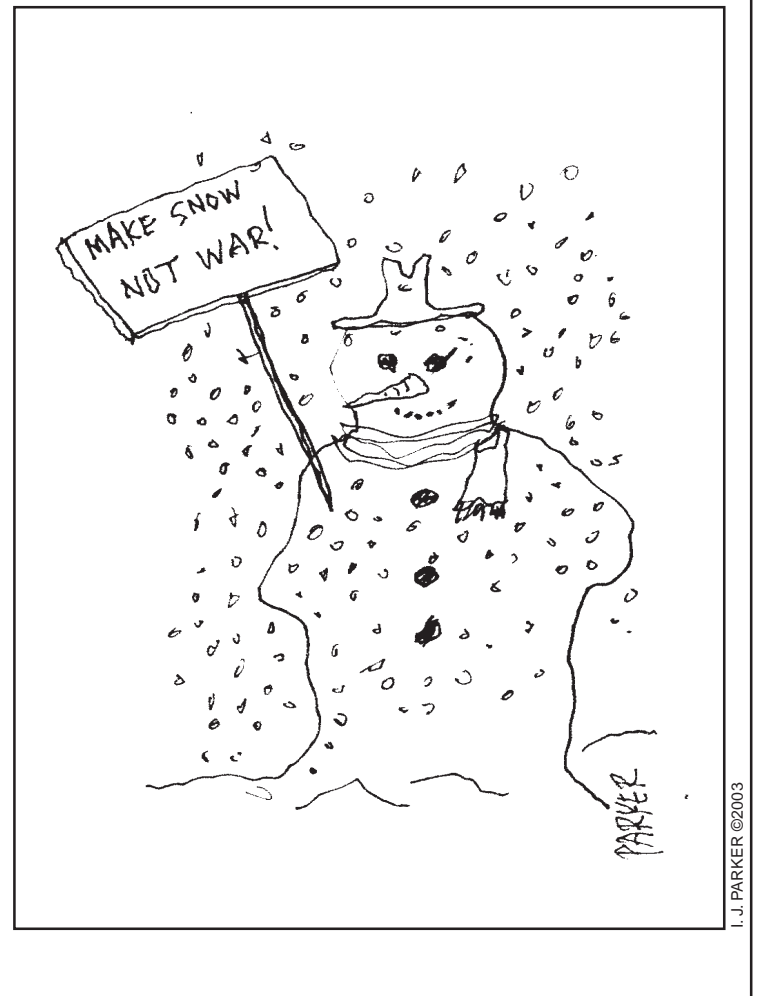
Since geese like to walk from water onto land to feed, planting shrubs or non-palatable vegetation such as pachysandra at the water's edge can discourage them from feeding in the park.

Many other strategies such as balloons, flags and scarecrows are used, but are not very effective with resident geese because of their placidity.



March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-11 PM  
**Water Polo (WP)** returns to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr. \$2 to play, must register on deck during skills check and clinic 9-10 PM, to play in the "game" at 10.

## The Old Curmudgeon



I.J. PARKER ©2003

### Concert Band Performs March 3

The Maryland Bands Program of the School of Music at the University of Maryland will present the Concert Band under L. Richmond Sparks, conductor, on Monday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in the DeKelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For information, call 301-405-7847.

### Dystonia Support

A dystonia support group will be held at 2 p.m. on March 2 in Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, auditoriums 2 and 3. Physical therapists will discuss treatments. For further information call 301-776-6747.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

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Advertise your business by donating an auction item!

Call Jennifer Jones (301) 441-4770  
for details

## Create Weaving Webs At Artful Afternoon

On Sunday, March 2 the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. People of all ages are invited to enjoy free activities including a weaving workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. with Elizabeth Morissette. As an artist in residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, Morissette has worked with young artists to create innovative art works such as a large "weaving web" among the trees at Schrom Hills Park and "The Great Glowing Snake" sculpture currently displayed above the Community Center Welcome Desk. The workshop on March 2 will provide an opportunity for community members with or without prior experience to collaborate in the creation of original tapestries for the Community Center. Materials will be provided, although participants are invited to bring along any additional materials of special interest which are longer than they are wide.

Additional activities scheduled for March 2 will include a studio open house with the Community Center's artists in residence, a ceramics sale with Greenbelt Pottery and tours of the nearby historic Greenbelt Museum all from 1 to 5 p.m. Exhibitions currently on view at the Community Center include "Picturing Victims and Patriots," an exhibit of historic photographs presented by the Greenbelt Museum and an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Emily Conover and Patrick Craig in the art gallery.

Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series of open houses for the arts sponsored by the recreation department on the first Sunday of every month. These events are based at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information, call 301-397-2208.

## Help Invasive Plant Removal March 1

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

Come on Saturday, March 1 at 11 a.m. to the Sweetgum picnic area. This program will be held the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch/snack. This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

# Community Events

## Greenbriar Annual Meetings Announced

All Greenbriar boards of directors will hold their annual association meetings in March. Phase I will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Phase II Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Phase III on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. and the Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) board of directors on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Greenbriar Terrace Room.

Homeowners are encouraged to attend their annual phase meeting and take an active role in the association's election. The bylaws require a certain percentage of owners be represented in person or by proxy for the election. Electing directors is a very important responsibility of every homeowner; therefore those who are unable to attend should send in a proxy and make every vote count.

## Financial Planning Talk Rescheduled

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Financial Planning Seminar to be hosted by Greenbriar has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be David J. Thayer with Metropolitan Life Financial Services. Topics of discussion will be Retirement Planning, How to Protect Your Assets in a Down Market and Long Term Care.

Call Tina to register for this free seminar by Monday, March 10 at 301-441-1096, ext. 4.

## Greenbriar Sign-up Day

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Volunteer Sign-up Day at Greenbriar has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. People will be able to review the 2003 Calendar of Events and volunteer to assist the Activities Director in an upcoming event. The 2003 Calendar of Events is still posted on all bulletin boards for review. To learn more call Tina at 301-441-1096, ext. 4.

## Genealogical Software Explained

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will present Kenneth Macomber speaking on "An Overview of Genealogical Software" from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, March 5 at the Greenbelt Library. Park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance. A brief business meeting will update attendees on future activities, followed by a refreshment break and the guest speaker. Guests are always welcome. For information call 301-262-2063, Wednesday only.

## Explorations Hears Diabetes Regimen

Explorations Unlimited will present Janet Runci, a registered nurse and certified diabetes educator, on Friday, March 7. Runci will be focusing on key aspects of nutrition as part of an effective diabetes management regimen and explaining how patients can apply simple, easy-to-understand nutritional guidelines to their diabetes management. This presentation is rescheduled from February 7 due to the inclement weather.

Runci will distribute free Bayer glucometers to those who have pre-registered for this talk. To pre-register call 301-397-2208.

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

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, March 5, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, March 6, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Monday, March 3, 7 p.m. Teen Book Beat for ages 13 to 18.

Saturday, March 8, 10:30 a.m., Poetry Plus discussion group, Animals.

## Poetry Plus Meets

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don't understand, will meet on Saturday, March 8 at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. The subject will be animals. Poetry Plus is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to ten copies of poems to be read.

## GHI Notes

The next pre-purchase orientation will be held March 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the GHI board room.

The Marketing Committee will meet March 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI board room.

Blood pressure testing will be offered in the Conference Room on March 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

The board of directors meetings for March will be March 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI board room.

Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

## Water Polo Splash

Tired of snowballs? Waiting for the big melt to finish? Try something new at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center which, with the Greenbelt Swim Team, is hosting indoor water polo on Saturday, March 8 at 9 p.m. Only those participating in the water polo clinic, 9 to 10 p.m., may play in the game that follows from 10 to 11 p.m. There is a drop-in fee. Last summer's big splash is coming back. For more information call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

## Native Plants More Than Home Grown

Native plants – which ones, how and when and where to plant – will be explored at the Tuesday, March 4 meeting of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club. The public is invited to the 7:30 p.m. meeting at Greenbelt Library's lower-level meeting room.

Mary Sierra, owner of the Lower Marlboro Nursery in Dunkirk, Md., will address a wide range of native plants issues.

Club members should come at 7 p.m. for a quick discussion on future meetings.

For more information, leave name and number at 301-441-8249 for a call back.



## Senior Trip Planned For Dinner Theater

The Greenbelt Senior Center still has tickets available to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater in Wilmington, Del. This biblical saga of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in a delightful musical parable. Joseph, a young man gifted with prophetic dreams, enjoys paternal favoritism. Sold into slavery by his envious brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his spirit and humanity are continually challenged.

The show date is March 20. The vans will leave from the Greenbelt Community Center at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. There is a fee, which includes the transportation, lunch and show. Anyone interested must preregister by March 5. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Help Plan the Next Pink Ribbon Ride

The second annual Bike4-BreastCancer, Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride will take place on Saturday, October 4. Anyone who would like to help plan, promote and/or support this worthwhile event should call 301-474-3635 or via e-mail at [sylvialewis@bike4breastcancer.com](mailto:sylvialewis@bike4breastcancer.com).

The people who signed up at the evaluation meeting last fall should call to reconfirm interest. (The list of names and addresses from that meeting has been mislaid.)

Ninety-two cyclists and even more volunteers and other supporters made last year's ride a great success. Help make this year's event even better.

## GEAC Meets

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) is scheduled for March 6, 7:30 p.m. at Hunting Ridge.

Greenbelt News Review has ONE CARRIER ROUTE OPEN in the North End Call Ian Tuckman 301-459-5624

**Prince George's County Lacrosse Club is sponsoring a Free Lacrosse Clinic**  
**—RESCHEDULED—**

**Sunday, March 2nd, Magruder Field**  
**Sunday, March 9th, Greenbelt M.S.**

**2:00-Boys/3:15-Girls**

New players wanted, no experience necessary.

For information: [www.pglacrosse.com](http://www.pglacrosse.com) or contact Dennis Taylor 301-345-5286

## St. Hugh's CYO TEE BALL

(Open to all Greenbelt residents)

Registration for boys & girls (Eligibility: All players born between 8/1/96–7/31/98)

Register at the **Greenbelt Youth Center**

**Sat., March 1, 10am-12noon**  
**Sat., March 8, 10am-12noon**

Registration fee: \$20.00

Parents interested in coaching and for all other information contact: Dave Brown 301-805-5649

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents



Ira Levin's **DEATHTRAP**

Directed by Roy Hammond

March 7–29, 2003

Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday matinees – March 16 & March 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for these events: \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and students  
 For more information, call 301-441-8770

**GREENBELT ARTS CENTER**  
 123 Centerway Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-1802  
 (next to the post office in Roosevelt Center)

# Obituaries

## Henry T. McFarland

Longtime resident Henry T. McFarland, 77, died February 20, 2003, of complications from Parkinson's disease.



Mr. McFarland, a native of New Haven, Conn., moved to Greenbelt in 1940 to live with his aunt and uncle, pioneer Greenbelters Agnes and Bill Warner. He graduated from Greenbelt High School in an accelerated class in 1944 and immediately entered the Army Air Corps, where he was trained as a radio operator and served in Europe. Both before and after his Army service, he worked as a checker at the Co-op Food Store.

After the war Mr. McFarland earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Benjamin Franklin University. In 1949 Mr. McFarland married the former Kathleen Scott of Greenbelt and they raised their eight children here. He worked in private industry before joining NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in 1963. He held accounting and budgeting positions at Goddard, retiring in 1990.

Mr. McFarland learned to play clarinet in the New Haven Register Boys Band and on moving to Greenbelt played in the Greenbelt Community Band. He was a talented natural musician who could play any tune "by ear." By the mid-1950s he had taken up the saxophone and formed his own band "Heinrich and the Rheinlanders." The band played on weekends at Blob's Park, a German beer garden and dance hall in Jessup. His association with Blob's ended in 1973, but the band continued playing at area dances, Oktoberfests and weddings into the 1980s.

Mr. McFarland was a 57-year member of Greenbelt American Legion Post #136; he also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Moose.

Mr. McFarland is survived by his wife Kathleen; his children Karen McFarland of Davenport, Iowa; Karl McFarland of Cheverly; Lisa Tovar of Redondo Beach, Calif.; Janis McFarland of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Joan McFarland of Silver Spring; Anne Garrity of Fullerton, Calif.; Jackie Thomas of Plateau Place; and Helen McFarland of Baltimore. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his cousin Maj. Ethel C. Warner (WAC, ret.) of Honolulu.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh's on February 25. Burial was in Fort Lincoln Cemetery. The family suggests that those wishing to remember Henry might contribute to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, N.Y. 10163.

## Elizabeth E. Shugrue

On Sunday, February 16, 2003, Elizabeth E. Shugrue, 87, died at Magnolia Center.

A longtime Greenbelt resident of 30 years, Mrs. Shugrue is survived by her son William Shugrue, grandchildren William, Tammy, Dakota, Destiny and Emma Rose Shugrue. Other survivors are daughter-in-law Amy Shugrue, granddaughter-in-law Kelly Shugrue and grandson Patrick Gleason.

Mrs. Shugrue loved to work in her gardens and chat with the residents of Parkway and people who admired her flowers.

An Irish wake will be held on Saturday, March 8 at the Disabled American Veterans Hall in Bowie. The wake is not a mourning of her passing but a celebration of her life. There will be food, drink and music. Friends are invited to share a word or photograph.

For directions to the hall, call the D.A.V. Omaha Beach Chapter at 301-464-8899.



## Church to Offer Chamber Music

Riverdale Presbyterian Church will present a free chamber music concert on Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m. Featured performers will be Richard Todd, French horn; Catherine Jeffcoat, violin; Beverly Benso, contralto; and Ann Gibbens Davis, piano.

The program will consist of Brahms' horn, violin and piano trio, Op. 40; Brahms, Zigeunerlieder, Op. 101; and Acht Kleine Stucke for violin, Op. 50 by T. Takacs.

The church is located at 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park. For information call 301-927-0477.

## In Memoriam

# Zip Nanna: Friend and Unforgettable Character

by James Giese

I didn't want to hire Zip Nanna as special zoning counsel in 1967. I had seen him about town on occasion and I guess he had impressed me as a loud-mouthed country bumpkin. However, then Mayor Ed Smith, who was himself a local attorney, and other councilmembers persuaded me that he was what the city needed to fight the multitude of zoning proposals then pending as well as the city's litigation against Charles Bresler and the other owners of Charlestowne North who were constructing an eight-story apartment building, we felt in violation of a covenant between the owners and the city.

### Friend

Zip became a friend and one of the most unforgettable characters that I have ever met. His knowledge of the ins and outs of the county courthouse, which was also the home of the county governing body, then the Board of County Commissioners, and his legal skills also helped the city a lot at a time when just about every owner of vacant land wanted to either build apartments (the more the merrier) or shopping centers. While Greenbelt did not win all of its battles, its efforts helped to establish a wide variety of provisions in laws to ensure that the public be made aware of zoning and planning proposals and have an opportunity to be heard. Also, Greenbelt would look a lot different today if its elected leaders and its citizens, with Nanna's legal assistance, had not fought so long and hard against the well-financed efforts of the property developers.

Zip was not the kind of man

you would expect a lawyer to be. He usually shunned the dark suits and highly-polished shoes successful attorneys wore. He had a thick West Virginia hill-billy accent and was plain spoken and down-to-earth in his language. But with that he had a glib tongue, a sharp mind and a friendly demeanor that quickly won people over.

Zip was the first city attorney to regularly attend council meetings. When asked, and often when not asked, he would give the council his advice. I wish I could remember the descriptive expressions he used to make his point. They were down to earth, straight from the country. Some times a little too earthy for me; one who was concerned about maintaining the proper decorum before the council. But Zip, with his smile and good humor, managed to get away with them and stay in the council's good graces.

Zip had a zest for life and for living. He never let work interfere with his joy of living. He could have been richer, if he had wanted to. But he managed to earn enough to provide comfortably for his family and to do what he wanted to do and that satisfied him.

### Hunting

He loved to hunt. He maintained a hunting cabin near Romney, W.Va. He often went hunting in North Carolina or elsewhere. He loved being by the ocean. He usually had a place in or near Ocean City. He'd take trips to the tropical islands. He loved to play golf and tennis and played as often as



Condolences to Kathleen McFarland and family on the death of longtime Greenbelt resident Henry McFarland.

Our sympathy to Kenny Clark and family on the death of his mother Dorothy Cortina.

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of longtime Greenbelt resident Elizabeth Shugrue of Parkway. Our condolences to her family.

Congratulations to Dr. John L. Schnase, elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for 2002. He is a researcher within the Earth and Space Data Computing Division at the Goddard Space Flight Center and was honored for his contributions to bioinformatics and for furthering adoption of information technologies in the study of biodiversity and the environment.

Congratulations to Monica and Eric Heinlein on the birth of their baby Matthew Jacob, who was born on February 3, 2003. He weighed 7 lbs. Grandparents are Carol and Joe Heinlein of Lutherville and Irene Hensel of Greenbelt.

## Pancake Suppers At Two Churches

Two Greenbelt churches will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on March 4 with pancake suppers. The public is invited. There will be free will offerings taken.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will hold its pancake dinner at 6 p.m. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. The church is located at 40 Ridge Road.

Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside Road at Crescent, will hold its pancake supper at 6:30 p.m. Included with the meal will be sausages, fried apples and a choice of beverages.

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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**

**MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

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*-Baha'i Sacred Writings*

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate  
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Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



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Children and Adults 9:45 am  
Bible Study 11:00 am  
Worship Service

Mon. Disciple Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.

**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**

March 2, Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday  
Sermon: "Secret of Change"  
March 4, Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Dinner from 6:00 p.m.  
March 5, Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Sermon: "Rebuild the Ruins!"

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with Meghan Barnes, worship associate



Barbara Wells and  
Jaco B. ten Hove,  
co-ministers

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he could. He loved music, particularly authentic country bluegrass. He played a little himself, but he went about the country to hear good performers play. He enjoyed classical music, too. He and wife Jan would go to New York City to see the opera and go to musicals. He was a gourmet who enjoyed fine wines and especially Italian food and also did some of his own cooking. He had a genuine interest in people from all walks of life and was friends with the very rich, the very powerful and the very common and ordinary.

### West Virginia

Once, while on the way back from a business trip, we stopped at his place in West Virginia. At that time it was a rustic cabin and an old trailer. We slept in the unheated trailer in sleeping bags. Before we got there, we had a good dinner in Romney. We also visited some of his friends in a garage in town where they shared with us a little of their homemade peach brandy, their kind of moonshine. The next day Zip drove me around the mountainside in an old jeep following logging trails and told of some of his hunting experiences there.

He also told me how he once decided to make his own peach brandy. How he went out and bought barrels for aging, laid in a stock of peaches, prepared and cooked them as he had been told

and put the liquor in the barrels to age. When the right amount of time had passed, he tapped a barrel and took his first taste. The brandy tasted like green wood. Nobody had told him how you had to first age and char the insides of a barrel before you could use it to age liquor.

### Gourmet

Zip would often give lectures on the need to prepare wild game properly for it to taste good. To prove his point, he once invited me to dinner at his house, along with others. There he served a variety of game meats, each prepared in a gourmet fashion with wines and other accompaniments.

Each year when the municipal league met, Zip would invite the councilmembers, their spouses, city staff and others to his place for dinner. Usually, he would have friends from some restaurant he knew prepare the meal. After he bought the home in South Ocean City he would retire to, he got into roasting pigs. At first, he would ask a farmer friend from North Carolina to come up and stay with him, bring a young, butchered pig and roast it over a spit. Later, he decided he could do it himself with the help of his son Frank.

### Some Feasts!

Those pig pickin' barbecues were some feasts; the meat would be taken right off the pig's carcass. The meat had been basted

in the lowland North Carolina way with vinegar and red pepper and salt. You had to be there early, though, in order to get the best parts. Later, there would be music with some friend or Frank or even Zip playing a little guitar or banjo.

### Retirement

After he retired as city solicitor and moved to South Ocean City I stopped to see him whenever I had occasion to be in that area. He still practiced law a little. He told me once that whenever one of his many lawyer friends back in Prince George's had a client who got into trouble at the beach, they would refer the client to Zip. Zip said he would agree to take those cases of interest to him and refer the rest to other local attorneys.

I hadn't seen Zip for several years, now. Unfortunately, the last time I was in Ocean City in January and we were to meet for dinner a snow squall came up. Zip didn't want to drive up to town so we cancelled our plans. In the same way, heavy rain, thunder and lightning caused my wife Bernie and me to cancel our plans to drive to Berlin last Saturday to join in the celebration of his life. I would have liked to share with others in the many fond memories of a man who was as rich as any man I have known in the joys and pleasures of life.

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own practice in Hyattsville.

In 1957 Nanna was appointed trial magistrate for the juvenile court, becoming the county's first full-time juvenile court judge. There he gained national recognition for some of the innovative sentences he gave to juvenile offenders. Nanna also served on the county's first Human Relations Commission and local welfare board. He was a devotee of bluegrass music and represented and became friends with many bluegrass musicians in the Washington area, such as Don Reno, Scotty Stoneman, Buzz Busby, Don Stover and the Bluegrass Cardinals.

Nanna served as Greenbelt's city solicitor from 1967 to 1985, having been appointed by City Manager James Giese. He first began to work on a contractual basis for the city as a special counsel on zoning matters at a time when the city council was actively fighting against many developers to obtain lower density development than had been proposed.

One of his earliest city cases was a suit against the owners of the Charlestowne North eight-story apartment building who had undertaken construction in what the city felt was a violation of builder's covenants and also had failed to dedicate part of the building site for parkland. While the city failed to prevent the construction of the building, which was nearing completion by the time the case was heard in court, the owners were ordered to dedicate to the city, land that is now part of Attick Park.

Former Mayor Richard Pilski, a member of the Greenbelt City Council at the time Nanna was appointed, noted that there were so many things Nanna was involved with as city solicitor. "We were going through the

most trying of times with zoning and lawsuits," Pilski said. He noted that Nanna got along with everyone, was very knowledgeable and knew his way around the courthouse very well.

"I was proud to have known him," he said. "He was down to earth and didn't give you a lot of folderol. He came straight to the point."

Former Mayor Gil Weidenfeld also served most of his time on the city council with Nanna. "Zip was a great asset to Greenbelt as our city attorney," Weidenfeld said. "Having grown up in Greenbelt, he was aware of city issues and personally knew many long-time city residents. Zip would put you at ease with his friendly and folksy manner, while at the same time giving you great confidence in his knowledge of municipal legal issues. I always felt confident in relying on his advice to the city council."

In 1985 Nanna and his wife moved to South Ocean City. He continued to practice law in Berlin until he retired in 1997. He was a musician and played bass guitar with his son Frank in the "String Dusters," which featured Marilyn Long on hammered dulcimer.

Nanna was a life member of the American Legion, being for many years a member of Greenbelt Post #136. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Berlin Lions Club.

Nanna was cremated and there was no service. Instead a "pickin' party" was held on February 22 at the Berlin Lions Club in celebration of his life where his son and other musicians played for a crowded room full of Nanna's friends and family.

Saturday, February 22 was a

day of heavy rainfall followed by evening fog. Even so, City Councilmember Thomas White and his wife Helen drove to Berlin to attend the party. They enjoyed the music of the guitars, fiddles and banjos. They also were able to express their sorrow and best wishes to Jan Nanna.

White recalls the infectious smile that Nanna had. "He could light up a room," he said. "When he made a case, he always had a farm boy yarn to use to make his point. He served us well during his time."

Contributions may be made in Nanna's name to the Berlin Lions Club, Box 231, Berlin, MD 21811.

## Scott Directs County Money to ACE Fund

by Mary Moien

Former Prince George's County Councilmember Audrey Scott has been a firm supporter of the ACE Scholarship Fund instituted by the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) while she served on the county council. Scott has traditionally supported the scholarships with an allocation from her office discretionary fund. This fall, during her last term on the council, Scott donated \$5,000 of county funds to the ACE fund.

The ACE fund awards small scholarships to a deserving graduating senior girl and boy from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The fund has been in existence for several years. ACE Chair Leta Mach said that they have received a number of donations and hope to be able to increase the amount of the scholarship awards in the coming years.



## City Information

### MEETINGS FOR MARCH 3-7

**Monday, March 3, 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION,** Springhill Lake Management Plans, Municipal Building.

**Tuesday, March 4, 7:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee Public Forum,** Public Safety Issues and Concerns in Old Greenbelt, Greenbelt Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room.

**Wednesday, March 5, 8:00pm, STAKEHOLDER MEETING,** GHI Board, Hamilton Place.

### OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

*Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.*

*Vacancies exist on the:*

#### SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*All applications are welcome. Volunteers from Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake are especially encouraged. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.*

### PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## PUBLIC FORUM

**Tuesday, March 4-7:00pm**

(Rescheduled from February 18th)

**Greenbelt Community Center—Multi-Purpose Room**

This is the first in a series of forums that will be held throughout the city. The Public Safety Committee want to hear about your Public Safety issues and concerns. At this forum, public safety issues in **Historic Greenbelt** will be discussed.

Greenbelt Community Center

## Artful Afternoon

Sunday, March 2, 2003 – 1-5pm

**FEATURING A WEAVING WORKSHOP WITH ELIZABETH MORISETTE – 1-3pm**

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**Also Featuring: Studio Open House; Ceramics Sale with Greenbelt Pottery; Paintings and Drawings exhibit by Emily Conover and Patrick Craig; Greenbelt Museum tours and more! Info: 301-397-2208**

### CITY OF GREENBELT SUMMER CAMP

**REGISTRATION BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3rd at 9am for RESIDENTS and WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th at 9am for NON-RESIDENTS**

**Brochures can be found at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us). More info at 301-397-2200.**

### Applications Being Accepted for Artists' Studios

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now accepting applications from visual artists interested in studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. Applications are available at the Welcome Desk of the Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. Electronic copies can be obtained by writing to Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator, at [ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us). The deadline to apply is April 4, 2003.

**For further information and guidelines, contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.**

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 3 at 8pm,** City Council Work Session, Springhill Lake Management Plans "live"**Tuesday & Thursday, March 4 & 6, 6pm** "ACE Reading Club at Greenbelt Elementary" **6:30pm** Reading is Fundamental—"Supporting Second Language Learners" **7:30pm** "Replay of City Council Work Session"  
**Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 5 & 7, 7pm** "Love Foundation-Healing" **7:30pm** "Talking Threads", **7:45pm** Peace & Justice Coalition "Seaking Peace for Palestine and Isreal" **10pm** "Love is Blind" by West Brooks **Sunday, March 6** at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

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# POLICE BLOTTER

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

## Robbery

Greenbelt Metro station, February 15, 2:43 a.m., a man was walking out of the station when he was approached by two men, one of whom displayed a black handgun and announced a robbery. The man said he had no money, at which time the men searched his pockets. Finding no money, they fled, getting into a vehicle described as possibly a burgundy-colored Buick. The men are described as 1) a black male, 24, tall, wearing a black sweatshirt and black jeans, and 2) a black youth, medium build, wearing a navy blue hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, February 14, 2:31 p.m., the victim was walking down a hallway when he was approached by four persons, one armed with a folding knife. The one with the knife held it to the victim's throat and announced a robbery. He then searched the victim's clothes, taking an identification card out of the victim's wallet. He then punched the victim in the face and all four fled on foot. Some of the persons are known to the victim and investigation is continuing.

## Indecent Exposure

7300 block Morrison Drive, February 13, 10:53 p.m., a woman was in her residence when she observed a man standing outside her sliding glass door exposing himself. He then fled on foot. The man is described as a black male, 25 to 30, 6'2", muscular build, wearing a dark sweatshirt with a wide stripe on the hood and light blue sweat pants.

## Trespassing

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, February 15, 1:30 a.m., a non-resident, 58, was arrested and charged

## Child Seat Check Invited by Police

A Child Safety Clinic was held by the Greenbelt Police Department on February 14. Certified Safety Seat Technicians handed out literature, inspected safety and booster seats and demonstrated their installation.

Police report that none of the safety seats inspected was installed properly before receiving police attention. Any resident wishing a safety seat inspection should contact Traffic Officer Scott Kaiser at 301-507-6547.

with trespassing when he refused to leave the restaurant after violating its rules.

He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a Chrysler Concorde four-door, February 15 from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, which was recovered February 20 by county police in Landover; a grey 2000 Buick Century four-door, Md. tags HDE402, February 15 from Beltway Plaza; a 1989 Jeep Cherokee, February 16 from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, which was recovered February 18 in southeast D.C.; a green 2003 Dodge Intrepid four-door, Va. tags XZM8591, February 19 from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Three vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.

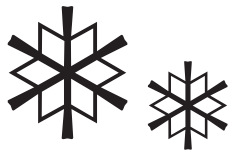
Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9200 block Edmonston Road; 100 block Westway; 3 Court Eastway.

## City Notes

During the week of February 17 the whole focus of the department was snow removal and all that goes with the clearing of the massive amounts of snow Greenbelt received. Crews were called in at 11 p.m. Friday night, February 14 and worked through the holiday weekend clearing streets and sidewalks. Two hundred tons of road salt were delivered on February 18 as supplies dwindled. The city's vehicle fuel tank was also restocked with 2,000 gallons of fuel.

The crews have continued clearing streets, parking spaces and storm drains and pushing snow back to continue to open traffic lanes. Refuse trucks went out on February 19, 20 and 21 in an effort to pick up as much trash as possible. Mechanics repaired equipment and assisted with plowing. The office was open on February 18 and the Greenbelt Connection was in service for emergency appointments and those who needed groceries.

Also, the facilities maintenance crew continued the remodeling work at the Community Center dark room, inspected the mechanical equipment and the roof conditions of all city buildings after the recent snowfall, and assisted in snow removal.



## MoneyLine Opens Local Office Here

America's MoneyLine, Inc., a subsidiary of Saxon Capital, Inc. ("Saxon") which specializes in non-conforming residential mortgages, has announced the opening of a new retail residential mortgage lending office in Greenbelt. The new office is located at Capital Office Park, 6305 Ivy Lane, Suite 120. This office brings to 21 the number of America's MoneyLine retail office locations in the U.S. for Saxon. The new MoneyLine branch has 12 employees.

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## Fendlay Recognized as Distinguished Graduate

by Leslie Hilliard

On January 27 Beth Barber Fendlay, St. Hugh's School alumni ('73), was honored with the National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award. The award was presented at a mass, which began "Catholic Schools Week" and was attended by her friends, family and the St. Hugh's Church and School community. Selected by alumni, the Distinguished Graduate Award is intended to honor graduates of Catholic elementary/middle schools who have made a contribution as a positive role model.

Fendlay was lauded for her many years in teaching at her alma mater. "I was so surprised to receive this award," she said, "I'm still shocked over it. It's nice, really nice."

Fendlay began her career at the school as a volunteer, then taught art for 11 years. She is currently a full-time kindergarten aide. Her kindness and patience have endeared her to both students and faculty. "I love being



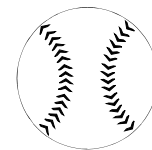
Beth Fendley, left, receives the St. Hugh's Distinguished Graduate Award from Principal Liz Whalen.

with the kindergarten kids," Fendlay said, "they are so cute. But I really miss getting to know all the kids at school on a first name basis and working with the different ages. Teaching art part-time allowed me to do that. Recess, though, now gives me some opportunity to be with the older kids and get to know them."

But being involved in art is still one of her passions. "Now I have a room in the house that's my art room" Fendlay said. "Currently I'm learning different techniques in pottery and have been using the facilities at the Community Center." She also lends her artistic talents to her kindergarten class and for other events during the school year.

A lifelong Greenbelt resident, Fendlay grew up on Ridge Road at Hamilton Place with her parents Donald and Eunice Barber and her sisters Donna Mangum (Greenbelt), Doris Ladny (Crofton), Connie Barber (Greenbelt) and Nancy Barber (Greenbelt). Her parents still live in the family home. After graduating from St. Hugh's she briefly attended Mary Bethune Junior High School in Fairmont Heights and graduated from Parkdale High School. Fendlay is married to Harry Fendlay and is the mother of Sarah and Tony, also alumni of St. Hugh's.

## GREENBELT BASEBALL



### Registration for New Players

Greenbelt Youth Center  
Sat., Mar. 1 & 8  
10 a.m. to noon

### Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

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### Major League Players

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Joe Fulton, 301-474-6034

e-mail: Jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org

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Resident \$25

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Non-Resident \$60

Sibling \$30

Copy of birth certificate is required.

## VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

### Clinic for NEW Major League Players

Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. to noon  
at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway  
Clinic Rain Date Sat., Mar. 22



# A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The snow is excellent news to the gardener because it will melt into the soil, replenishing the water table. There will be no drought this spring since there is now abundant moisture in the soil.



Branches that have fungus on them, are old-looking or broken should be pruned.

When there are two branches rubbing against each other, one should be removed so the remaining branch will not be damaged.

Even branches that don't actually rub, but nearly do, should be pruned, with one branch being removed.

The cut should be as clean as possible. Use a sharp tool. For small branches cut as flush to the trunk as possible. For big branches make two cuts and look at the branch before you cut. Where the branch meets the tree there is a raised ring of growth. The first cut should be at least several inches from the trunk. Then cut just outside the raised ring. The tree or shrub will grow from this ring to cover the wound of the cut so the cut doesn't have to be sealed. By using sharp tools, cutting as flush as possible and by making sure the cut branch doesn't pull away bark as it falls (hence cutting off most of a big branch in the first cut), you make it more likely the wound of the cut will heal well.

Hand clippers are adequate for small branches. They are like the scissors of the garden and can be used for many tasks, so get a pair if you don't have one. Loppers can be used for medium and large branches. The cutting blades are short and the handles are long on this tool. The long handles give more leverage to cut through a branch.

The slow melt of snow means most of the moisture goes into the soil rather than run off and away from the garden. This has long-term consequences. The supply of water in the ground in this region has been severely depleted by the droughts in recent years. Think of how very dry it was in 1999. It was the worst drought in memory for even the oldest gardeners. There have been no wet years, no prolonged wet spells to truly replenish the depletion of the drought year. This winter with several slow-melting snowfalls means this process is underway.

### Pruning

This is the time of year for pruning many types of trees and shrubs. Even basic pruning can help the overall health of the plant.

Trees and shrubs that bloom in summer or autumn can be pruned, but do not prune spring-blooming plants. A few spring bloomers can have basic pruning done - removal of dead, broken or rubbing branches - shad bush, redbud, dogwood, Kousa dogwood, hawthorne, crabapple. Some evergreens can also be pruned now - yew, juniper, arborvitae.

Since the leaves are off the plant, the branches are clearly visible and any problem shows.

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## Making the Most of It



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Sydney Siegel, 6, and Mary Loutsch, 9, stand in front of a cave Marc Siegel made in a pile of snow that city plows created on Maplewood Court. The entrance to the cave has been spray painted in pink and black.

## Magnet Restructure Proposal Revised

The "Magnet Program Restructuring Proposal" presented in October 2002 was withdrawn for further study. A revised proposed plan will be shared with stakeholders and the public through a series of meetings. The following sessions have been scheduled: a public hearing on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. and the board of education meeting on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m., both in the board auditorium, Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. For information call 301-952-6013.

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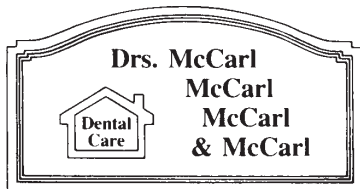
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ing something new, we'd like to join hands with you."

### Livable Communities

Johnson had warm words for Greenbelt, which he sees as a model community. "Coming to Greenbelt . . . you realize that it's a wholesome place to live. That's what I want to do, expand that concept all across the county. It's clean, nice, enjoyable. You get a feeling that when you've had a hard day at work and you're returning to your neighborhood you feel welcome. Every time I come to Greenbelt I feel that way."

Davis noted that it took 65 years to build that feeling. White chimed in: "It takes an investment in the community."

On open space and rural integrity, the county executive's legislative agenda said: "Maintaining the natural integrity of our environment is a must. State funding is essential to initiating an Open Space Program, Rural Legacy and other environmental-friendly programs." In its response council expressed its support and added "We would urge that this initiative be kept in mind when reviewing development proposals like Greenbelt Station which has environmentally sensitive areas and when implementing the county's Woodland Conservation Ordinance."

Davis commented, "Open space is part of the 'Livable Communities' concept, 'to have a green area surrounding it, whether it's trees or it's flowers, or it's just space that you know is there, that it's not going to be developed. We obviously have some serious problems with the development of the Metro Station, the way it was planned."

"I keep wanting to emphasize we're not against development per se. According to Smart Growth that's the area that should get some development, but we would like it to be with the understanding that there's a beautiful environmental area right there and if everybody planned it well, you wouldn't have to have your second car . . . because you'd be living right there by the station and everything that you need would be right there where you live. The way it's planned now, it won't be that way," Davis concluded.

### Gambling Initiative

The last county initiative, protection of neighborhoods impacted by expanded gaming, states: "If enacted, a voluminous venue such as racetracks will increase the demand of services of the impacted areas." The county seeks a reasonable percentage of the gross proceeds or license fees to provide these additional services. Greenbelt opposes gambling but endorses the county approach.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts commented that gambling is said to be necessary to improve our schools. "I think if you go to the citizens of Prince George's County and the citizens of Maryland," he said, "and say 'We need more money for our schools. Let's have a targeted tax just for schools,' I think people will support that."

Johnson responded, "I agree with you. I think we have to get the sense of trust that we're going to spend the money wisely and that's why we're going to try to build the trust."

Roberts queried Johnson, "I've

heard that you're anti-gambling or are you in favor of the slots?" Johnson replied, "I'm not for it. My position is that it's a moral issue. I can't tell a person to vote for it or not to vote for it."

Roberts countered, "I just like the thought of having the county executive taking the moral high ground." In a light moment Johnson replied, "I guess I'm taking the weak ground," followed by a roomful of laughter.

### Greenbelt's Issues

As to the five additional items that Greenbelt presented, enabling municipalities to have planning and zoning authority points out that 119 (76 percent) municipalities in the state have planning and zoning authority and that all 38 municipalities without that authority are in Prince George's County (26) or Montgomery County (12). The overwhelming majority of municipalities in the United States have this authority.

To this request, Johnson showed concern regarding annexation of additional property if municipal zoning authority is granted.

White responded that Greenbelt is "practically built out," except for the Metro Station. "The mode of parlaying planning and zoning on some kind of annexation is not as valid as maybe 20 years ago."

Council's position paper notes opposition to the ICC and extension of Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201), but support for the Inner Beltway Purple Line. "We need to provide additional transportation alternatives, not just build more roads," the statement says. Johnson replied that he was "in favor 100 percent."

On another matter of interest, council would like to overturn CB-40 and require new residential development to pay toward school construction. During discussion Davis said, "There's got to be some new affordable housing built in the area." "I agree with you," Johnson said. "And we need to renovate homes inside the Beltway. I would like to go into the older neighborhoods and renovate one or two homes and use them as model homes to help stimulate residents in those neighborhoods to renovate."

Concerning funding from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Greenbelt notes that its residents pay over \$1 million in taxes to M-NCPPC. In return, the city receives around \$100,000 in direct services or funds. "A more equitable distribution is sought," the report says.

On the contrary, according to a memo received from the Greenbelt Recreation Department, M-NCPPC proposes a schedule reducing the amount of support to the city by one-third over the next three years "until direct financial support is eliminated."

Johnson's response was "Park and Planning is out there by itself . . . It does what it wants to do . . . We need more control to get some synergy in terms of Park and Planning working with you."

The last item was to restore payment of one-half of Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) dues. For many years the county paid one-half of COG dues for county municipalities. But the practice was discontinued in 1996. Since COG dues are based on popula-

## John Norden: Eagle Scout Extraordinaire

by Barbara Young

"I was not good at math and English," Greenbelt's newest Eagle Scout, modest John Norden, says when asked to name his best subject in high school (Eleanor Roosevelt). "Would it be terrible to say 'art'?" he asks. This unusually open, articulate and talented 18-year-old 2002 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High

School is now attending Prince George's Community College in Largo, where the art courses are excellent, he says. A lifelong resident of Greenbelt's Lakewood section, he has a sister Heather, 22, who is finishing up at Smith College.

Not too many young people become Eagle Scouts because the requirements are stringent. A member of Troop 746 since he was old enough to join, John had to earn 21 merit badges to qualify, among other requirements. He earned over 40 badges.

At his family's Greenbelt Community Church, a Boy Scout Court of Honor was held on January 18 to celebrate his high achievement. In the audience with parents Beth and Arnold Norden were troop members and scoutmaster Lenny Wertz, as well as the Rev. Dan Hamlin of the Community Church, the Rev. Dae Park of Mowatt United Methodist Church, sponsor of Troop 746, County Councilmember Doug Peters, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Thomas White and church members and friends.

For his Eagle service project, John chose a big one: renovation of the Community Church playground. Dead trees were overhanging the area, there were an unsafe climber and broken or rusted fences, excessive mud following rain, and clogged drains owing to the wood chip mulch which had washed away from the play area. The clogged drains were causing water dam-

age to an adjacent education building. Among other improvements, John designed a way to block in the play equipment with wooden tiers filled with pea gravel. About 60 hard-working volunteers spent over 200 hours working on the playground improvements with John. "They were people from the church and not from the church and there were even a few people who were just walking by," he remembers. "One guy was riding a bike and he just stopped and started working with us."

### Congratulations

At the ceremony, 25 congratulatory letters were presented, including letters from representatives, senators, former U.S. presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Gerald Ford and a letter from former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening. Listed in the ceremony's program were scouting leadership positions which John held in the past: assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, senior patrol leader and junior assistant scoutmaster.

Also listed in the program were others of Troop 746 who had attained Eagle status. Since 1980, in addition to John Norden, they are: Jerome Farley (1988), Carl Wickline (1989), Jeremy Pritchard (1991), John Yearous (1992) and Andrew Canter (2000).

John Norden's future will probably include art. Although nothing is definite, he has thought about eventually transferring to the Maryland School of Art and Design in Baltimore.

Johnson responded that "the better Greenbelt is, the better Prince George's County will be . . . I will work with you . . . I'll be back as often as I can." When Davis told him that he is welcome to come to any of the activities that go on in Greenbelt throughout the year, Johnson exuberantly replied, "If you invite me, I will come."

Davis expressed appreciation to Johnson, saying, "I feel like we are a team, we can now work



New Eagle Scout John Norden, surrounded by (l. to r.) sister Heather and parents Beth and Arnold Norden.

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Reprinted below are excerpts of recommendations written for Norden from his art teacher and guidance counselor.

John William Norden has the soul of an artist and is a thinker of thoughts larger than reality. His participation in class critiques and assessments added a dimension of astute observation of visual elements and perceptive interpretation of allegory that was truly remarkable for a high school student.

While I have encountered students with higher grade point averages, there have been none who compare with John Norden's innate ability to solve problems and think creatively. He is intrigued with learning and then finding innovative situations to apply the newly gleaned information and techniques in unique ways. He is diligent in his work and is not stymied by obstacles and difficulties.

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Do you have a bug named after you? Neither do I. John Norden does. This is one small indication of something that I have come to know and appreciate about John. School has only been part of his education. An intense sensitivity to people, events, circumstances and ironies has provided John with his real classroom.

When John was 13 years old he accompanied his mother, an entomologist for the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, to Sri Lanka. He lived there for five months. As an official volunteer he accompanied the scientists on their field work offering his assistance. He pinned insects, topped off alcohol vials, fed live ants and entered computer data. He also helped with the field collecting. John's powers of observation were already acute and to the amazement of the professionals, John discovered a new species of wasp. It is named *Machaerotherix johni* and John is the *johni*. He was deeply impressed by something else when he was there. John had never seen poverty before. The experience profoundly changed John's view of the world. He learned that not all children went to school and those that did might not even have pencils and paper. He was immersed in another culture and saw how appreciative the Sri Lankans were of what they had. He felt ashamed of how he had taken the many blessings of life in America for granted.

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