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A jogger runs down snow-covered Ridge Road after the blizzard of 1996.

## Oh, the Snows of Yesteryear!

by James Giese

Although supposedly the sixth worst snowstorm in this area's history, the President's Day weekend storm seemed to me mild compared to past snows I have experienced. I suppose it is because technology is improving and snow removal equipment is getting better.

I grew up in Milwaukee, Wis., so snowfalls were not unusual events in my early life. However, the first super storm I remember was in January 1948 in Milwaukee when I was a high school senior. It began snowing early in the day, but in Milwaukee you don't stop what you're doing and crawl into a hole just because it snows a little. So I went by bus with a school chum to a natatorium to go swimming. It was the only time I have been in a natatorium, although I have been in many indoor swimming pools since. We took the bus home while it snowed heavily.

It was still snowing that night when I walked to high school to usher at the mid-year senior class graduation. Of course, all the parents and students and faculty who were supposed to be there were there. I don't ever remember school being canceled for any reason. After the ceremony I helped push out some of the cars stuck in the parking lot as it was still snowing. Of course, most attendees either had walked or taken public transportation.

The next day I woke up to an eerie silence. Nothing was moving. None of the streets were plowed. We had had maybe two feet or more of snow. Even Oakland Avenue a block away where the streetcar ran was not drivable. By the next day the city had plowed out the streetcar tracks on Oakland and opened some of the other neighborhood streets to limited traffic. My mother and I walked a mile

to the dairy to buy some milk that was usually delivered.

Gradually Milwaukee city crews plowed out the streets but it must have been a week before they plowed our residential street. The city had been caught with aging equipment, purchased before the start of World War II. Manufacturers were still trying to catch up with the need for new civilian equipment. (We had waited for over six months for delivery of our car in 1947, and we thought we had an in with the dealer.)

And was school canceled? No, it was the break between semesters.

1966

Greenbelt had a big snowstorm the weekend of January 29-30 in 1966. The Greenbelt News Review reported that the city did a great job of clearing

See SNOW, page 12

## New Daycare Proposal Caught Up in Belle Point Controversy

by Barbara Hopkins

With Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis out of town, Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts had his first chance to preside over a regular city council meeting on February 24.

### Daycare

Council's most lengthy discussion of the night concerned a proposed daycare center at Belle Point Office Center. The proposal had been referred to the city by the Prince George's Planning Board for comment, though such use conforms to the site plan and zoning for the office development and does not require city approval.

City staff and the Advisory Planning Board had several concerns about the plan and their suggestions for conditions for approval were provided to council. These concerns involve

Beltway noise levels; increases in traffic congestion at the office park during peak pick-up and drop-off times, including pedestrian circulation patterns and parking; play area safety and the area's current lack of shade; lighting and hours of use; and parking.

Since the possibility that increased traffic would warrant installation of a traffic signal at the Lakecrest Drive/Greenbelt Road intersection, staff also recommended that the applicant be required to complete a study to determine this need. If a signal is found to be necessary there, the applicant and/or the center's developer should be financially responsible, staff recommended.

The applicants, Marian and Linderal Arrington, were present at the meeting to explain how

all the concerns expressed were being addressed. A study of noise caused by proximity to the Beltway is still in progress, they said, and has been delayed by the inclement weather.

Several owners with units adjacent to the proposed daycare center gave council their reasons for opposing the plan. These ranged from parking and traffic problems during pick-up and drop-off times to noise levels from young children at play that would disturb the work environment. City Solicitor Robert Manzi told council that compatibility of the daycare center with the rest of the development is not an issue before council because it is a use permitted under the current zoning and site plan.

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## SHL Owners, Architects Share Renovation Plans

by James Giese

The owners of Springhill Lake (SHL) apartments and their architects came forward with concept plans for the redevelopment of the nearly 3,000 unit apartment development. Members of the Greenbelt City Council appeared to like what they saw and heard at a work session held on March 3. So much so, that council appeared to be more supportive of increasing the density of the development than the owners, something not usually heard from the lips of this council or developers. Councilmember Edward Putens expressed support for more commercial or office development while councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Alan Turnbull thought that the buildings might go higher than the five stories contemplated for some new apartment buildings proposed.

Senior Vice President David Douglas of AINCO, the apartment development's owner, told the council that the company was in the middle of a planning process for the redevelopment and that many details of the plan were not set and would have to be worked

out as to how they might be accomplished. He hoped, however, to begin the four to five year renovation program in August. The improvement program is expected to cost about \$30,000 per apartment unit for a total of about \$90,000,000.

"Generally, I'm happy with what you are showing us tonight," Turnbull told Douglas. "Just the fact that the owners are interested in reinvesting in the county pleases us. Douglas, who indicated that the company has done marketing studies, told the council, "We think that this is a high priority property that will do well."

### The Plan

Council had met previously with SHL representatives and had been told that they were planning to undertake redevelopment of the apartments. At that meeting council had told the representatives to "think outside the box," according to Mayor Judith Davis. As a result, the architects, A. H. Meyers Associates Archi-

See SHL PLANS, page 5

## New Public Works Building Is Environmentally "Green"

by Virginia Beauchamp

Your initials had to be K. H. to be invited to speak at the February 21 meeting of the Greenbelt Democratic Club. That's a joke. Not until Mayor Judith Davis was introducing Karen Haseley and Kenny Hall, both city employees, did she realize they had the same initials. Both were there because the club's February meeting traditionally features members of the city staff. Haseley is in charge of programs and accommodations for residents with special needs. Hall is director of Public Works.

### Future Leadership

Hall's department had just come through a week of overtime work in snow removal, but he was looking not to the past but to the future. A city employee for over 30 years, he was credited by Davis with the idea that renovation of the Public Works building near Attick Park

should exemplify the best in "green" construction. Architectural designs are now complete and actual construction, funded under a 2001 bond referendum, will soon begin.

Hall was enthusiastic about special energy-saving properties of the expanded main building. By working in harmony with the environment, the building is estimated to be able to save some 50 percent of normally projected utility costs. To present detailed information concerning these innovations in design and construction, he passed out a three-page written report.

Among examples cited in the report, the office building, through use of skylights, external thermal glass blocks and clerestory glass in corridor walls, will take advantage of available

See "GREEN," page 9

### What Goes On

Monday, March 10

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Committee, Community Center

7:30 p.m., ACE Educators Awards Reception, Municipal Building

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 12

7 p.m., Neighborhood meeting on street improvements, corner of Hillside and Northway

8 p.m., Council Worksession with M-NCPPC, Community Center

Thursday, March 13

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

# Letters

## THANKS!

The family of Stephen Hanyok wishes to thank all our friends for their kind expression of sympathy and support. It is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

*The Stephen Hanyok family*

## Apology to the Woods

We didn't know when we didn't respond to the alarm over English ivy infestation in our woods – and didn't immediately volunteer to remove it manually from trees on the south side of the Hillside Road tunnel, part of GHI's 82 acres of woods – we would never have another chance. Instead, we were unwittingly inviting the destruction of 5 acres of wildlife habitat containing a stream and an understory of native plants, not just invasive weeds. This area adjacent to our homes was to become a test plot for trying herbicides of risky nature.

The understory that had framed the slopes and protected the streambanks in this valley were, therefore, prepared for herbicides...which meant all native plants and small trees were cut and left in place. After this clearing, a mixture of herbicides was sprayed. One of the herbicides – Garlon – is very toxic and can penetrate thick bark and harm the very trees it was sprayed to protect.

Now, we are watching and hoping the woods will recover from destruction to many natural systems that had functioned well before: from filtering pollution, stormwater runoff prevention (that works by capturing water in thick vegetation and holding it there for thirsty trees) to controlling soil erosion (understories along slopes and streambanks prevent sedimentation into our streams).

Since herbicides officially kill weeds, but unofficially attack beneficial forest dwellers (such as soil micro-organisms that trees rely on to break down nutrients), further potential damage was carried to our wildlife, including frogs that eat mosquitoes and birds that feed on berries and seeds – and nest in thickets that were removed. Also, our children and pets, along with us, were exposed to sprays that drifted into our yards.

We encourage those who are interested in stopping herbicides from potentially damaging our soils, water, wildlife, woods – and present risks to us and our pets—to volunteer to remove invasive species by hand. We all need to learn safer ways to deal with environmental problems instead of relying on solutions that can, in the long run, do more harm than good.

We encourage our fellow GHI members to answer the call in the current issue of the GHI newsletter to volunteer to control weeds in our gardens and in at least the parts of GHI woods near our homes!

If you are interested in participating in one or more monthly weed cutting and pulling sessions in GHI woods call Jonathan Murray at 301-345-7933 and leave your name and phone number.

For more information, please e-mail DonaldComis@msn.com or call 301-345-5408 and leave a message.

*Don Comis, president*  
"STOP IT!"  
(Stop Trucking Out Pesticides, Instead: Teamup)

# Wartime Cooking Topic Of Museum Lecture

by Sandra Lange

Food writer and historian Joanne Lamb Hayes will present a lecture based on her book "Grandma's Wartime Kitchen: World War II and the Way We Cooked" on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Green-belt Library. She will show how creative homemakers became when faced with food rationing for such staples as sugar, butter and meat. Hayes will discuss the intriguing ways that women had for serving food for Defense and Victory Parties as well as the traditional Thanksgiving dinner using wartime commodities. The free program will include a book signing. It is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Library.



Hayes' book contains more than 150 wartime recipes. One chapter is entitled "Strrreetch It" and contains 18 recipes for creative uses of leftovers, meatless main dishes and small amounts of thinly sliced meat or ground meat to flavor a dish, and big pots of soup. There are recipes for intriguing dishes called Cabbage Delmonico, English Monkey, Sauerkraut Croquettes and War Cake. Mock sausage patties were made with lentil beans and grape nuts; victory sandwiches were made with cooked string beans and mayonnaise. There are recipes for meatloaf, Swedish meatballs, meat patties and meat pie. There are many dessert recipes as the homemaker was encouraged to send cookies to the men and women overseas.

Joanne Lamb Hayes is a food writer and editor for many national magazines including Country Living, Family Circle and McCall's. She teaches both academic and recreational food courses, and is the co-author of seven previous cookbooks. She is a member of the James Beard Foundation, the International Association of Culinary Professionals, the New York Women's Culinary Alliance, Les Dames d'Escoffier and New York Newswoman's Organization.

In her book, Hayes presents a social portrait of the women personified by Rosie the Riveter who went to work in factories and offices, but kept their jobs in the kitchen, cooking hearty and attractive meals for their families. Hayes states that during World War II, "women were asked to work harder and harder, and they rose to the challenge." Menus had to be well-planned, nutritious, flavorful, economical and use foods that were still available. For example, canned milk was rationed not because milk was scarce, but because the metal in the can was needed for the war effort.

## New Deal Friends to Meet March 16

Friends of New Deal Café Arts will meet on Sunday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Café (which closes to the public at 7 p.m.). Anyone is welcome to attend.

The IRS has informed the group that it is being approved for non-profit status this month, according to President Barbara Simon. Therefore, any in-kind or funds donations to this arts support group will be tax-deductible.

At the meeting, varied committees – publicity, fund-raising,

art exhibits, musical festivals – will develop a time-line of projects. One project is a wish list for the arts.

Also in the works is a yard sale in late spring. All donated goods will be tax-deductible.

Volunteers will gain experience and personal satisfaction in supporting the performing, visual and literary arts presented at the café, Simon said. For more information, leave name and number at 301-474-2192.

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I'm ready for the next 'Code Orange.'"

L.J. PARKER ©2003

## Donation Drop-Off On Saturday

The city's Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored by the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, March 8 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of each month.

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Call Jennifer Jones (301) 441-4770  
for details

## GHI Notes

The Pet Subcommittee will meet March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Conference Room

The Woodlands Committee will meet March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors meetings for the month will be March 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The next pre-purchase orientation will be held March 15 at 11 a.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

## Pet Adoption

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, March 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at [www.pgspca.org](http://www.pgspca.org).

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

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

4 p.m. BooKids. Book discussion for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, March 13, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for 2-year-olds with caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m. Teen Work Week Workshop for ages 16 to 19. Resumé writing, Interviewing, Job-Search Techniques. Presenter: Erith Bennet.

Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library Book Discussion of Paul Fleischman's "Borning Room."

## Mamas and Papas Go for the Green

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will meet on Wednesday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. For this meeting, try to bring an Irish or St. Patrick's themed food (anything green will do). All are welcome for potluck lunch and conversation. Make friends with other Greenbelt parents while children play. The group will also meet on March 26, the fourth Wednesday of the month. To learn more, call Melissa Sites at 301-982-9812.

## GATE Hosts Speaker At Annual Meeting

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will be hosting its annual meeting on Sunday, March 16 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the GATE studio.

The guest speaker will be Don Van Sickle of Communications Televideo Limited (CTL) in Silver Spring. He will demonstrate several MiniDV video cameras and discuss field sound for video shoots.

All members are encouraged to attend and to vote on new board directors. This meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The GATE studio is located on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center across from the multi-purpose room. For more information, contact the studio at 301-507-6581 or by email: [MaliaMurray@hotmail.com](mailto:MaliaMurray@hotmail.com).

# Community Events

## Disabled Vets Help

Many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they have earned. There is so much to know and so many changes from one year to the next. To assist in this area, local members of the nonprofit DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will present a veterans information seminar at 7 p.m. on March 13 at the DAV Chapter Home, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Like all DAV services, this seminar is free to all veterans and members of their families.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Our last two meetings were cancelled due to snow and ice, but we seniors keep going.

The March 12 meeting will have Fred Baluch speaking on "Spirituality."

The birthday pot luck luncheon will combine February and March birthdays on March 19. March 26 will be a "sing-a-long" led by Greenbelt's own talented Chris Cherry. Come and sing and enjoy the music.

The anniversary lunch will be on April 16 at La Fontaine Bleu. Dues must be up to date at this time.

We were glad to learn that Arlene Souser is home after surgery and is doing well. It's been a long, hard year for Arlene and Bill.

It seems as if "thank you" need to be added here to: the road crews, the friends who helped shovel snow, the people who had to reschedule all the activities and the crew who put out the News Review on time. Even in the snow Greenbelt is Great!

## Hard of Hearing Get Help at Meeting

Having trouble understanding conversation against background noise? Or hearing dialogue on TV that has background music, or in other public places such as movies, churches, or meetings?

It is time to consider having a hearing test. Begin by learning more about new features in hearing aids and assistive listening devices (sound amplifiers and alerting devices). Bring all questions to the March 13 meeting of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Prince George's County Group, on Thursday afternoon, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For further information or directions call 301-474-0345.

## GEAC Meeting

The March 6 meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) was cancelled. The next meeting will be April 3 at Windsor Green at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be the annual stakeholders' meeting with the City Council. Sheldon Goldberg, president of GEAC, will send out a reminder and a list of topics in the latter part of March. Anyone with topics is invited to send them to Goldberg or to the Windsor Green office.

### Mishkan Torah Sisterhood Seder

A multi-traditional, music-rich, reconstructed Passover Seder  
Saturday, March 29, 6 p.m.  
Call Annie to RSVP, 301-345-8475  
**Early Bird Prices:**  
\$18 per adult, \$12 per teen,  
\$10 per child (under 5, free)  
(Prices increase after March 9)

## Campground Hosts Needed in Park

Greenbelt Park campground is seeking a volunteer campground host. The host position will begin in mid to late April and end in September. Duties include helping with the day-to-day operation of the 178 site campground, especially at night.

Someone who is friendly and outgoing and enjoys people of all ages and backgrounds is needed. Good communication skills are required and no law enforcement duties are expected. There is a requirement for an RV or camper for this position. Deadline for applications with resumé is Saturday, March 28.

Send application and resumé to Greenbelt Park Campground, 6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, Attn: Campground Host Position.

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or check the park's website at [www.nps.gov/gree/](http://www.nps.gov/gree/).

## Water Polo Group

Bullish on Water Polo (BullWP) is a new group that will be learning and playing throughout the year on the second Saturday of each month in the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Last summer 40 youth players showed up weekly on Thursday nights during the summer at the outdoor pool. This year the group is training for that program by starting an indoor program that begins Saturday, March 8 at 9 p.m. The group will also hold indoor BullWP events April 12 and May 10 before they return to the weekly Thursday night format on June 19. BullWP has even bigger plans. For more information call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

## Help Remove Ivy In GHI's Woods

Greenbelt Homes' Woodlands Committee will be removing invasive plants from Parcel W (and other adjoining parcels) on Sunday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of Research and Greenhill Roads. Parcel W is on the west side of Research Road, north of Greenhill Road.

Come out and help so that GHI is not forced to resort to herbicides. Dress for the weather and bring gloves and clippers to remove English Ivy from the base of trees. For more information call Jonathan Murray at 301-345-7933.

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 8, 10am-12noon

Registration fee: \$20.00

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

## Street Repairs Will Upset Parking

Sometime in March or April, street improvement work will be undertaken on Northway between Hillside and Crescent Roads. The work will consist of replacing curbs and gutters on both sides of Northway. Driveway aprons will be upgraded as needed to conform with county standard specifications.

The work will cause interruptions at driveways as curb and gutters and part of the driveways will be replaced. Residents will not be able to use their driveways for one to three days, but there will be on-street parking. Signs will be posted a week prior to the start of the construction. One of the first stages of construction will be removing speed bumps. They will be replaced after the street is resurfaced with asphalt.

City staff will host neighborhood meetings on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the corner of Hillside and Northway and on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the corner of Woodland Way and Northway.

## Ice Cream Social At Senior Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Senior Center is hosting its seventh annual ice cream social for senior citizens on Friday, March 14. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the gym at the Community Center where the singing ensemble, Cantanti, will be performing.

Seniors will be able to socialize, listen, sing and enjoy a variety of music, then make their own ice cream sundaes starting at 2:30 p.m. in the dining room. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend this fun and different afternoon. For more information call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## Waiver Granted For Snow Days

State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick requested and received waiver authority for two days potential relief for school systems from the 180 school day requirement due to the severe winter.

## Garden Club Holds Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Greenbelt Police Station.

The original garden club in the city, the club oversees three fields. The fields are divided into plots which average 50 by 50 feet. Members sign up for plots at the annual meeting. Members can sign up again for the plot they have been using and then plots are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. All are welcome to plant a garden.

There are plowed and unplowed plots. Water is not available on the fields - gardeners must bring in the water they need. The fields are located in the original part of the city. One field is at the end of Gardenway near the overpass. Two fields are near Hamilton Place. One field is just beyond the parking spaces at the GHI offices. And the other field is just beyond GHI's boat and trailer storage yard and can be reached by the small lane off the end of Hamilton Place.

## Photo Club Tackles Problem Photos

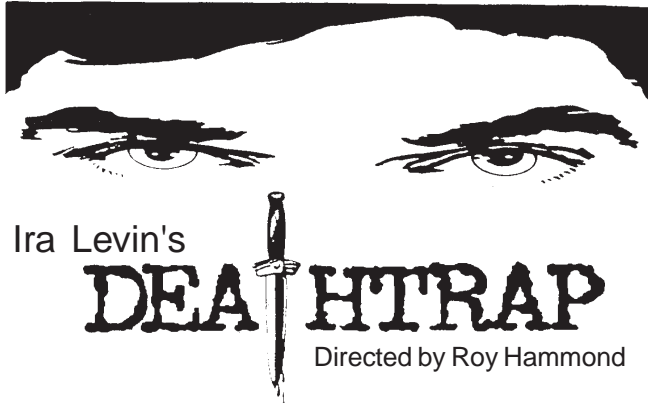
The Greenbelt Photo Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Photography enthusiasts at all levels are welcome. March 11 the topic will be "Oops! What happened here?" Members and guests are invited to bring their photographs with a problem that has them stumped. For more information, call 301-779-6576.

## "The Borning Room" To Be Discussed

On Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m., the first of two special book discussion sessions will be held at the Greenbelt Library.

Sponsored by Friends of the Greenbelt Library, the hour-long event, in the meeting room downstairs, will explore "The Borning Room" by Paul Fleischman, a Newbery award winner. The book deals with the cycle of life the room has witnessed. This short paperback is available at the library's circulation desk. For further information, call 301-441-8249. The next session is set for April 26.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents



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(next to the post office in Roosevelt Center)

# Obituaries

## Stephen Hanyok

Stephen Hanyok, 80, of Lastner Lane died February 18, 2003.

A native of Pennsylvania, he moved to Greenbelt in 1948 after two years on the waiting list. He earned an engineering degree at George Washington University and worked for the Bureau of Standards which at that time was located on Greenbelt Road and is now owned by NASA. When the Bureau moved to Colorado, Mr. Hanyok accepted a position with the Department of the Navy. He was instrumental in modernizing air traffic control communications.

Mr. Hanyok retired from the Navy Department after 30 years of service. He continued his work as an engineer as a consultant with Denro Labs of Gaithersburg.

Mr. Hanyok worked in the early 1950s with the local Byzantine Catholics to establish a Washington, D.C. parish. Since then three parishes have been established to accommodate the parishioners in Northern Virginia, Montgomery County, Md. and Baltimore.

When he first came to Greenbelt he attended St. Hugh's Catholic Church. One time he worked diligently at selling turkey raffle tickets for St. Hugh's. He dressed two of his children like pilgrims and stationed them in front of the Co-op grocery store.

He enjoyed making home-made sausage and smoked kielbasa. He donated much of his talent to fundraising, including Boy Scouts and church functions. Some of the scouts still remember helping him stuff sausages.

He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren in the garden and smokehouse, passing on these homespun traditions.

He met his wife Angela on a blind date in 1943. They were married in 1945 and celebrated 57 years of marriage. There were eight children.

He is survived by his wife Angela, sons Stephen, John, Mike and Greg, daughters Karen Freeman and Christine Ariemma, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His sons Nicholas and George preceded him in death.



## Eleanor Ritter

Former Greenbelter Eleanor Ritter, 96, died on February 25, 2003 at her grandson's house in Mechanicsville.

A Greenbelt pioneer, Mrs. Ritter and her family moved into Greenbelt on November 30, 1937. She lived for nearly 64 years in her house in the 6 Court of Hillside Road.

Born and raised in Harrisburg, Pa. she met her husband Charles while he was in the U. S. Army and they married February 3, 1926. When her husband came to Washington, D.C. to work for the Government Printing Office, he read about Greenbelt in the paper and a friend drove him out so he could see about renting a house. By the time they moved in there were three children.

Mrs. Ritter was one of the earliest members of Greenbelt Community Church. She helped with the Children's Choir and addressed church mailings by hand. She also participated in the Women's Sewing Circle.

Mrs. Ritter was also active in the PTA of her children's schools and Greenbelt Golden Age Club. A homebody, she stayed home and devoted herself to her family. She ironed for families in the community for many years until age 91. An outgoing person, she enjoyed visiting with the families when they picked up their laundry.

Mrs. Ritter's husband Charles, daughter Louise and son Harvey preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Helen Hindt of Mechanicsville; brother, Rodney Harris, New York State; grandchildren James D'Amico, Charles, Edwin and Duane Hindt, and Debora Jones; 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Gasch's funeral home and interment was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.



Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of former Greenbelter, Eleanor Ritter. A pioneer, Mrs. Ritter had moved in November 1937 with her family into the 6 Court of Hillside Road where she lived for nearly 64 years before going to live with her daughter Helen Hindt in Forestville.

In early February, Amy Mach Avila completed the requirements for her Ph.D. in neural pharmacology at Georgetown University. Parents Darrell and Leta Mach were present at the seminar she presented on her dissertation prior to the defense before her thesis committee. She starts her post-doctoral work at the National Institutes of Health in March. Her degree will be officially conferred at graduation ceremonies in May.

Congratulations to Guinevere Granite, daughter of Mary Lou Oster-Granite and David Granite of Lakeside Drive. She has been named to the Merit List at Ohio's Kenyon College for the first semester of the 2002-2003 academic year. To be eligible for Merit List recognition, a student must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.45 on the college's 4-point grading scale.

A graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Granite is studying anthropology.

Congratulations to Gina Leanila Lancaster of Springhill Court, who received her doctorate at the University of Delaware's winter commencement ceremonies.

Happy 94th birthday to Florence Holly.

Ottillie Van Allen will celebrate her 99th birthday on March 15. She would love to hear from her friends. Her address is 500 Mt. Zion Church Road, Frostproof, FL 33843.

Greenbelters Patrick Ready and Keith Brown and Greenbelt Arts Center's board member Norma Ozur are in the cast of Prince George's Little Theatre, Inc.'s play "The Matchmaker." The show plays weekends in March beginning March 14.

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 Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

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**Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm**  
**Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm**

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## Final Days to Enter

High school students in Greenbelt are encouraged to submit their entries for the ACE Reading Club's High School Poetry and Short Fiction Contest as the deadline is fast approaching. This contest is open to all high school students (grades 9 through 12) who are residing in Greenbelt or attending a school in Greenbelt. Winning entries will be presented by the student authors at the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase, which is to be taped and aired on Greenbelt's local cable channel.

Registration forms and contest guidelines can be requested from the student's English teacher, school librarian, or by contacting Liz Murray at the ACE Reading Club (High School Contest), City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Entries are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28 in the Greenbelt CARES office, located in the city municipal building at 25 Crescent Road. All entries must include a registration form. Contest guidelines and registration forms can be found online at [http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/Boards\\_and\\_Committees/ACE\\_Reading\\_Club/ace\\_reading\\_club.htm](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/Boards_and_Committees/ACE_Reading_Club/ace_reading_club.htm). Send an email to [e-murray@att.net](mailto:e-murray@att.net) or call 301-345-6660 for more details.

## Enjoy Fowl Play? Join Audubon Society

People who would like to increase their skills in identifying the waterfowl seen on local lakes and waterways or flying overhead should attend the next meeting of the Prince George's Audubon Society, Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Airport Annex.

Bill Stott, who does training for professional wildlife refuge workers, will share techniques with the group. Guests are always welcome to attend. For more information call Carolyn Sturtevant at 301-513-0006 or visit the website at <http://www.pgaudubon.org>.

## Sisterhood Holds Passover Seder

On March 29 at 6 p.m. the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will lead a unique Seder. Why is this Seder different from all other Seders? It will be a multi-traditional, music-rich, reconstructed Seder that will give individuals and families experiences, ideas, songs and recipes to enrich their home celebrations. The Haggadah, compiled by Sisterhood members includes the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from Egypt blended with personal stories of modern liberation. Seder plates will reflect the Ashkenazi and Sephardi traditions. The gourmet kosher food, served family style, will represent the rich and varied cultural heritage of the Jewish people. This will be a family affair, starting and ending with song, in which all can participate in the retelling of the Passover story. Each participant will go home with a Haggadah including songs and recipes. Each child will be given a craft bag to do at home. More surprises are planned.

The entire community is invited to share this special celebration. Early bird reservations are available through March 9. Prices will increase after that. Reservations will be accepted until March 23. No walk-ins. Call Annie Haber to make reservations at 301-345-8475.

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Community  
of Greenbelt**

**MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

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 with Leo Jones, worship associate  
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 Barbara Wells and  
 Jaco B. ten Hove,  
 co-ministers

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 rich of the midnight sighing of  
 the poor, lest heedlessness  
 lead them into the path of  
 destruction, and deprive them  
 of the Tree of Wealth. To give  
 and to be generous are  
 attributes of Mine; well is it with  
 him that adorneth himself with  
 My virtues."  
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 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
 Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced  
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 Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor  
 Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate  
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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
 301-474-9410

SUNDAY

Children and Adults	
Bible Study	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
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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 9, First Sunday of Lent  
 Sermon: "On-going Creation"  
 March 12, Lenten Dinner and Study, 6:00 p.m.

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fects, Inc., and owners did not accept things as they were.

The most significant change was to replace the existing small commercial center at the southwest corner of Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane plus adjacent townhouse apartments on Springhill Lane with a baseball field and a new fitness center. The fitness center is to replace the existing city Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Cherrywood Lane. Replacing the recreation center and neighboring apartment buildings at the northeast corner of Springhill Drive and Cherrywood Lane would be a cluster of new five story apartment buildings. These buildings would have one-level parking under the building as well as outdoor parking, but the overall area taken up for parking and building would not be much different than that for the existing three story buildings. A total of 108 apartment units would be torn down for these changes, Douglas said.

The rest of the Springhill Lake buildings including the Fountain Lodge and the Learning Center would remain. However, the apartment units would be extensively remodeled. To give the feel of a smaller community, the apartment buildings would be grouped in eight neighborhoods, each with a somewhat different identity. For example, one neighborhood might be called Brookside at Springhill Lake, Douglas suggested.

In each neighborhood the exterior appearance of the buildings would be somewhat different from those in other neighborhoods. Also, the style of signage would be unique to each neighborhood. While the buildings would still have the same brick exteriors, the windows, panels under the windows, balconies, eaves and some doorways would vary in style and color, Douglas said.

### Shopping

The layout plan also envisions a walkway from the west end of Springhill Drive at Cherrywood Lane to the Metro station. This would provide pedestrian access to the proposed shops at Greenbelt Station as well as the present access to the Beltway Plaza. When some councilmembers expressed the desire to see a small neighborhood easy walk-to shopping center maintained in the apartment project, Douglas indicated that the stores that had been in the existing commercial center had never been very successful. He doubted that small businesses could compete there against nearby large chain stores unless their rents could be subsidized to lower their costs. City Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze said that the city has been encouraging the Beltway Plaza to orient any new stores placed in the back of the shopping center toward Springhill Lake to provide more convenient shopping for the large population living there.

Douglas noted that there would have to be a lot of interaction between the city and SHL in order for the plan to be worked out. The project would need city help relating to the exchange of land, the building of the new recreation facility and obtaining necessary planning, zoning and building approvals.

Another problem brought out in the discussion is that the architects had allocated space for a

6,000 square foot recreation building. However, the current recreation building is 8,800 square feet according to Assistant to the City Manager David Moran and the city plans to add a 4,400 square foot addition. Davis said that construction of that addition had been delayed because matching funding expected from the state was not forthcoming last year and probably would not become available this year either. A bond issue authorized in 2001 by voters at the city election provides \$750,000 for the \$1.5 million project. There are other city funds available, but the city still needs \$450,000 from the state.

Councilmembers suggested that they would be open to denser development by building taller buildings or converting some of the apartment areas into commercial or office facilities. Douglas noted that his company specialized in residential properties and that five stories was as high as one could go without significantly increasing the cost of construction and rents.

### Floor Plans

Architects Alan Meyers and Cynthia Johnson presented the council with a rundown of what would be done to remodel the apartments. For the exteriors, the apartments would get new Thermopane energy efficient windows and new balconies. Entranceways and lobbies would be redecorated in each building. Each apartment would get a new heating system with a gas heater in each unit to heat water and also to heat radiators in the wintertime. Electric air conditioner units would be installed in each apartment so that each tenant would have total control of the heating and air conditioning for his or her apartment unit. Condenser units for each apartment would be located outside the buildings on the grounds and screened by landscaping.

Each unit will get new kitchen cabinets and counters, new appliances, new carpeting, redone bathrooms, all new and updated electrical service and ceiling fans. The apartment units would also have added to them washers and dryers.

Johnson showed floor plans for the two-bedroom units of which there are nearly 1,000. They would be remodeled to increase closet space and to provide a second bathroom, so that each bedroom would have its own bathroom. These changes would reduce the size of the master bedrooms. Portions of the kitchen walls would be removed to open the kitchens up more to the living room-dining areas. Instead of an L-shaped configuration for kitchen cabinets and counters, they would be U-shaped.

The owners and architects emphasized that in accordance with council's wishes there would be a mix of rental rates so that families of varying income levels could be accommodated at the apartment project. Lower income families would be dispersed among all the units and floor levels and not concentrated in any one area.

The members of the council urged the SHL representatives to go forward with the planning process and to work closely with Wilson and other city staff-members. It is expected that there will be a further review by the council with SHL at a later date.



# City Information

**CITY COUNCIL-Regular Meeting-Monday, March 10, 2003**  
**Municipal Building Council Room**  
**ACE Educator Awards Reception - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.**

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

ACE Educator Awards Ceremony

**Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

**\*Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda (marked by \*) will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

### LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Codifying the Late Fee for Traffic Control Signal Monitoring System Citations (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of NovaChip Asphalt Paving from the Gorman Group of Quakertown, Pennsylvania (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- City Trees and Vegetation Policy (ACT Report #2003-1)
- Award of Contract for Street Concrete Work
- Pending State Legislation
- \* Appointment to Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.

### MEETINGS FOR MARCH 10-14

**Monday, March 10, 7:00pm,** Recycling and Environment Committee, Community Center.

**Monday, March 10, 7:30pm,** Reception for ACE Educators, Municipal Building.

**Monday, March 10, 8:00pm,** REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building.

**Wednesday, March 12, 7:00pm,** Neighborhood Meeting on Street Improvement Work, Corner of Hillside and Northway.

**Wednesday, March 12, 8:00pm,** STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, County Planning Board, Community Center.

### 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.



### STREET IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR NORTHWAY

Sometime in March or April the City will undertake street improvement work on Northway between Hillside and Crescent Road. This work will consist of replacing curbs and gutters. This will cause disruption of driveway use for some residents during this time. The City will hold two informational neighborhood meetings to discuss the upcoming project. The first meeting will be held:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, AT 7PM**  
**at the corner of HILLSIDE AND NORTHWAY**

**The second meeting will be held:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 7PM**  
**at the corner of WOODLAND WAY AND NORTHWAY**

**Anyone with questions may call Public Works**

### PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## PUBLIC FORUM

**Wednesday, March 19--7:00pm**  
**Greenbriar Community Room**

This is the second in a series of forums that will be held throughout the city. The Public Safety Committee wants to hear about your Public Safety issues and concerns. At this forum, public safety issues in Greenbelt East will be discussed. For more information call 301-345-7203.

**CITY OF GREENBELT SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FOR RESIDENTS BEGAN ON MARCH 3rd. NON-RESIDENTS MAY BEGIN REGISTERING ON MONDAY, MARCH 17th at 9am. 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 10 at 8pm,** City Council Meeting "live" **Tuesday & Thursday, March 11 & 13, 6pm** "ACE Reading Club at Greenbelt Elementary" **7:00pm** Reading is Fundamental- "Poetry, Fun with Words" **8:00pm** "Replay of City Council Meeting"  
**Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 12 & 14, 7pm** "Love Foundation-Deliverance from Demons II" **7:30pm** "Boys and Girls Club Winter Soccer 2000", **9:00pm** Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Brightness Falls" **Sunday, March 16 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.

## Assault

6100 block Breezewood Court, February 24, 5:07 a.m., a woman was walking along Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale Park when a man offered her a ride home. She accepted. The man said he first had to drop off his intoxicated friend, thereafter stopping the vehicle on Breezewood Court and assaulting the victim by punching her several times and fondling her. The man then fled in the vehicle, described as a green van, possibly a Dodge Caravan or Nissan Quest. The woman refused medical treatment for a minor facial injury. The suspect is described only as an Hispanic male, twenties, 5'2", 160 lbs., wearing blue jeans and a gold necklace.

## Robbery

7500 block Ora Glen Drive, February 25, 10:50 a.m., a man approached the teller's station at the Bank of America and announced a robbery, telling the teller he had a gun (although no weapon was displayed). After obtaining money, the suspect fled, getting into a vehicle described as a white Dodge Neon and traveling on Ora Glen Drive possibly toward Mandan Road. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30, 6', 200 lbs., wearing a black knit cap, cream-colored mask, a black windbreaker jacket, black shoes and black gloves.

With reference to a robbery reported February 14 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, during which four persons approached a victim in a hallway and one of them held a knife to the victim's throat, took the victim's wallet and punched him in the face. Arrests have been made. Two juveniles, one a 17-year-old resident of Greenbelt, the other a 16-year-old resident of Lanham, have been charged as adults with armed robbery and first degree assault, among other charges. Also, petitions on similar charges

were filed for two 14-year-old Greenbelt juveniles.

## Trespassing

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, February 22, 12:14 a.m., a 27-year-old nonresident was arrested after he refused to leave the restaurant. He had been banned for violating restaurant policy but returned. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Disorderly

Beltway Plaza, February 21, 9:30 p.m., a nonresident man, 21, was arrested after he refused to stop yelling and shouting inside the mall, causing people to gather. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 1995 Acura Legend two-door, Md. tags KPV781, February 24, from the 6500 block of Springcrest Drive; a 1996 Dodge Neon four-door, February 25, from the 7500 block Mandan Road, which was recovered February 27 in the area of Greenbrook Drive and Cloister Place in Greenbelt; and a dark blue 1996 Nissan Maxima four-door, Md. tags DVR457, February 25, from the 7200 block South Ora Court.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents), Beltway Plaza (two incidents); 7600 block Hanover Parkway; 9100 block Springhill Lane; unit block Crescent road; 7200 block Mandan Road; 7800 block Mandan Road.

In the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, after a traffic stop, a nonresident man, 47, was arrested and charged with theft. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle was stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

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

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

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The issue is complicated by a current controversy between some unit owners and the developer regarding who has rightful ownership of the involved common area and can make decisions on its use. Unit owners Joy and Dwayne Grady presented council with their argument and documentation that the developer had acted inappropriately in permitting the daycare center to use the common area in question. The Gradys maintain that the council of unit owners were the rightful owners of the area at the time the agreement was made, that the condominium declaration had not been followed and that the developer's charter has been revoked for failure to pay taxes. On this basis, any agreement the developer has made with the applicant should be nullified, they said.

Manzi had already informed council about an issue of disputed ownership of the common area, which could not be addressed by council or the Prince George's County Planning Board, but should be settled before a judge. Without a fenced, outdoor play area, he noted, the daycare center permit cannot be granted.

Manzi told council there were three alternatives. It could recommend approval of the daycare center, take no position either way and send the Planning Board a letter citing the conflict regarding ownership of the common area involved or oppose the permit altogether.

Councilmember Edward Putens made the motion to disapprove the center, with staff's list of suggested conditions also forwarded for consideration should the planning board approve the daycare use anyway. Councilmember Alan Turnbull asked that the motion be amended to avoid using the terms "approve/disapprove" and instead use "recommend disapproval" so the action better reflects council's role as a recommending body only, with approval or disapproval in the power of the county planning board. The motion passed four to zero.

## Loss of State Funds

Council was disappointed to learn of a memo from Charlie

Watkins of the State Highway Administration (SHA) to Mayor Judith Davis saying that \$26.4 million would be cut from the 2003 and 2004 budgets of the state's Department of Transportation. This cut would significantly reduce funds available for the Neighborhood Conservation Program, under which improvements to Greenbelt Road were expected to be financed. For now, the Greenbelt Road project has been scrapped. The memo says the governor and legislature can restart the project when additional funds are available.

Turnbull requested this matter be included for council's discussion because he wanted to be sure that Greenbelt's legislative delegation was aware of it. He suggested that the Inter-county Connector could be scrapped as an alternative money-saving move. Councilmember Thomas White agreed that council should communicate "strong concern" to the appropriate officials because the Neighborhood Conservation Program would make the cities of Maryland more livable.

Council agreed four to zero to send a letter to SHA, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the county executive, the governor and to the legislative delegation arguing for reinstatement of the program.

## New Legislation

Introduced for first reading by White was an ordinance to codify the \$25 late fee charged for failure to pay tickets that are issued for going through red lights at camera-controlled intersections.

Also introduced at the meeting for first reading was a resolu-

tion to contract with Gorman Group of Quakertown, Pa. for pavement repair on several city streets. The resolution provides paying Gorman Group to use NovaChip, a recent technology that requires no milling, to make street repairs on Lakeside Drive from Crescent to Lakecrest, Lastner Lane, Northway from Crescent to Hillside, Ora Glen Drive from Morrison to Mandan, and Ridge Road from Southway to Gardenway. The project would cost the city \$160,112, including \$1500 to move the repair equipment from the center of the city to Greenbelt East to work on Ora Glen Drive. McLaughlin said the repairs should give the streets about another 10 years of life. In response to a question from Turnbull, McLaughlin said the speed bumps on Northway will be removed and a revised plan for traffic calming in that area presented to council at a future meeting.

## Metro Access Forum


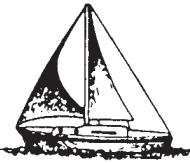

An online forum has been scheduled for March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. about the use of Metro Access for riders with disabilities. Metro Access is the Washington Metropolitan Area para-transit system for individuals whose disabilities prevent them from using the regular transit system.

In advance of the scheduled live online forum, visitors can post questions or make comments at [www.netathon.org](http://www.netathon.org). The forum is sponsored by United Cerebral Palsy of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Inc. Call 301-262-4993 for additional information.

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If power outages occur the building will sustain itself with an emergency generator powered with bio-diesel fuel.

**Water Saving**

The vehicle washing system in the maintenance building will utilize cool water and a recycling principle to filter out oil and other contaminants. Every restroom will be equipped with automatic flushing, water-saving toilets and sinks with automatic faucets. Hot water will be provided in the geothermal system that also operates heating and air conditioning.

In the garage areas a radiant heating system fired by natural gas will be installed. In the administration building carbon dioxide sensors will automatically monitor the amount of outside air introduced through the heating and air conditioning system. Hall estimates that these major components will pay for themselves in utility costs within six years and thereafter will save some 50 percent over conventional methods.

**Recycling**

In support of the city's emphasis on environmental protection through recycling, great attention is paid to choices in carpet, tile, adhesives and paint. All will be low in volatile organic compounds that could adversely affect the environment and a building's occupants. Carpets and tile will contain recycled materials. Offices will have exposed beams and heating ducts, reducing by about 60 percent the grid system and required number of ceiling tiles.

Even rainwater will be re-

cycled through roof drains that lead to rain gardens around the premises. Water from paved surfaces, that will also enter the gardens, will first be treated. Plant materials chosen will also be drought tolerant to reduce the need for watering.

**Educational**

Hall said that prior to beginning plans for expansion of the facility, staff members visited the new headquarters of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, which has received much attention for its environmentally friendly design. Hall envisions an educational component to Greenbelt's building as well, involving staff and citizens, for example, to teach the mechanics of constructing the gardens.

Hall said he also hopes to offer tours to show citizens how ideas utilized in the building might be transferred to their own homes. Signs and displays within the lobby will also educate visitors about the many green elements used throughout the project. The building, he hopes, will become "a benchmark against which future city building projects will be measured" and "current buildings retrofitted."

**Unique Position**

Haseley's presentation at the meeting actually preceded Hall's report. Among municipalities in the Washington metropolitan area, she said, her position is unique and to her uniquely fascinating. Unlike all other jurisdictions Greenbelt offers a job where she is responsible for two very different populations - people of all ages with disabilities and senior citizens as a separate group.

As a therapeutic specialist, Haseley finds accommodations for everyone with special needs, allowing them to participate in

all kinds of activities that the city sponsors. At the same time she develops specialized programs and services for a growing elderly population. In the latter capacity she meets quarterly with a team of citizen volunteers who help plan events of interest to seniors. Among these are trips to places and events that require the use of city vans.

For safety reasons, Haseley said, the number of people accommodated in out-of-town programs has had to be limited to 10 per van - fewer than formerly. To insure fairness, a lottery system has been developed for signing up.

Explorations Unlimited, a series of Friday lectures; a Monday film showing; and the Golden Age Club are among the variety of programs under Haseley's purview. A senior citizen lounge and a game room for seniors are also provided within the Community Center.

**Gambling Forum**

Delegate Justin Ross (District 22) will host an area-wide Community Forum on gambling at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 at First United Methodist Church, 6201 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville. House Speaker Michael Busch is expected. Delegate Ross is opposed to slots.



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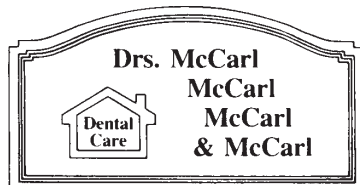
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**John Fiege, then age 7, enjoyed sledding down the hill behind North End School in January, 1982.**

the streets (all roads were open by Tuesday), there was no significant crime and no bad fires, although the rescue squad made two runs to the hospital.

While the streets were open to two-lane traffic, the city had not yet opened up all of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. parking courts. Some court residents, however, had banded together and shoveled out their courts.

At that time the city was still maintaining the GHI courts, something it had been doing since 1937 when the federal government owned everything and paid for city services. It was a little while later that the city solicitor ruled that the city had no right to be maintaining the parking areas of private property, which the original housing had become in 1953 when the housing cooperative bought the homes.

Back then there were still vestiges of World War II civil defense and Hal Silvers, the county director of civil defense, lived in Greenbelt. (He claimed that if there was a nuclear attack, the solidly built GHI homes were the best bomb shelter around.) The National Guard Armory was one of eight shelters civil defense set up during the storm for some 1,100 stranded motorists. The Greenbelt armory was open from 9 p.m. Sunday until noon on Monday, by which time most of the stranded people were able to continue their journey. There were a total of 20, including five children, who stayed at the armory. They were furnished with cots, blankets and food.

Silvers was not so lucky. His car got stuck in a snowdrift at the Armory driveway and he hiked to his headquarters. When he emerged 26 weary hours later, he found that his car had been towed away by the police.

All police officers managed to report for duty except for one officer stuck in West Virginia. Several officers who lived outside Greenbelt stayed overnight in the city, spending their off hours at the homes of resident officers and, in one case, taking up the offer of a resident to stay the night at her home. Police, who had chains on their vehicles, helped essential workers get to their jobs but denied help to a man wanting to attend a meeting at the Elks Club and a waitress whose boss needed her at a nearby restaurant where customers were waiting for service.

City Manager James Giese announced that employees would be paid at straight time hourly wages for the hours worked during the snow emergency, not overtime, according to Virginia Beauchamp's News Review article.

An unidentified woman on Maplewood Court told the paper that she had rescued two ducks and was sheltering them at her home, suspecting that other hungry ducks in the flock were planning to cannibalize them. But Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dreyer of Olivewood Court came to the rescue of the ducks on Greenbelt Lake, walking around the entire circumference of the lake to locate the ducks and feed them.

One angry Springhill Lake man complained bitterly to the city manager's office about a latecomer taking his parking space after he had spent hours clearing it out. Another resident, however, tried a different approach. He left a broom handle sticking out of the snow bank next to his cleared space saying, "I spent two hours digging this out. Please don't take it."

### 1979

"Record Snow Buries Greenbelt, City Crews and Citizens Dig Out" was the headline in the February 22 News Review. The paper reported that there had been 24 inches of snow over a 21-hour period with drifts five to six feet high. Only the 1922 Knickerbocker Storm was more severe, with 25 inches. That's when the roof of the Knickerbocker Theater caved in during a performance killing many people.

Because of the drifts the city failed to keep all streets open during the storm and it took several days to get them cleared. I remember Lakeside Drive being open with narrow lanes, but Maplewood Court, where my driveway was, being snowed in.

The snow had begun Sunday afternoon. No Metro buses were seen in Greenbelt until Tuesday afternoon. It was another President's Day weekend, but most federal employees were excused from work for Tuesday as well. Tuesday was the seventh snow day for the school year.

The paper said that the snow was so deep that cars looked like mounds of white meringue with only an occasional aerial showing. A woman and her husband looking out an upstairs window saw children at play in the snow and wondered why they were all tossing snowballs on their knees. They came to realize that the kids were standing; the snow was just so deep.

City snow removal was hindered in the Springhill Lake and Lakeside North apartment areas by residents digging out their cars and parking them every which way on plowed streets, preventing the plows from clearing wider paths and emergency equipment from getting through. Many cars were towed.

A farmer and his tractor helped out the Greenbelt Fire Department on Monday, with a second farmer and tractor coming in later to relieve the first. The tractors went on emergency calls to move stranded vehicles out of the way and pull stuck fire equipment out of snowdrifts. Consequently, Greenbelt was able to handle every call it received while other departments could not.

GHI had only one plow and it could not handle the snow. A front-end loader helped, but it broke down Tuesday afternoon. The GHI offices were flooded with complaints Tuesday morning. Some court residents, such as the 2 court of Northway and the 45 court of Ridge, worked

together to dig out cars. On Westway, a sign was erected cautioning, "Don't even think of parking here unless you helped shovel."

### 1983

The East Coast was blanketed with 50 billion tons of snow and it was 21 inches deep in Greenbelt according to the February 17, 1983 issue of the News Review in reporting on the Thursday, February 10 storm. The paper declared that the city fared better than other areas in the emergency. One man reportedly complained to the city manager that the streets in Greenbelt were in such good shape Friday morning that he cheerfully drove off for work unaware of his folly.

Apparently most businesses were shut down on both Friday and Monday. City Manager Giese told the paper on Monday, "We're looking forward to people going to work so that we can clear the parking lanes."

Greenbelter Sylvia Lewis, who was then executive director of the Red Cross in the county, spent all day Friday and most of the evening at Red Cross headquarters in Hyattsville. About 30 stranded bus riders and pedestrians were given shelter, hot beef stew and transportation home in four-wheel drive vehicles recruited for the emergency.

A mystery of the storm was the small calico cat workers found at the back door to the library Monday morning. There didn't seem to be any way it could have crossed the foot-and-a-half of snow in the parking lot, but there it was, mewing for attention.

### 1996

The big snow of January 7, 1996 dumped 18 inches - or was it 25? It depended on whom you talked to and how you measured, as there was some drifting. As usual, the city was commended for doing a superior job even though one of its plows pushed a pile of snow only to find out that a small car was under it.



PHOTO BY PROSPERO ZEVALLOS

**This mound of snow is a car still not shoveled out after the blizzard of 1996 even though the street has been cleared to bare pavement.**

The Co-op was open for business as soon as the snow stopped. Before the storm there was a run on stores in town and apparently the Co-op was alone in still having chickens in stock. One police officer was there for a chicken in order to make chicken soup during the storm.

Because of the storm, the planned move of the News Review from its basement quarters at 15 Parkway to its sunny-bright offices in the Greenbelt Community Center had to be postponed a week.

Eric Williams got to sled on the hillside behind Greenbelt Elementary School after the storm, the same hill that his dad, City Finance Director Jeff Williams had sledded down behind the then North End School in 1966 when he was about the same age as his son in 1996.

## A Snow Emergency Of a Happier Nature

Another story has come to our attention concerning last month's snowstorm. On Tuesday, January 21 Reverend Daniel Hamlin, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church received an emergency call from a lady in distress. "Do you perform weddings?" she asked.

"Yes," he replied.

"Can you do one today?" It seems her wedding plans had gone awry with the storm. All the relatives were there, they had the cake and there were gifts with January 21 inscribed upon them. But the county courthouse was closed because of the storm and the couple could not get married as planned.

While Hamlin normally will not do a ceremony on such short notice, he agreed to do this one. He walked from his home in Boxwood to the church, got out the lawn tractor and plowed out the sidewalks and access to the handicap lift for the wedding party, walked home, shed his jeans and got into better clothes, came back to church and performed the ceremony.

## Capitol Cadillac Wins State Land Auction

by Barbara Hopkins

Vacant land owned by the State Highway Administration in Greenbelt's Golden Triangle and coveted by the City of Greenbelt for open space or a new firehouse site was sold at auction on February 24 to Capitol Cadillac. City Manager Michael McLaughlin told the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting that same night that he and his assistant, David Moran, had attended the state's auction and had authority to bid within certain parameters outlined by city council.

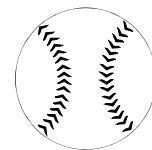
At the outset of the auction, McLaughlin said, the state informed the crowd of about 30 people that the assessed value of the land was \$2.4 million and that the state reserved the right to reject all bids if state representatives considered the

amounts inadequate.

According to McLaughlin there were about 10 registered bidders, but only three or four of those registered actually took part in the bidding. The opening bid was \$1.5 million and the winning bid of \$1.8 million was made by Daniel Jobe, representing Capitol Cadillac. That company had previously tried to lease the land from the state for expansion of its car lot, but the city had opposed this use.

City officials expressed the hope at a council meeting last year that the state would keep the lot until such time as the city might be in a financial position to acquire it. Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts pointed out that this means the city still has some open space money.

## GREENBELT BASEBALL



### Registration for New Players

Greenbelt Youth Center

Saturday, March 8

10 a.m. to noon

### Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

Born 8-1-94 thru 7-31-96

and

### Major League Players

Born 8-1-90 thru 7-31-94

Contact Greg Fisanich, 301-441-4647

Joe Fulton, 301-474-6034

e-mail: Jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org

### Fees:

Resident \$25

Sibling \$15

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