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Developers Present Detailed Plans for Greenbelt Station

by James Giese

Around 40 people attended a March 9 interactive design meeting held by Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, developer for the Greenbelt Station project. This development is proposed for much of the area between Greenbelt Road and the Beltway, west of the Beltway Plaza shopping center and Springhill Lake Apartments, and east of the Metro and CSX Railroad tracks.

The March 9 meeting dealt with the developer's plans for the portion of the project known as the South Core, formerly land used by the A. H. Smith sand and gravel operations. Norman Rivera, land-use attorney for the developer, announced that planning for the North Core, on which the Greenbelt Metro Station and its parking facilities are located, would be presented for discussion in another six to seven months.

While both the north and south portions of the tract will contain mixed-use developments, the North Core will have a much denser mix with offices and major commercial facilities. The South Core will feature con-

miniums, rental apartments and townhomes with some supporting commercial facilities and some greenspace.

Many people attending the meeting, particularly those actively following development proposals over many years, were disappointed that detailed site plans and development proposals were not available. Instead Rivera and a variety of developmental architects and engineers reviewed general concept plans using a power point presentation of slides and pictures of structures similar in style to those proposed.

The meeting was moderated by Floyd Wilson, Jr., executive director of Minority Business Development Division of Central Services for Prince George's County and a former member of the county council. Wilson noted that he had supported this project as a councilmember.

Overview

Rivera began the carefully scheduled five and ten minute presentations by each of the experts with an overview of Greenbelt Station. It will in-

volve 243 acres of land. Of that, 112 to 117 acres will be set aside in a preservation area to protect environmentally sensitive land alongside Indian Creek. All proposed development will take place on the west side of the stream.

The developer intends to restore Indian Creek as a natural waterway. Over the many past years, the stream has been significantly disturbed and degraded by the adjacent sand and gravel operations. Rivera noted that an area he referred to as a "concrete mountain," in which waste concrete cleaned out of concrete mixing trucks was dumped, will be restored and the waste concrete possibly reused to help build the base for new roads in the development. He stated that the development met the smart growth objectives of former Governor Parris Glendening's administration, as well as those for a transit-oriented community.

(This reporter noted that there was no mention of the fact that the concept plan and preliminary site plan approvals by the county

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Interested Citizens Respond To Metroland Design Plans

by James Giese

After a tightly scheduled and carefully followed hour-long presentation by architects and engineers on the proposed South Core of Greenbelt Station (see separate article), the organizers scheduled a 35-minute segment at which various experts were stationed at different tables to answer questions. This was to be followed by a 15-minute summary session of the questions raised by each of the station representatives.

Some members of the audience thought this was not a good procedure to follow and raised objections. Robert Boone, president of the Anacostia Watershed Society, objected first, questioning how audience members could be assured their questions would be answered. Norman Rivera, land use attorney for the developer, suggested that they be put in writing.

Pat Blankenship, chair of CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek), objected to the procedure because many people in the audience would be asking the same questions with answers repeated over and over making it difficult to get around to all the tables. She proposed instead that the panel take questions from the audience so that each issue need be dis-

cussed only once.

Floyd Wilson, Jr., executive director on the county's Minority Development Division of Central Services suggested putting that idea to a vote, then wondered if he had the authority to do so. After further discussion and input from Rivera, it was decided to abandon the agenda procedure and go to questions from the audience.

Boone started off by noting that treatment of the runoff had not been addressed. In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that there would be a total of 1.5 to 1.6 million square feet of floor space created of which only two percent of the land area or 100,000 to 115,000 square feet would be retail commercial. It was indicated that there would be further study of how to treat the runoff. Boone suggested many possibilities, including green roofs and offered to provide information and assistance.

Senior Housing

Blankenship noted there had been no mention of senior housing proposed earlier for the South Core. The response was that none was now planned. Land planner and architect Steve Gang said it was now intended to mix seniors with other age groups. The prime units for ac-

tive adults, he said, would be the condominiums over the retail commercial area. Blankenship expressed disappointment that none were planned. It was noted that Riderwood Village, a senior community, was nearby in Calverton. Blankenship objected to having to move out of the county. (Riderwood straddles the line between Montgomery and Prince George's and has homes located in each county.)

Concern was expressed about the distance of the South Core from the Metro Station – up to a mile away. Sandy Gallagher, project manager for Greenbelt Station, noted that trolley service would be available.

Blankenship advocated adding a Metro platform at the South Core, noting that people

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What Goes On

Wednesday, March 23
8 p.m., Council
Worksession/Greenway
Center (stakeholder), Commu-
nity Center
Thursday, March 24
7:30 p.m., GHI Board
Meeting, GHI Board Room

Coach Houchens Scores On and Off Gridiron

by Matt Johnson

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is a large school – one of the largest in Maryland, educating 2,764 students daily with 137 faculty and staff members. The school was awarded Blue Ribbon status in 1991 and 1998 by the U.S. Department of Education and it was recognized as a National School of Character in 2002 by the Character Education Partnership in Washington, D.C.

The character award came during Coach Rick Houchens' sixth year heading the football program at Roosevelt High. Character is nearly everything to "Coach Rick."

Since Houchens took the reins of a struggling program in 1997 that had captured only one county championship since 1982, the revitalized program has been among the best in Maryland. A strenuous off-season program keeps the Roosevelt Raiders conditioned year-round as the team seeks its fifth county cham-



Coach Rick Houchens

pionship in five years, following a disappointing first-round playoff loss to C.H. Flowers this year. Nonetheless, the team boasted an 8-3 record and the nation's number one prospect.

"When I started there was no other high school putting kids into college," said Houchens, citing the private DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville as an exception. He said it was one of his "biggest quests" to accomplish that feat on the public school level. He has done just that: 112 players have gone to a major college in his eight-year tenure and four have gone on to the NFL.

One of the professionals is current Philadelphia Eagle Derrick Burgess. Former Maryland Terrapin and Baltimore Raven Jermaine Lewis graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High a few years before Houchens led the

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McFarlands Visit Pioneer Ethel Warner in Hawaii

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

Six of us McFarland women, five of my daughters and I, recently returned from a wonderful trip to Hawaii. Daughter Janis, who instigated the idea and made all the arrangements, was already in Honolulu for a meeting of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA). At the meeting, Janis, a plant scientist with Syngenta in North Carolina, was named an honorary fellow of WSSA for her work on herbicides and environmental issues.

Daughter Helen of Baltimore accompanied me on the trip. We picked up Anne and Lisa in California and Joan of Silver Spring joined us for part of the time as we climbed Diamondhead, toured Pearl Harbor and spent several days on the North Shore of Oahu.

Greenbelt Pioneer

A main objective of this trip was to visit Greenbelt pioneer Ethel C. Warner, the cousin and closest relative of my late husband Henry McFarland, at her home in Honolulu. Ethel, a retired WAC major, reminisced fondly about moving from Bridgeport, Conn. to the new town of Greenbelt in February 1938 "before the street lights were turned on." Her father, Bill Warner, was already working in Washington on his new job at the Navy Yard. When the family's application to Greenbelt was approved, Ethel and her mother



Ethel Warner poses with Henry McFarland in Greenbelt Band uniform in Dec. 1943.

Agnes (Henry's aunt) joined Bill for the move to 17-D Ridge Road. Later on, in 1940, Agnes became Henry's legal guardian after his parents died and Henry came to Greenbelt to live with the Warners.

In 1938 Ethel had already graduated from high school in Connecticut. Here in Greenbelt she worked at the brand-new drugstore and later at the swimming pool. She participated in women's basketball, volleyball

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Letters to the Editor

No Timid Cyclists In Roundabouts

Last week's News Review article, "Spring Completion Expected In Hanover Parkway Changes," contains inaccurate information about bicycling and roundabouts. No responsible agency recommends that bicyclists "dismount and walk their bikes through roundabouts." Dismounting and walking is an option for traffic shy-cyclists but should be done on the peripheral sidewalk, not through the roundabout.

The Maryland State Highway Administration web page contains prudent advice on bicycling through roundabouts. It says:

"Well-designed, low-speed, single-lane roundabouts should not present much difficulty to bicyclists. On the approach to the entry, signal your intentions and merge into traffic. It is generally safest for bicyclists to claim the lane. Keep in mind that drivers should be traveling at about 15 to 20 miles per hour, close to the speed you ride your bicycle." (See <http://www.sha.state.md.us/safety/oots/roundabouts/info.asp#Bicycling>.)

The Motor Vehicles Administration offers this advice for motorists sharing the road with bicyclists on narrow roadways.

"Bicycles are treated as vehicles in Maryland. Motorists must yield the right-of-way to bicyclists. Do not attempt to share the lane with bicyclists. If you are unable to safely pass them, reduce your speed and follow the bicycle at a safe distance. Wait for a safe opportunity to pass, allowing adequate clearance, about three feet from the side of your vehicle and return to your lane when you can clearly see the bicyclist in your rear view mirror. A bicycle is not restricted to the right side of the road. Share the road and do not use your horn.

The bicyclist can usually hear an approaching vehicle and loud noises can startle the bicyclist and may cause an accident." (See <http://www.marylandmva.com/AboutMVA/RULES/default.htm>.)

Thank you for providing this forum.

*Bill Clarke, Chairman,
Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition*

Clarification

In Diane Oberg's March 10, 2005, article "Spring Completion Expected in Hanover Parkway Changes," there is a statement which attributes a recommendation regarding bicyclists walking through a roundabout to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC). While city staff consulted the PBIC regarding design of roundabouts and accommodations for bicyclists, the PBIC did not make the recommendation as reported in the article.

Several other agencies, including the Maryland State Highway Administration, do suggest that bicyclists uncomfortable riding through roundabouts, such as those recently constructed on Hanover Parkway, dismount and "walk like a pedestrian" on the sidewalk until past the roundabout. This advice is echoed by several other transportation departments from around the country.

The Greenbelt East Traffic Calming study, upon which Oberg reported, has dozens of recommendations to improve safety, operations and aesthetics on streets in Greenbelt East for all users. Should your readers have questions about the study and its recommendations, they should not hesitate to contact me by phone at 301-345-5417 or by email (ccraze@greenbeltnmd.gov).

*Celia Craze, Director,
Dept. of Planning &
Community Development*

Correction

It has been brought to our attention that the News Review's description of bicyclists' use of roundabouts erroneously attributed the advice to "dismount the bicycle through traffic circles" to PBIC. The News Review regrets the error.

Students Attend Leadership Event

Emilia Pedersoli and Gabriella Gunawan from St. Hugh's School will join 200 middle school students from throughout the United States at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) from March 19 to March 24 in Washington, D.C.

With the theme, The Legacy of American Leadership, the conference introduces young people to the tradition of leadership throughout American history while helping them develop their own leadership skills. The students will participate in educational activities and presentations led by individuals in high-level positions and young people who exercise leadership skills within their communities. Students also will rub elbows with elected officials and Congressional staff members on Capitol Hill and will visit historic national landmarks including Colonial Williamsburg and consider notable U.S. leaders and historic figures. Students will study the impact of leadership in critical U.S. periods including the Civil War and Reconstruction, World War II, the Great Depression and the Civil Rights movement. JrNYLC aims to foster a greater understanding of the role of individuals in American democracy as well as the responsibilities of being a leader.

Md. Expert to Give Plant Disease Tips

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Ethel Dutky will speak on "Plant Disease - How to Diagnose Garden Problems."

Dutky holds a BS in entomology and an MS in botany/plant pathology. She has been the director of the University of Maryland's Plant Diagnostic Laboratory for more than 24 years and is a co-author of the book, "Pest and Disease of Herbaceous Perennials - the Biological Approach." She has done consulting for USAID in West Africa and in Latin America. There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. Admission is free and the public is welcome. For more information contact Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Grin Belt



"I'll bet you an acorn, Jim, the community memorial will be built on that site over there."

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Delegate Ross Holds Town Meeting

Delegate Justin Ross will host a town hall meeting on March 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at DuVal High School in Lanham.

Ross will give an update on the Legislative Session in Annapolis and take questions from the audience. More information about this meeting is available on the website <http://www.justinross.us/townhall/>.

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Week of March 18

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Saturday

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Sunday

*1:45, *4:30, 7:30

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By Joe DiPietro

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Community Events

Greenbriar Phase II Re-elects McTiernan

Approximately 37 percent of Greenbriar Phase II homeowners were represented in person or by proxy at the Phase II Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 8.

Kathleen McTiernan was re-elected to the Phase II Board of Directors. McTiernan will remain second vice president on the board, which also includes: Jacqueline Gray, president; Arlene Shpiegelman, first vice president; Edward Dickerson, secretary; and Gary Thomas, treasurer.

The members of Greenbriar Condominiums Boards of Directors are elected from homeowners, by homeowners at the annual meetings. The boards meet with management and community members on a monthly basis. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend and participate, as the board makes important decisions on their behalf.

Greenbriar Phases I and II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Room of Greenbriar Condominiums Community Center.

At the Library

Saturday, March 19, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. – Attitude, appearance, interviewing and step-by-step resumes and applications workshop for young job seekers.

Tuesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Wednesday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds, limit 20.

Toastmasters Meet

The Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club will hold an open house on March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

For information on this club contact President Kathy Friedman by phone at 301-385-2969, Vice President – Education Melissa Lott at 301-252-3809 or by email kfries@hotmail.com.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

It has come to our attention that many Golden Age members depend on the Greenbelt News Review for information about the club. We are trying to answer that need, so keep reading.

Rick Ransom will speak at the March 23 meeting with some new information regarding hospice services.

We will play bingo and some new board games on March 30. Come and meet the challenge.

The annual anniversary lunch will be held on April 20 at La Fontaine Bleu. A trip to the National Zoo is planned for May 17.

Our sympathy to Robert Terrell and family on the death of his sister in Texas, a sad trip for Robert to say farewell.

March 20 is the first day of spring and let's hope all the snow and cold is behind us so we can enjoy our beautiful City of Greenbelt in bloom again.

Last Call for Senior Softball Tryouts

Able-bodied folks 60 years and over are encouraged to try out for the Greenbelt Senior Softball Team. Numerous positions on the team are still open. Come any Monday or Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to the Youth Center gym. Call 301-568-6911 for more information and ask for Ray.

Help Clean Local Potomac Watershed

On Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to noon volunteers can join members of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Committee to remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt, in an annual cleanup across the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Students can receive community service hours for time spent on this volunteer activity – bring the appropriate forms.

All should bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes. Bags will be provided.

To help clean up the Northway tributary of the Beaver Dam Creek, meet at Northway Fields at 9 a.m. and follow the signs. To help clean up the Springhill Lake stream, meet behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, at 9 a.m.

For more information call 301-474-8004.

Goddard Hosts "Eyes on the Sky"

In honor of the World Year of Physics 2005, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center invites the public to a special series of lectures and discussions on cosmology and astrophysics with some of the world's leading scientists. These lectures, "Eyes on the Sky – Peeking into the Universe's Past, Fathoming the Future," are open to the public but are geared to the high school/college level and above.

All lectures will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 12 at the Goddard Visitor Center. While the events are free, registration is required. For more information or to register for an event, visit <http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/eyesonthesky/> or call 301-286-8102.

The next lecture will be Thursday, March 24 and it features John Wood (Goddard Space Flight Center) speaking on "The Explanation of the Acceleration of the Expansion of the Universe."

Star Party Saturday

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club (GAC) will host a star party Saturday, March 19. The event will take place at the Wolfe Fields on Northway Extended. It begins at 6 p.m. The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects. Future GAC events can be found on the website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. In event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, this star party will be cancelled without further notice.

Springburst Races In Greenbelt Park

The Prince George's Running Club's Springburst 8K road race will be held Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Park. The 8-kilometer course (just under five miles) with two loops over moderate hills on paved park roads, is certified by USA Track & Field, the regulating body for all running sports. There is a registration fee, which is slightly discounted if sent before March 27.

All registrants receive long-sleeved T-shirts and post-race refreshments. Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers, the top three masters (age 40 and over) finishers and the top three finishers in each 10-year age group. All runners will also be eligible to receive random merchandise prizes. There will be a special 1K fun run for young children following the 8K race.

For an entry form, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Bob Grumbine, PO Box 877, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Registration and packet pick-up on race day will be in the parking lot of TG.I.Fridays, 6460 Capital Drive (across Greenbelt Road from the park entrance). Call 301-982-2457 or visit <http://www.pgrc.org> for more information. The Prince George's Running Club, an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America, sponsors races, training and fun runs in Prince George's County.

Easter Fun At Greenbriar

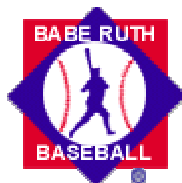
Children age 12 and under are invited to celebrate Easter with Greenbriar Condominiums at 7600 Hanover Parkway on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Children will gather in Greenbriar's Terrace Room to color Easter bags before heading outside to hunt for eggs. Refreshments will be served and no child will leave empty-handed. A special guest is scheduled to hop by for the festivities – don't forget the camera.

The egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Children do not have to live in Greenbriar to join in the fun but must be registered in advance. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 to register before Monday, March 21.

Congregation Mishkan Torah

On Saturday evening, March 19 at 6:30 p.m., Mishkan Torah will hold its biennial Goods and Services Auction. Friends and members of Mishkan Torah are encouraged to attend and partake in the occasion.



Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players 13-15
call Mark at 301-793-0097

Players 16-19
call Bob at 301-345-1033

Schools Send Vacation Homework

To build upon their success this winter, Prince George's County public school students will receive vacation homework packets before leaving for spring break. Parents are encouraged to ask to see the spring vacation homework packets and work together with children to complete the assignments on time.

"I thank our parents for making academic success a priority at home and demonstrating its importance by helping your children stay on course for advancement over the break," said Dr. Andre J. Hornsby, chief executive officer for Prince George's County Public Schools.

This winter more than 80 percent of students completed and turned in the first vacation homework packets. The packets are a component of the overall strategy to ensure every child becomes proficient in reading and mathematics for grades K-10 in accordance with the federal "No Child Left Behind" mandates.

Students should return the completed spring vacation homework packets on April 4 and will receive homework credit as established by each school's grading factors and policies. Spring break packets have been prepared to be aligned with the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum in the following areas: Mathematics for grades K-8, Algebra I and Geometry; Reading/Language Arts for grades K-10; Biology and Local, State and National Government.

Arboretum Exhibit Features Stones

Through March 27 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., members of the Potomac Viewing Stone Group exhibit personal suiseki (Japanese viewing stones) collected from around the world. Member John Carlson will give a one-hour slide lecture in the Lecture/Demonstration Center on March 20 at 1 p.m. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-4523 for information.

Cooperation Eases Teacher Shortage

For the past four years, the Johns Hopkins University and Prince George's County Public Schools have been tackling a national problem in their own backyard – the shortage of certified special education teachers in public schools.

The Partnership for Beginning Special Educators will have produced 33 fully certified special education teachers when its last class graduates in August 2006. When the fourth and final class of students finishes the program, the county's vacancy rate for special educators will be cut almost in half.

Although the federal funding that started the program will not be supporting any additional classes, the partnership program will continue. Participants in the two-year program pursue a master's degree leading to certification to teach students with mild to moderate disabilities. Upon completion of the two-year program, teacher candidates are required to teach for four years in the county's public schools. Potential students are encouraged to find out more by calling 1-800-GO-TO-JHU or email to edspsbe@jhu.edu.

For comments contact Peggy King-Sears, special education professor at Johns Hopkins, at 301-294-7040.

Montpelier Mansion Offers Family Fun

See the Montpelier Mansion (off Rt. 197 in Laurel) filled with all kinds of odd and unusual items and try to remember or guess "what is it?" Parents and grandparents may see things long since forgotten. Kids will be amazed at the ingenuity of pre-computer, pre-food processor, even pre-electricity gadgets. This educational outing for the whole family is available through March 31, noon to 4 p.m. daily. There is a fee. For more information go to www.pgparcs.com or call 301-953-1376.



The Toymaker

Come see the Kids of Greenbelt Baptist Church perform their drama – with a twist – about the true meaning of Easter.

Performances will be on Palm Sunday, March 20th, during the 8:35 am and 11:00 am services

You DON'T want to miss this!!



Easter Sunrise Service at Lake

Easter will be observed in an ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at Greenbelt Lake at 7 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27. The service will be held on the shore of Greenbelt Lake next to the "Buddy" Attick Park Bandstand.

Officiating will be church leaders from Berwyn Presbyterian Church, the Catholic Community of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Church and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

In the event of rain the service will be held at Greenbelt Baptist Church, Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

Holy Week Programs At Baptist Church

The Greenbelt Baptist Church has scheduled a number of activities for the upcoming week.

Sunday, March 20 - "The Toymaker" (a children's play by about the meaning of Easter), 8:35 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday (Tenebrae) Service, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 - Easter Services, including the choir's musical "The Way, The Truth, The Life," 8:35 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Greenbelt Baptist Church is located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

Music Program On Good Friday

On Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. the Riverdale Presbyterian Chancel Choir in University Park presents a Good Friday meditation entitled "The Seven Last Words." The Riverdale Chancel Choir, soloists and string orchestra present Haydn's dramatic work depicting Christ's trials on the cross. Keeping with tradition, this concert is offered as a time for meditation and reflection. For more information, call 301-927-0477.

Crohn's and Colitis Discussion Topic

The subject at the discussion period of Friday Evening Services at Mishkan Torah Friday, March 18, will be Crohn's Disease and Colitis. The speaker will be Dale Citron from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. A high percentage of the people who have Crohn's Disease are people who are Ashkenazic Jews, i.e., those Jews whose ancestors in the early 20th century lived in Germany, Czarist Russia and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The services are open to the public and all are welcome to attend and partake in the discussion. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road, at the corner of Westway and Ridge.

Support Offered In Death of Parent

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering a six-week support group for adults grieving the death of one or both parents. This group provides an opportunity to share with others who have lost a parent and strategies for coping with the emotions that accompany such a loss.

Meetings will take place at 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from March 22 through April 26 at the office of Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive, Landover. There is a fee except for attendees whose parent received care from Hospice of the Chesapeake. Call 301-499-4500 to register.

Round Up Hunger At Safeway

Through March, all Safeway stores in the Washington-Baltimore area will offer customers an opportunity to "round up" their grocery order to the nearest dollar with the change automatically donated to the Maryland Food Bank in the Baltimore area or the Capital Area Food Bank in metropolitan Washington, D.C.

Last year the company raised \$158,000 in the Round Up Hunger campaign.

Mishkan Torah Holds Biennial Auction

On Saturday evening, March 19 at 6:30 p.m., Mishkan Torah will hold its biennial Goods and Services Auction. Friends and members of Mishkan Torah are encouraged to attend and partake in the occasion.

The event will begin with a Havdalah service to mark the end of the Sabbath. This will be followed by a silent auction which will be followed by the actual live auction. During intermission the silent auction will resume. Winners of the silent auction will be announced after the end of the actual auction. Light food and refreshments will be available.

Items and services being auctioned are varied.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road, at the corner of Westway and Ridge.

Our Neighbors

Air Force Airman 1st Class Petrina S. Peart has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



During six weeks of training, Peart studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. Peart, a 2004 ERHS graduate, is the daughter of Marlene Sullivan of Breezewood Court.

Congratulations to Bob Janus who was selected as the Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council Citizen of the Year.

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Holy Saturday	7:30 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil
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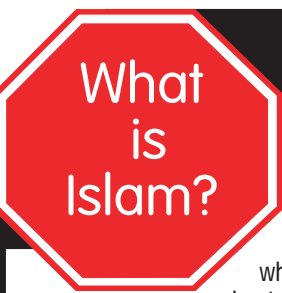
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The Arc Honors Steny Hoyer

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) was honored today by The Arc of the United States, the nation's largest volunteer-based organization devoted solely to issues concerning people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and their families. Hoyer was named as this year's recipient of their Chafee Leadership in Public Policy Award for his long-standing advocacy in pursuing public policies that help people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities live fuller lives in their communities. The award, named for the late Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island and intended to honor his work on behalf of people with mental retardation, is presented annually at their Governmental Affairs/Policy Seminar.

At the award ceremony, Hoyer also addressed the annual conference held jointly by five disability groups. The Arc of the United States, United Cerebral Palsy, Association of University Centers on Disability, American Association on Mental Retardation and National Association of

Councils on Developmental Disabilities. Hoyer discussed his efforts to strengthen Medicaid and Social Security, two key entitlement programs that sustain people with disabilities, and his concerns about cuts in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006 to important programs that serve people with disabilities. He also expressed his concern with decisions made by the Supreme Court and the lower federal courts which are slowly chipping away at the protections intended to be provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), narrowing the scope of the law's protections and undermining Congressional intent.

Hoyer was the principal House sponsor of the ADA of 1990, a landmark piece of civil rights legislation and the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities.

Hoyer joins past award winners including Bill Roth, Jim Jeffords, Ted Kennedy, Tom Harkin, Charles Grassley, Rick Lazio, Rodney Frelinghuysen and Robert Matsui.

Doctors' Hospital Holds Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lion's Club in partnership with American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, March 24 on the hospital's campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The American Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal for blood donations. During the last two weeks, Red Cross national blood inventories have dropped by more than 50 percent and are currently at less than a two-day supply. A seven-day supply is considered adequate. Every two seconds, someone in the country needs a blood transfusion. A single donation can help save up to three lives.

It only takes 20 minutes to donate; it is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can give. Join in a day of giving. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.

Marines Play Mozart At Smith Center

The Marine Chamber Orchestra will present an all-Mozart program at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 in Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland. The concert is free; no tickets are required.

City Notes

The facilities maintenance crew began running temporary phone and computer lines to the Seniors' Lounge in the Community Center. The lounge will be used as a temporary office while the window restoration project is underway.

Two security cameras were installed in the Community Center Art Gallery to aid in the prevention of vandalism and accidental damage to artwork, such as has occurred during three exhibitions within the past year.

Greenbelt Assistance in Living's Christal Parker Batey met with representatives from the Prince George's Community College School of Nursing to discuss expanding the Greenbelt Nursing Services Program.

Interactive Exhibits At Aviation Museum

College Park Aviation Museum announces the arrival of two new interactive exhibits designed to educate and entertain both aviation experts and flight novices.

The Wright Experience Flight Simulator gives every would-be aviator the excitement of flying a 1911 Wright B aero plane. Authentic pitch and roll hand-controls let the pilot maneuver turns and gain altitude while flying over computerized 3D images of historic College Park Airport as it appeared when the Wright Brothers were teaching the first military pilots to fly.

Instant replay of each flight gives the pilot and audience an external view and a deeper appreciation for the challenges and the thrills of operating one of the earliest aircraft. Visitors are required to purchase a low-priced ticket before flying the simulator, in addition to the standard admission fee.

The museum's 1939 Taylorcraft, dubbed the Imagination Plane, has been a popular exhibit with museum-goers since 2000. Children and adults don flight jackets, helmets and goggles before climbing aboard and using their imagination to fly high above the clouds. Now, thanks to the generosity of the friends and family of Michael Montemarano, the Imagination Plane has a state-of-the-art companion exhibit, "Flying the Taylorcraft." Using exquisite still photography and breathtaking aerial video, this computerized touch-screen allows the visitor to learn about the controls, instruments and history of the Taylorcraft from an experienced pilot. This exhibit is free with the regular museum admission fee.

College Park Aviation Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An adult must accompany all children. The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park. For more information, call the museum at 301-864-6029.




City Information

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT
YOUTH SPORTS TRIP
Saturday, March 26 at 1pm
Lacrosse: Maryland vs North Carolina
Van will leave Youth Center at 12:30pm
Register at the Youth Center. \$10 per person includes ticket, transportation, and chaperone.
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Senior Citizens Advisory Committee


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In case of inclement weather, the Hunt will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please call the weather and information hotline at 301-474-5525



For more information please call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200

Meetings for March 21-25

Wednesday, March 23, 8:00pm, Council Work Session w/ Greenway Center (stakeholder)
 Greenbelt Community Center.

CAMP STAFF

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is looking for enthusiastic, motivate individuals who enjoy working with kids to work in their summer camp programs. Applications are being accepted for general counselors, therapeutic counselors, and activity instructors (e.g. gymnastics, dance, games). Camp operates from 9:00am to 5:00pm M-F.

Call the Greenbelt's Kids Office at 301-397-2200. EOE.

EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!



DESIGN THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S OFFICIAL EARTH DAY 2005 T-SHIRT
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Greenbelt will celebrate Earth Day by planting native wetland plants at the Wetland Education Facility @ Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, April 16th from 10am-12noon. T-Shirt designs should reflect the theme: "Greenbelt Cares for the Environment." The T-shirts will be given out to all who participate in the Earth Day Event. This contest is open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young. Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC). The winner of the contest will receive a 4-pack of tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.

COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION

The Greenbelt Community Center handicap ramp on the east entrance will be closed due to facility construction until approximately April 22, 2005.

The rear entrance next to playground is handicap accessible.

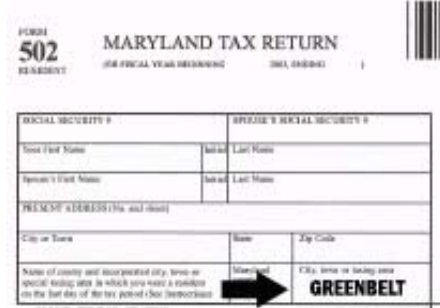
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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS:
301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, March 22 & 24: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Senior Services," **7:00pm** "Springhill Lake Elementary Black History Month Celebration," **8:00pm** "Three Concert Works for the Saxophone with Influences of Brazilian Popular and Folk Music."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):
301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 23 & 25: 7:00pm "Greenbelt Arts Center Annual Meeting," **7:30pm** "Democratic Club."

MARYLAND TAX RETURN



If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!

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were subsequently reversed by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. The approvals will have to be obtained again after an approved plan is in place for completing required public facilities, including roads.)

Rivera indicated that the meeting's purpose was to get input from those attending and that more than one plan was possible for the South Core.

Steve Gang, a land planner and architect with Lessard Architectural, used slides to depict the site layouts and architectural styles proposed for the project. He described the South Core as a pedestrian-oriented compact neighborhood with mixed housing types all within a five-minute walk to activity centers in the development and less than a mile to the Greenbelt Metro Station. The streets would be neighborhood-scaled and interconnected (with no dead-ends). Buildings would be sited close to the streets.

Gang described the north-south connector road extending from Greenbelt Road to the Beltway and running through both cores as holding the plan together. He suggested that the development would be modeled after those in downtown Bethesda in Maryland and Clarendon and Pentagon Row in Virginia.

Housing Types

Three types of major uses, Gang said, would occupy the South Core. The west side of the north-south connector road, which is the narrower portion of the South Core, will back up to the tracks.

The northern portion will consist of condominiums built over commercial facilities. Included will be a supermarket served by a parking deck.

These buildings will have a variety of vertical fascias to pro-

vide interest. The units will have hardwood floors, recessed lights, large windows and a "funkier" look, Gang said. The condominiums would be a mix of one - and two - bedroom units with about five percent having three bedrooms.

On the same side of the connector road to the south would be a cluster of multi-family buildings with some being two-story living units. Behind the four-story buildings will be four-level parking structures so that building residents will be able to park at their own levels. About one-third of the housing units will be rental units; the rest will be owner-occupied.

The third component of the housing areas, Gang said, will occupy the east side of the connector road, an oval shaped area crossed by roads. This section will consist of owner-occupied townhomes. Backing up to Indian Creek will be "front-loaded" homes; i.e., with access and garages in front. Some of the townhouses will be served by alleys with two-car garages. At the southern end of this component will be four-story townhouse buildings with one two-story unit on top of another and integral garages for the units. Townhouses will have two and three bedrooms.

A 1.5 acre parcel will be set aside as a public amenity space. Gang said that the developers were talking to the city about use of the land as a recreation center and police substation.

Streetscape

Greg Ault, a landscape planner for EDAW, Inc., reviewed the streetscape concepts. He said that this proposed community would be designed more for pedestrians than for cars. The north-south connector road would intersect with Greenbelt Road at a new intersection bridg-

ing over the existing Branchville Road that runs parallel to and slightly north of Greenbelt Road.

As the only entranceway for the development until the North Core is developed, the new road would be marked with pylons, archways over sidewalks, perhaps an identifying icon and garden-space for trees. Ault is interested in doing roundabouts at intersections with good pavement raised at crosswalks and utilizing different materials. The street environment would also utilize good signage, landscaping and building awnings. The planner was still open to ideas about bikeways, noting that in Europe bike paths were often placed behind the curb and adjacent to the sidewalk.

Ault talked of neighborhood parks as public spaces people would live around and take ownership interest in. Children's play areas would not simply be tot lots but consist of structures (such as imitation tree trunks) that would be not only fun to play in but safe and of architectural interest.

Street furniture, such as benches, would be both comfortable and able to withstand punishment, he said.

Ault suggested that the stream valley park along Indian Creek be similar in design concept to an African-American Park in Alexandria which includes a paved trail and some lawn areas.

Road Improvements

Wes Guckert, a traffic engineer with the Traffic Group, outlined road improvements to be undertaken by the project to assure adequate public road facilities. Some of these improvements will be far from the project. At University Boulevard (Md. 193) and Rhode Island Avenue, the traffic signal and pavement markings will be modified. Similar improvements will be made at Greenbelt Road and

Cherrywood Lane/60th Street. At Edmonston Road/Kenilworth Avenue (Md. 201) a second northbound through lane and another turn lane are to be added. Between there and Sunnyside Road, Edmonston will be widened as a condition of the preliminary plan of subdivision. Guckert said the developer will be working with the state and local governments to assure that the work will be done.

At Cherrywood Lane and Metro Drive a traffic signal will be installed and Metro Drive widened to provide three out-bound lanes onto Cherrywood Lane as modified by the city.

For the project, a new signalized intersection will be constructed at Greenbelt Road and the north-south connector road. Greenbelt road will be widened at that point. The connector road will bridge over Branchville Road and not intersect with it. The connector road will be designed to serve pedestrians, bicycles and cars with the location of bicycle lanes still unresolved. The northern terminus will be a traffic circle intersection with Metro Drive and the ramp roads for the Beltway interchange.

This concept has received the approval of both the State Highway Administration and the Federal Highway Authority, Guckert said. Two new ramps will be added to the existing ramps to serve Beltway traffic coming from the east and going to the east. When modified, the interchange will serve not only the Metro Station but the new development and will provide a second Beltway access alternative for Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza and Berwyn Heights. Guckert said that the new access will reduce traffic on local roads.

Guckert emphasized that these road improvements will be in place "up front" to serve the

project when it is completed and that the project would be paying for much of these improvements.

Engineering

Mike Snyder, a senior vice-president at Dewberry's Lanham office, told the group that the property has been approved for storm water management by Prince George's County. He said that Indian Creek will serve as a natural storm water retention facility making it unnecessary to build storm water retention ponds. However, the developer proposes to modify the plan to provide for a pool at the entrance to the south core. There will be other ponds as well.

It will be necessary to relocate an existing sanitary sewer line near Indian Creek, Snyder said. This action will cause some temporary disturbance to the stream, he warned.

Snyder is aware of drainage issues in the Hollywood area of College Park across the tracks from the project. He said that a surface and subsurface study of the area is expected to be undertaken shortly.

A wetland mitigation project is planned for the southeast portion of the South Core. The developer intends to create a wetland forest there, he said.

Camera Club Has Greenbelt Speaker

The Bowie-Crofton Camera Club will meet on Monday, March 21. The program is "The Artful Science" by Greenbelter Beth Norden, entomologist. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church in Bowie. The public is welcome, free of charge. For information contact Paula Reitan (Paula@Sweet-Ps.net / 301-464-4212) or visit <http://bowiecroftoncameraclub.homestead.com/files/front.html>.

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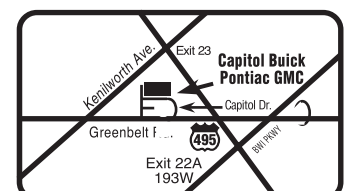
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Robberies

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, March 6, 12:17 a.m. A man walking to a residence was approached by two men, one displaying a handgun. One of the assailants demanded the victim's money and both fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8" with a medium build, wearing a black jacket and a ski mask and a black male approximately 18 years of age, 5'11" with a heavy build, wearing all black clothing.

6200 block Springhill Drive, March 6, 3 a.m. A woman was parking her vehicle when she was approached by a man with a handgun who demanded her handbag, then fled in a green Honda Civic. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'11" with a thin build, wearing a black jacket and a ski mask.

9200 block Springhill Lane, March 9, 1:32 p.m. A woman returning to her apartment from the laundry room discovered two women inside her residence, one armed with a knife. After taking money, jewelry and a cell phone the robbers fled the scene, getting into a vehicle described as a green 4-door, possibly a Honda. The suspects are described as a Latino female, approximately 50 years of age wearing glasses and a Latino female, approximately 25 years of age, wearing a red jacket. The victim was not injured.

Assaults

6100 block Springhill Terrace, March 4, 5:44 p.m. A woman saw several men urinating in a common area in Springhill Lake Apartments. When she asked them to stop, one of the suspects displayed a handgun, then all fled the scene on foot.

Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road, March 9, 4:15 p.m. A woman reported that she had just picked up her daughter and some of her friends from school grounds at Greenbelt Middle School when two youths approached her vehicle. One of the youths allegedly pulled up his jacket and revealed what is believed to be a handgun. The woman drove away from the scene and called police.

Burglaries

6100 block Springhill Terrace, March 4. Entry gained by breaking out a bedroom window. A video game player, video games, DVDs and stereo equipment were taken.

7100 block Mathew Street, March 4. Entry gained by forcing open the basement door. Two televisions, two DVD players, watches, jewelry and clothing were taken.

Beltway Plaza, March 9, commercial burglary.

Other Incidents

7500 block Greenbelt Road, March 4, 2:27 p.m. Two non-residents were arrested and charged with Possession of Fictitious Alien Registration Cards after an officer stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Nei-

ther the driver nor the passenger had a driver's license and both produced what appeared to be fake IDs. Both suspects were released on citation pending trial.

7601 Hanover Parkway, March 4. Graffiti was painted on the outside of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Stolen Vehicles/Tags

6100 block Breezewood Drive, March 5, a 1998 Jeep Cherokee, recovered the next day by the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. No arrests.

Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane, March 1, a resident male was arrested and charged with theft after an officer observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that the tag had been reported stolen to the Baltimore County Police Department. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

9200 block Edmonston Road, March 8, a green 1994 Cadillac Sedan DeVille 4-door, Maryland tags JAB084.

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, March 9, stolen auto arrests. Two underage youths from Mount Rainier were arrested for theft and auto theft and other charges, after an officer observed a vehicle being driven by someone who appeared to be too young to drive. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department. The officer attempted to stop the vehicle in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. The vehicle fled the scene in a reckless manner to the area of Ivy Lane and Kenilworth Avenue, where both the driver and passenger exited the car and attempted to flee the scene on foot. Both youths were apprehended after a short foot chase. One suffered minor injuries after he was taken to the ground while still attempting to flee the area on foot and was transported to Prince George's Hospital, where he was treated and released. Both youths were released to relatives pending action by the juvenile justice system.

9200 block Springhill Lane, March 10, a grey 2003 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags KJY168.

7800 block Mandan Road, March 10, a white 1998 Chrysler Concord 4-door, Maryland tags JYB583.

Thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Cloister Place, theft from auto; 7700 block Hanover Parkway, theft from auto; 6100 block Breezewood Court, attempt theft of auto; Beltway Plaza, theft from auto; 7700 block Hanover Parkway, vandalism to auto; 7200 block Morrison Drive, theft from auto; 6100 block Breezewood Drive, theft from auto (2 reports); 7600 block Hanover Parkway, theft from auto; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, theft from auto; 500 block Crescent Road, theft from auto; 8300 block Canning Terrace, vandalism to auto; 7900 block Mandan Road, theft from auto.

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would not walk so far to the present station. Without it, she said, extra cars would be driving to an already-filled Metro parking area. A representative of Metro indicated that such a nearby station would be unlikely. When noted that platforms in the District were that close together, the Metro person said that that was "downtown." Blankenship's response was that this will be "like downtown."

Someone noted that commuting to the station would be an easy ride on a bicycle. Former City Councilmember Thomas White noted that would be true if there was a suitable facility for storing bicycles at the Metro station but there is not. A woman advocated that an off-road bicycle path along the connector road would be safer. A man responded that for "serious cyclists" it was necessary to have the bicycle path as a lane in the connector road.

Like Greenbelt

Doug Love of Greenbelt recommended that the architects look closer at this area for examples of the type of housing they would build. Earlier they had been suggesting styles in other countries, he contended. "Have you looked at Greenbelt architecture?" he asked.

Gang responded that a lot of great things had been done at Greenbelt when it was built in the 1930s. But this is different in time and where we are, he said. The site is condensed as compared to Greenbelt and will be a lot denser in its development. It will also be more urban in character.

"In other words, no," Love retorted.

"Is it different? Yes," Gang responded.

Love also expressed concern about the impact of the connector road upon the salamander population. It will separate part of their habitat from the pond they use.

A man asked if there would be regional bus service by Metro and county bus service. Rivera said there would be Metro buses to the site.

Another man criticized the planners for lacking detailed information. "Was it naive of him to think there would now be more detail?" He asked that the developer distribute to interested parties detailed site and building plans that they could look at, analyze and criticize. Gallagher said that they would put such information on their website. The man responded, "It won't do me any good as I do not have a computer."

Likes It

A woman who said she had lived in Greenbelt for 10 years told the group she was excited about the proposal and was looking forward to the project being built. "I may invest in it," she said.

A questioner noted that several properties at the southwest and southeast corners of the South Core that are used industrially were not included in the project, including a scrap yard. Wouldn't that affect the project? Rivera responded that the developer was trying to acquire the properties not included. He also noted that the county is trying to phase out the existing use of this property. It has been industrial use for decades, he noted.

College Park

Greenbelt city councilmembers were not present at the meeting because of a scheduling conflict. Three members of the College Park Council were present - Mayor Stephen Brayman, John Krouse and Joseline Pena-Melnyk. All three were particularly interested in pedestrian connections to College Park.

Rivera indicated that the developers were looking at options such as building a pedestrian tunnel under the tracks. He noted that such a tunnel at the Metro Station gives College Park residents access to the North Core. Krouse also advocated improvements to ameliorate traffic on Rhode Island Avenue in the Hollywood area. He also advocated improvements to benefit pedestrians at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue and Greenbelt Road as well as those proposed at University Boulevard.

Not Bethesda

A woman said she was not particularly thrilled with the way Bethesda looked. "It has really huge buildings." Rivera responded that the South Core would not look like the part of Bethesda that has office buildings along Wisconsin Avenue. He noted, however, that the North Core would have larger buildings - up to 20 stories.

A man asked if there would be minority vendor participation in the project. Rivera noted Wilson's presence and that the developer was talking to him about such participation.

A woman expressed concern with pedestrian access from the South Core to other nearby neighborhoods, particularly Beltway Plaza. Rivera noted that there are sidewalks on Greenbelt Road, a tunnel under the tracks at the Metro station and sidewalks along Cherrywood Lane. He also noted a plan to run a sidewalk from the station through forested land acquired by the state to Cherrywood Lane at Springhill Drive. He said there were reservations about this idea because of safety concerns and a detrimental impact on environmentally sensitive areas.

The serious cyclist also advocated a second access into the South Core from Branchville Road. He was supported by a woman who noted that there are 2,259 units planned and only one way out. "That's a bad idea."

Agreement

Celia Craze, director of planning and community development for Greenbelt, was present at the meeting but did not speak. After the meeting she noted that the March 14 council meeting will present for discussion a proposed agreement between the city and the developer on developmental issues. She believes this agreement will be much more thorough in its detail than the one previously under consideration before the court's reversal of county approvals of conceptual site plans and the preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station that was suddenly aborted by the developer.

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and other sports directed by recreation leader Doris Dungan and was a lieutenant and co-leader with Mrs. Peter Carroll of Girl Scout Troop 17. In 1939 Ethel attended comptometer school in Philadelphia, then returned to Greenbelt while commuting to jobs in D.C. "by two buses and a streetcar." In March 1943 she joined the WAC (then WAAC, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps), serving in communications posi-

tions both in the States and in Germany. She retired in 1964 after being stationed at the Presidio in California and settled in San Rafael until moving to Honolulu several years ago.

In Hawaii last month, Ethel entertained us at a birthday dinner for me at the Hale Koa military resort and the next day at a fabulous luau at the same facility. We also had several informal visits in her home, hearing

talk of family and long-ago times. My daughters and I liked those visits best of all. Ethel said "living in Greenbelt in those early days was really a wonderful experience." Even as a young woman she appreciated the special qualities of our town. Some years ago she gave us a scrapbook she'd made in 1938-39, along with photos taken in those early years, which I'll soon be donating to the Greenbelt Museum.



From left: Helen McFarland; Ethel Warner; Janis, Kathleen, Joan and Anne McFarland; Ethel's friend Henrietta Moss; and Lisa McFarland gather in Honolulu in February 2005.

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March Artful Afternoon: Earth, Wind and Sun Catchers

by Agnes Conaty

I had seen signs of spring as early as the first Sunday of March. Daffodil buds and crocuses promise that nicer weather will come our way soon. And what better way to celebrate the coming of spring than to be at this month's Artful Afternoon.

My first stop at the Greenbelt Community Center was at the Gallery. Exhibited here are Alyssa Dennis' 11 works on paper. Her works are large in size and her main medium is graphite, with some pieces done with conte, colored pencil or mixed media. Some of her works remind me of architectural drawings, like her two "Baltimore" facades and "Uneven Ground." The other pieces have an intriguing and mysterious air about them, like "Giant" and "Girl Falling with Milk Jugs," making me want to ask the artist the story behind

these bewildering compositions. Dennis' art work will be on display until April 16.

Down the hall, I joined a small group of beginners to try out the stained glass sun catcher workshop. Given the choice between a shamrock, an ice cream cone and a star, I chose to do a shamrock to herald the coming of St. Patrick's Day. Artists-in-residence and members of Glass Guild of Greenbelt like Betty Broderick, Richard McMullin and Jean Newcombe made the rounds to help us out in the copper foiling, fluxing, soldering and finishing our projects. I put copper foil around each piece of the shamrock parts. Then I brushed a bluish "flux" to prepare for the



Artist-in-residence Betty Broderick (second from right) assists beginners as they put together stained glass sun catchers.



Artist-in-residence Katie Scott-Childress (second from right) helps young artists prepare their sketches for the ceramic tile mural project.



Agnes Conaty poses by Alyssa Dennis' haunting and provocative graphite drawings.

solder. The challenging part for me was the anticipation of aiming a 700 degree soldering iron on a piece of thin lead wire, putting the melted lead on the fluxed copper foiled

edges to put my shamrock together. Luckily, I did not burn a finger as I finished my new St. Patrick's Day sun catcher.

Up in the third floor studios I tried my hands at the ceramic tile workshop where younger participants were preoccupied with sketching creatures from nature from a magazine photo or directly from the imagination. I chose to make a red squirrel, inspired by my "Grin Belt" cartoon strip. After sketching the squirrel on a piece of pre-sized paper to match the pre-cut clay tiles, I traced my drawing onto the surface of the tile, making an outline on the clay underneath the paper. Then I used a clay knife with a special tip to scrape a thin surface off the clay. Artist-in-residence Katie Scott-Childress will lay out the drawings as part of a mural which will be eventually displayed at the

Youth Center. I was impressed that the younger artists around me made sketches of dinosaurs, bears, butterflies, palm groves, humming birds and other creatures of nature.

At 3 p.m. I went down to the gym to listen to the free performance of the Greenbelt Concert Band Wind Ensemble. My husband, Austin, who arrived soon after it started mentioned that he recognized a few of the band members as fellow Greenbelt residents. The one-hour concert featured some famous marches like "Father of Victory" and "The Washington Post," patriotic overtures from "Land of Liberty" featuring "Yankee Doodle" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee;" dance music like "Blue Tango," "Chapata" cha-cha and "Vienna Dreams" waltz; medleys of Broadway hits like the Music Man's "Seventy Six Trombones,"

"Wells Fargo Wagon," "Till There Was You" and "The Librarian;" and a clarinet solo for "The Way You Look Tonight." Everyone sang along with the vocals of "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

It was quite a treat to hear our very own band play beautifully.

Then we hurried off to the New Deal Café to catch the last hour of the opening reception for Jon Gardner's photo exhibit, "Greenbelt Personalities." Noted Greenbelters like Mayor Judith Davis and Friends of the New Deal Café Arts Barbara Simon were some of the 32 featured in the exhibit.

Greenbelt has a throng of artistic and talented residents to share their skills the first Sunday of each month. Join us next time for more fun-filled Artful Afternoons.

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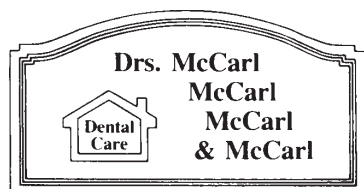
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junior varsity football team to its first county championship in 1994.

Houchens said that in 2003, 29 out of the 41 high school football players from Maryland who signed Division I scholarships were from Prince George's County – a number of them coming out of Eleanor Roosevelt High.

An entire wall in Houchens' office, located in the boys' locker room, is dedicated to his former players who have made it to at least the college level, if not to the NFL. Countless plaques are hung in neat rows, a few autographed – all representing different success stories with pictures and nameplates.

"That's only a portion," Houchens remarked.

The plaques and other mementos remind him of how he and his colleagues brought a mediocre program into stardom working with limited resources and funds – not to mention the obstacle of starting out several thousand dollars in debt. During his debut season as head coach Houchens' team went 6-4 but he remembers the season as a huge success because 11 of his seniors went on to major colleges.

The winning would come soon enough.

"My third year we won the state championship, the first state championship in school history," said Houchens. "We've risen to the pinnacle – we're [now] a household name with every major college in the country."

Although the coach "can't get enough of putting kids in major colleges," he said his state championship team was not a team of major college players or All-Americans but a team of small-college players who performed above and beyond expectations.

The 1999 team was a far cry from this year's squad, which featured a juggernaut in Derrick Williams, receiver of more than 50 Division I football scholarship offers. Williams has signed a letter of intent with Penn State University and reportedly will enroll in January 2006.

"He was the first high school player in Maryland history who has ever been ranked the number one player in the country," said Houchens, who had coached last year's eighth-best player, an athletic defensive end named Derrick Harvey.

"I feel very special about that, very touched," Coach Houchens said. "Derrick [Williams] is a great example of what Roosevelt stands for – a greater person than he is a player," the coach added.

Houchens' Past

Like many of his players Houchens comes from a modest background. Throughout his young life his father worked as the College Park Fire Chief, serving for eight years in the 1950s.

"I came up the hard way. My mom and dad had to work for everything," he said.

Despite his family's financial difficulties, Houchens had a dy-

namic childhood. In his youth he was the bat boy for the Maryland Terrapins baseball team and he wrestled and played linebacker for Northwestern High School. He had the grades and the SAT scores but not the guidance to make it to a major college.

"I missed the admission deadlines," Houchens said. "I had to end up going to junior college."

Houchens never achieved a degree, which is one of the reasons he still remains a high school coach even though he's posed for pictures with such great college football minds as Pete Carroll, Bob Stoops and Urban Meyer – and is on a first name basis with many more.

"I had to work, pay my own tuition – after a year, I just didn't have the money. I'm a great living example of what happens if you don't get the proper guidance."

Houchens' goal is to provide his players with opportunities that he never had. Some of his players desperately need football as a vessel through which to succeed in life or to escape from its inequities.

"I've had kids with single-parent families, broken homes. They know I'm here. They know I'll talk to them," Houchens said. He commented on how some of the great high school football coaches don't know how to relate to their kids, so they don't win very many games.

Coach Houchens has so many feel-good stories pertaining to the lives of his players that he "could write a book about it." Damon Jones, a former running back who received an honorable mention for the 1995 All-Met Football Team, saw his family destroyed when his parents separated. The coach took him aside one day:

"Football is your ticket. If you go to Harvard, you can get hurt in the first play of the first game and it won't matter," Houchens told him. Sure enough, the multifaceted Jones returned four years later with his Harvard degree in hand.

"I was the first one he showed it to," said Houchens.

Academic Future

Jones was not the only Raider during Houchens' tenure to be admitted to an Ivy League school. Jeremiah Watts played linebacker at Brown University and earned honorable mention All-Ivy honors in 2001 after finishing second in tackles among all Ivy League players. Houchens said that Watts had only basic clothes during his high school years and often came to school carrying a lunch that could hardly nourish a young child.

"You've had it pretty tough but do you want to live the rest of your life like this?" the coach recalls asking Watts.

"Coach, no," was his answer and he wouldn't have to either. According to Houchens, Watts took an \$80,000 per year job for a major construction company immediately after completing his degree.

Houchens' own son Justin found himself in need of more experience in the job market despite graduating from the University of Maryland with honors. He stayed the course, settling for a lower-paying job to gain the experience he needed.

"Now [Justin] has a really good job," said Houchens.

Along with his success stories, Coach Houchens also has his share of tragedies to impart. Two of his players were killed in separate car accidents over the years and another was shot in the head. All three were on their way to college.

"[Those] three kids got struck down in their prime," said Houchens.

Houchens doubles as a security guard at the high school. His combined salary is a humble \$30,300 per year before taxes. The coach pointed out that the combined scholarships of the 112 players that went on to major colleges during his tenure would amount to several millions of dollars. Nonetheless, Houchens is content with his position and finds it handy to work in the building – he's the only member of his coaching staff who does.

Houchens is a disciplinarian at his post – so much so that teachers often come to him instead of the administration when football players act up in their classes. He also monitors the hallway activities of his players.

"If they don't have books in their hands, I want to know why," said Houchens. "They're held to a higher standard."

Dress for Success

As part of this high standard, the coach enforces a "Dress for Success" day prior to each game day. On these days all players are required to wear a dress shirt and tie.

"I want them all to be Wall Street bankers," he said. His logic is that his players are not going to go into a job interview with their "pants hanging off their butt."

"Dress for Success" day is just one of the coach's reforms to the earlier program. He also instituted a progress report due every Thursday of every week, year-round. The sheet lets the coach know whenever his players are tardy, absent, cutting class, struggling in class or misbehaving.

"I'll wear them out [physically] if they're talking in class," said Houchens, alluding to his after-school weight training program, also year-round.

The coach even used the chestnut "all for one; one for all" to describe his disciplinary system, citing a situation where he made two talkative players stand and watch the rest of the team run 100-yard dashes.

"I am extremely demanding when it comes to our program," Houchens admitted.

So demanding that he cut his starting linebacker the year his team won the state championship. He suspended another standout player for leaving school grounds to get food.

"I refuse to let anyone jeopardize what we've worked so hard for," Houchens said. "No one is bigger than the program, including myself."

On a level that goes beyond Roosevelt football, Houchens stressed the importance of giving back to the community.

"We don't have enough people in our community that are giving back," he said. "It's a tragedy – it's the kids that are losing out." He honored former Dallas Cowboy "Hollywood" Henderson for funding the construction of a sports facility at his old high school.

Always committed to sending

Writing Contest For Earth Day

Patuxent Research Refuge will hold a poetry and essay contest for ages 5 to 13 to explain why the Refuge and the National Wildlife System are important. Earth Day will be celebrated on April 23 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, on Powder Mill Rd. between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Highway 197 south of Laurel. From 10 a.m. to noon that same day all writing contest participants will receive a prize.

Poems and essays will be judged separately in the following age categories: 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and 11 to 13. Each participant may enter one poem in any form, at any length and/or one essay up to 1,000 words.

Entry forms may be picked up at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, downloaded from <http://patuxent.fw.gov> or call the Visitor Center at 301-497-5887 to have it sent. Entries may be submitted in person or mailed to Kate Toniolo at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. They must be received by 5:30 p.m. on April 1.

his players on to college and giving them the opportunity to give back, Houchens recently mailed eight recruiting tapes to top-notch colleges across the U.S. Sometimes the coach takes money from his own wallet to pay the postage.

Steve Rollins, a senior who played running back for Houchens and will continue his football career at Bowie State University, had this to say of the coach:

"[He's] a special person, special coach, dedicated to his job – loves what he does."

"Stay humble and never forget where you come from," said Houchens, quoting one of his many coaching maxims.

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