City Officials, ResidentsCelebrate 25 Years of Green Ridge House

by James Giese

The first residents of Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt’s apartment residence for seniors, moved in to the new building in March, 1979. The opening of the building was dedicated on Greenbelt Day, June 3 of that year. On Sunday, June 5, Green Ridge House residents, city officials and guests celebrated the building’s 25th anniversary with music, speeches, good food and socializing.

Because of his need to be elsewhere, County Councilmember Douglas Purnell led off the program by presenting a congratulatory resolution of the Prince George’s County Council. Louise Swiderski introduced guests. Then resident association president Hazel Parent presented medallion awards to recognize the lifelong and long-standing residents who are still residents – Louise Swiderski, James Cassels, Sally Carrasco, James Hudson and Bernice Bryant.

Marian Evans, social director for the residents, then gave a history of how the building came to be (see separate story). Cassels, who has been a leading advocate of senior housing for Greenbelt for many years before and since the building of Green Ridge House, received special recognition in the form of a plaque for being the leader of the group that first advocated building Green Ridge House back in the late 1960s. It took many years of discussion and deliberation by the city council, many approvals for funding and a referendum approving a needed city charter amendment (which succeeded by a two-to-one vote) before construction got under way. Groundbreaking took place on December 18, 1977 at 22 Ridge Road, the former building site for Holy Cross Lutheran Church, which, after the church moved to its Green Ridge Road location, was acquired by the city. Mayor Judith Davis, along with city councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling, presented the residents with a city proclamation (see city advertisement containing proclamation). Davis also introduced former city officials present who had been involved with the Green Ridge House project: Mayor Richard Casaldi, a member of the GHI committee that the apartment building could be built at no cost to the city.

In the late 1960s a special committee formed to advocate for senior citizen housing in Greenbelt. In members – Jose Morales, Madeline Green, Irna Titzlo and Ottilie Van Allen, with assistance from Jim Cassels – appeared before the city council to petition for an apartment building to help seniors.

Cassels had been involved in previous efforts through a GHI committee to build senior housing in Greenbelt. He told council that the apartment building could be built at no cost to the city. Federal Section 8 rental assistance could guarantee mortgage payments, he said, and the Maryland Community Development Administration could lend the money needed to construct the building.

The matter was referred to the city staff, which advised council that the project was feasible. The city’s various advisory boards also generally favored the project.

Cassels preferred that the building be built close to Rockefeller Road. Following a study of several sites, however, council agreed to use the former Lutheran Church property on Ridge Road, which by this time already belonged to the city.

Though some citizens wanted the issue considered in a referendum election, council rejected the idea following a petition opposing the idea that had been circulated by the Golden Age Club.

Fourth of July Coming Events

On Sunday, July 4, a patriotic concert will be held at the Greenbelt Concert Band at 7 p.m. at ‘Buddy’ Attack Park. The City of Greenbelt fireworks display will be in Tolley Park. Fireworks will not be shown if the weather is stormy or wind high. The firework display will be postponed until the next clear night but the concert will be cancelled.

The public is reminded that all fireworks, including sparklers, are prohibited. All public beverages are also prohibited. All dogs must be kept on leashes no longer than six feet.

Fourth of July Coming Events

by Donald Comis

Farewell – See You Again in 2021!

by Steve Babin

As you浏览 the sky on Tuesday, May 24, cicadas likely woke you up with their combined voices. My four-year old daughter Heather heard the cicadas and was excited to find out what they were talking about. As she looked out the window, she noticed a cicada perched on the fence railing. Heather was impressed with the size of the cicada and its wings. She asked me if I knew what they were. I explained to her that cicadas are insects that live underground for many years before emerging from their underground homes to lay eggs. She was curious about what the cicadas were doing. I told her that cicadas are known for their loud chirping sound and that they are often associated with the arrival of summer.

Heather was fascinated by cicadas and wanted to learn more about them. She asked me if I could find a book on the subject. I searched online and found a book called “Cicadas” by Steve Babin. I showed Heather the book and read her the introduction. We learned that cicadas are one of the most diverse and interesting insects in the world. They are native to North America and can be found in a variety of habitats, including forests, meadows, and urban areas.

We also discovered that cicadas have a life cycle that can span up to 17 years. During this time, they spend most of their life underground, feeding on roots and leaves. Once they reach adulthood, they emerge from the ground and mate, laying eggs. This process repeats every 17 years, ensuring the survival of the cicada species.

Cicadas Hook New Amateur Naturalist

by Donald Comis

After tearing out my patio porch in late April, I was startled to see about 30 mud towers or chimneys on the lawn near my building. I feared that the mud towers were littering the ground. As I looked out my window, I noticed that a cicada had dropped onto the ground or its shell had been unburied by archeologists in China, I became hooked on cicadas.

Heather Helps Cicadas Swing

by Steve Babin

My four-year old daughter Heather thinks cicadas are very nice and likes to talk to them. One day, she told me this story. Once upon a time, there were two cicadas who wanted to go to the park to play on the swings. They arrived, they saw that there was no way they could push each other. Then, one of them had an idea. The two cicadas pulled each other. They started to walk the walk. So Jerry – a cicada – made us all happy. Jerry Bonnell that all his endless talk about cooking and eating cicadas had been duly noted and that, having talked his talk, he was now going to walk the walk. So Jerry – a man of his word – had prepared a sumptuous feast.

The Bradford Pear was the source of the cicadas – they fell victim to the preying Jerry who, callously (though with apparent remorse) drowned them in Worchester sauce and refrigerated them in a marinade for four and twenty hours. Although none of the literary ladies was especially surprised that Jerry, who is known to be much given to the imp of the perverse, would concoct a mess of cicadas (an apt expression), they were concerned whether the cicadas had died on the hoof, as it were, prior to being cooked.

Some of the ladies politely demurred from tasting the delicacy.
Letters to the Editor

Nominations Needed
With Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelt City Council members are on heightened alert for this year’s Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you.

Some outstanding citizens are easily identified because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations where they may touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2004’s Outstanding Citizen, that selection—the 32nd since the award was created—will take place from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our city’s outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form (on page 3 of the News Review). Describe, in your own words, your nominee’s contributions or acts of service. Nominations are due on August 9.

The announcement of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen will take place at the opening ceremonies of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival. Bernadette Searls, chair of the nominating and grateulatroy proclamations, a reception follows in the Council Chambers and the honoree will serve as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition and appreciation they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee encourages nominees to be persistent. We know you can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt’s special events!

Bob Zugby, Chair Outstanding Citizens Selection Committee

City of Greenbelt Auditor Selected
The Greenbelt City Council has selected the firm of Abrams, Foster, Nole and Williams to audit the city’s financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

Bartraccadore Score at First Swim Meet
The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
GREETING COUPLED

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center (G.A.F.C.), located in the historic Boyden Building (129 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD), will host its first swim meet on June 27. The meet, which will feature three teams from the Washington Area Swim Team, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center.

The meet will include races in various age groups, with swimmers from the Greenbelt Swim Team and the University of Maryland Swim Team expected to participate. The meet will also feature a relay race in which teams from both universities will compete. The meet is open to the public, and admission is free.

In addition to the swim meet, the Greenbelt Community Center will also host a band concert on Saturday, June 26, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature local bands performing a variety of music, including rock, pop, and classical.

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, located at 129 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770, can be reached by phone at 301-341-4131. For more information about the swim meet and band concert, please visit the Greenbelt Community Center’s website at www.greenbelt.com.
**Golden Age Club**

Now that the experienced walkers have joined us at our Tuesday 10 a.m. walk, we have 36 members. The 26 regular members can join the Wednesday 10 a.m. group. We have 27 new members. Yes, our numbers are growing! A warm welcome to our new members: Esther Williams, Pearl Stemple and Frances Williams. We gather outside Community Church Fellowship. It is a beautiful place to gather and enjoy the lovely wooded area.

**Tutoring Program**

The next G-SWAT meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting will be at the new location. The G-SWAT will discuss the future of the tutoring program and the next steps. The G-SWAT Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room.

**Jr. Rangers Sought For Greenbelt Park**

The rangers of Greenbelt Park are looking for children eight to 12 to become Greenbelt Park Junior Rangers. Greenbelt Park is a 1,100-acre park featuring 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior Rangers will participate in educational programs, field trips and park projects. They are the stewards of the National Park Service. Applications for the 2004 Junior Ranger Program are available at the park headquarters and Ranger Station. Pre-registration begins Monday, May 31. For more information call 301-344-3944.

**Greenbelt Park Volunteer Day**

Make a difference and help improve the Greenbelt Park border along Good Luck Road on Saturday, June 26 at 10 a.m. We will clean up the Ranger Station near the campgrounds. For more information, call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at http://www.nps.gov/gre/.

**Curves For Greenbelt**

Jocobos-based Curves International, Inc. announced the opening of its newest Curves location in Greenbelt. Curves of Greenbelt will open on Monday, July 12 and will be open seven days a week. To participate, a supportive environment is offering 30-minute fitness solutions designed so women can encourage one another while moving around the circuit. Hopefully, new Curves members who are unfamiliar with historic Greenbelt will discover all of the other great things Roosevelt Center has to offer.

**Weather Alerts**

Heed Summer Weather Alerts. The National Weather Service has issued an alert for possible severe weather as the summer season progresses. The alert is issued for severe thunderstorms or tornados. If you hear a warning, move indoors and stay away from electronic devices. If a tornado occurs, you are more likely to be injured than protected by electronic devices. Persons with heart conditions or a history of allergic reactions should avoid being outside. Persons with heart conditions or a history of allergies should avoid being outside. Persons with heart conditions or a history of allergic reactions should avoid being outside.

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MVA Announces Holiday Hours

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will close its full-service and express offices Monday, July 5 and Monday, July 20 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. All Revenue Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed.

Online registration renewals and other time-saving eMVA options are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by logging on to www.marylandmva.com. For MVA services, please log on to the website or call the MVA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA (1082).

Baha’i Faith

20th annual summer school held at Frostburg State University offers a weekend of study, fellowship, and entertainment July 29-August 1. Details at www.daispringsbridgehschool.org.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Crescent and Greenbelt Roads 301-474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org www.greenbeltbaptist.org/servie CVJ

Dr. Mark Thompson, Pastor
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
8:00 a.m. Bible Class
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Greenbelt Baptist Church

Community of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision...

ST. HUGH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

“Living the Healthy Life: Sports Health and Fitness”

Greenbelt Museum curators Jill St. John and Katie Scott-Childress open a new exhibit at Community Center which focuses on the attempt to encourage healthy lifestyles in the new Greenbelt community.

Jazz at Riverside

Bring a blanket or chair to the lawn to the newly landscaped Riverside House Museum as the sun sets and enjoy the music wafting from the porches of this exquisite federal mansion. The Bruce Katsui Jazz Quartet with vocalist Sandy Asirvatham will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30. The free concert will take place.

Summer Food Hotline Begins

During the school year nearly a quarter of Maryland's children depend on the school breakfast and lunch programs to provide healthy and nutritious meals to help them learn and grow. When schools close their doors for the summer, the school meal programs do as well, leaving thousands of children hungry throughout Maryland.

The Center for available Solutions, with grants from Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland State Attorney General's office, will operate a toll-free hotline throughout the summer to direct callers to the nearest Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) where they can find “food that's in... when school is out.” The SFSP offers sites throughout Maryland for children under 18 to receive well-balanced meals as well as to participate in fun summer activities.

The hotline will be open weekdays beginning June 23 until August 29 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The number is (toll-free) 1-877-931-9300. The Summer Food Service Program is administered by the State Department of Agriculture by the Maryland State Department of Education.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi 301-957-5966
Welcome to our open, nurturing community

June 27, 10 a.m.

“In Public Education Dead?” by Les Jones with Julie Watson, worship associate
Barbara Wells ten Hove 10:10 a.m.
Joss B. ten Hove 10:15 a.m.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10:45 a.m. Parish Building

ST. GEORGE’S EPISCOPAL/Anglican Church
St. George’s Episcopal/Anglican Church

The Reverend Dr. Glenn Dale (Glenn Dale, MD) 301-233-3285 | rector@stgeorgem.org | www.stgeorgem.org
Saturdays: 8:00 am Silent, quiet Mass 9:00 am Christian education for all ages 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only) 1:30 pm

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PHOTOS BY SANDRA LANGE

Obligations

Emily B. Nutku

Emily B. Nutku, aged 83, a Greenbelt since 1973, died at Hospice Cross Nursing Center, Burtonsville, on June 10, 2004. She was born Emily Elizabeth Roberts in Campbell, California and educated at San Jose State College and the University of California at Berkeley. She taught college-level English in a number of places including two years in Poland under the Fulbright program. After returning from Poland, she worked as a secretary for Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi, where she was an active member.

In retirement she was active in book discussion groups at several Prince George’s County libraries and was the organizer of the monthly Poetry Plus group at Greenbelt Library.

She was married twice — to Paul McHenry Roberts from 1941 to 1960 and to Navaz Nutku from 1966 to 1975.

She is survived by three children from her first marriage: Ellen Roberts Young and Charles Scott Roberts, and three grandsons, Paul Roberts and Charles Scott Roberts.

She is also survived by her second marriage: John Young and Paul Leo Roberts.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 8, at 2 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Memorial gifts may be sent to Paint Branch UUC, earmarked for the memorial fund, and to Paint Branch UUC, earmarked for the memorial fund, and to Greenbelt Library.

She is survived by three children from her first marriage: Ellen Roberts Young, Paul C. Roberts and Charles Scott Roberts, and three grandchildren, Paul Roberts and Charles Scott Roberts.

In memory of Emily B. Nutku, a memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 24, at 2 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Memorial gifts may be sent to Paint Branch UUC, earmarked for the Legacy Fund.
City Information

Registration For Kindergarten

With Prince George’s County parents can now register their children for kindergarten at their neighborhood school. All children who are five years old (born December 1, 1998 through October 31, 1998) must attend kindergarten before entering first grade. However, the law does allow for certain exemptions: five-year-olds enrolled in one of three alternative programs (full-time in a licensed child care center, full-time in a registered family child care home or part-time in a Head Start five-year-old program) or five-year-olds enrolled in an approved home school instruction program.

Additionally, the law grants a one-year level of maturity waiver. The parent must file a written request, prior to the opening of school, with the chief executive officer asking that attendance be delayed due to the child’s level of maturity.

Children cannot be enrolled in first grade unless they have completed a public or private kindergarten program, one of the three alternative program settings or home school instruction. This policy applies to all children who are Maryland residents.

To register parents must bring the following: proof of residence, proof of birth and an immunization certificate for diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio, tubercle (measles), rubella, mumps, varicella (chicken pox) and hepatitis B. In addition, this year a child who has resided in an at-risk area for lead poisoning must provide proof of blood testing for lead. Parents registering a child in pre-kindergarten or another grade should also contact the local school.

For more information, contact the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300. Enrollment information is also available on the school system website at www.pcps.org.

Family Tree Needs Positive Volunteers

The Family Tree, Maryland’s largest non-profit volunteer-driven agency, is actively recruiting individuals who care about children and families to serve as volunteers for its programs and services. Many opportunities are available throughout Maryland, including answering calls for the Family Stress Line, teaching positive parenting classes, facilitating Parents’ Anonymous groups and nurturing children.

The Family Tree provides volunteers with free training and schedules several sessions throughout the year. The agency also offers ongoing support and asks that volunteers make a one-year commitment.

For more information call Stephanie Jacobs, the Family Tree volunteer coordinator, at 410-889-2300 or log onto www.familytreemd.org.

Arboretum Offers Bonsai Program

The U.S. National Arboretum will present free, informal demonstrations of how to create a bonsai on July 3 and July 4 at 2:30 p.m. A bonsai expert will transform a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. No registration is required for this free program. For more information call 202-245-5899 or visit www.usa.usda.gov.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on Council Advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education Arts Advisory Board Board of Elections Employee Relations Advisory Board Park & Recreation Advisory Board Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee For more information, please call 301-474-8000.
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There was a break in the ceremony with residents and the biannual meeting of the city council with residents and the bimannual candidates forums held by the residents.

Band

There was a break in the ceremony for a musical interlude from the Greenbelt Concert Band. Because of limited space in Green Ridge House and a filled-to-capacity community room where the ceremony was held, the band played under a tent on an outside patio. The band could be heard by most, but not all, through an open door and window. It must have been strange for the members of the band to perform a concert without a visible audience.

Following the brief concert, the ceremonies continued with Parent presenting plaques in recognition of volunteer services performed by Ruth Burton and Louise Swiderski. Burton was recognized for being resident association treasurer for 18 years and for her work in the dining room and greenhouse and for shopping for supplies for social functions. Swiderski has called bingo on Wednesday nights for 22 years and has also helped with line dancing events.

Evans then recognized Parent with a plaque for her services wearing “many hats,” including being association president two times, vice-president, acting secretary, keeper of the kiln and “computer guru.”

TIME CAPSULE

Upon the advent of the new Millennium, the residents had prepared a time capsule – a large, appropriately labeled canister. Resident Manager Salva Holloman opened the capsule at the ceremony and revealed the contents it contained. There was a telephone directory, a newspaper supplement listing New Year’s Eve events planned to ring in the year 2000, a party hat and a variety of other documents.

The ceremony concluded with the concert band playing a few more selections. Besides the display of time capsule artifacts in front, there were displays in back for residents and guests to peruse containing News Review articles and photographs about the building of Green Ridge House and a scrap book kept on building activities. Everyone then adjourned to the dining hall for a variety of refreshments and to eat pieces of a very large decorated two-layer cake.

Jim Cassels was awarded a plaque of recognition by Marian Evans, social director for having been the leader of the effort to build senior housing and Green Ridge House in Greenbelt.

Not wanting to wait too long, Resident Manager Salva Holloman opens at the 25th Green Ridge House anniversary celebration a time capsule that Green Ridge House residents filled right before the start of the Millennium. Among the many things within the container were a 1999 telephone directory and a newspaper supplement listing Millennium New Year’s Eve events.

Above, in a Green Ridge House first, a mother and daughter have become residents in Green Ridge House; Mary Taylor (r) has now joined her mother, original resident Sally Carrano (c), as a resident in the senior apartment building. Carrano’s other daughter, Sally Fama (l) joined the two for a visit at the end of the 25th anniversary reception.

At right, Louise Swiderski holds her recognition plaque for 25 years of volunteer services to Green Ridge House residents including the calling of bingo on Wednesday nights for the past 22 years.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in March 1976, after hearing the opinions of the residents of Greenbelt, the City Council chose a site on Ridge Road to build housing for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, in September 1976, Greenbelters voted two-to-one in support of the Council’s intention to amend the City Charter to allow the project to go forward; and

WHEREAS, ground was broken for this project in December 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the City Council approved the name “Green Ridge House” and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the first residents moved in and made Green Ridge House their home, with a dedication ceremony held on June 3, 1979; and

WHEREAS, the completion of Green Ridge House represented the successful cooperation of City, County, State, and Federal governments, as well as years of effort by the citizens of Greenbelt; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is due to Jim Cassels who, together with other committee members, played an instrumental role in the initiation of a 20-year dialogue about the need for senior housing in Greenbelt, which culminated in the establishment of Green Ridge House; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Bryant, Sally Carrano, Jim Cassels, James Hudson, and Louise Swiderski are the five Green Ridge House Pioneers who are celebrating their 25th anniversary at 22 Ridge Road today; and

WHEREAS, today, just as 25 years ago, we greet the residents of Green Ridge House as valued, contributing, and very welcome citizens of our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of the

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEN RIDGE HOUSE

and congratulate all those citizens, City staff, City Council members and other government officials who worked so hard to make Green Ridge House a reality in 1979 and all the residents and staff of Green Ridge House who do such a good job of making it a great place to live today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 13th day of June 2004.
Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad
POLICE BLOTTER

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

Assault
June 13, 3:37 p.m. a Beltway Plaza security officer responded to a shoplifting at Sportzone Athletic Apparel. He attempted to stop a black male, who when the other four began to hit him, proceeded to kick him, causing the officer to be unconscious. The suspects fled the scene. The second security officer was transported to a hospital for treatment.

June 16, 12:25 p.m., as a result of a TGI Friday’s arrest, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with resisting arrest in a second degree assault, failure to obey a lawful order, disorderly intoxication, disorderly conduct and reckless abandonment. A second nonresident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and failing to obey a lawful order. Both were transported to the Greenbelt Police Department District Court Commission.

Carjacking
June 14, 11:45 p.m. a woman reported her vehicle was stolen from the 9300 block Edmonston Road and exited her vehicle when she saw a man who displayed a handgun and threatened to shoot her. The woman gave the man her car keys and purse. He fled the scene in a white vehicle, a tan 1997 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags A088893. The suspects are described as a black male in his twenties, 6’ to 6’2”, 130 to 140 pounds, with a short black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing a dark shirt and blue jeans.

Robbery
June 11, 7:30 a.m., a man entered the Beltway Trophy Company, asked to look at two items, and charged with robbery when they were observed on the grounds of Springfield Lake Apartment Complex, submitted a request for police. The suspects were released.

Burglary
6300 block Ivy Lane, June 11, 9:28 p.m., a woman reported two commercial burglaries.
6100 block Breezeway Court, June 13, 10:59 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence by unknown means. No CD player and a cellular telephone were taken.

Vehicle Crimes
Seven vehicles were stolen:
1991 Dodge Dynasty with Wyoming 60860 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway;
1995 Honda Accord 4-door, black with Wyoming license plate KNN333 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway;
1999 Ford Escort, black with Wyoming license plate BBM400 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway;
2000 Honda CRV station wagon, a 2003 Jeep Liberty 4-door and a 2002 Ford F-250 extended cab truck, Maryland tags 43L457, both from the 6200 block Springhill Lane, June 18, 12:30 p.m., as three nonresident men were arrested and charged with trespassing when they were observed on the grounds of Springfield Lake Apartments.

Accident Not Result Of Roadway Flaws
The Greenbelt Police Department has determined that the design and condition of Crescent Road were not factors in a fatal accident at the intersection involving two young girls and a city truck. MPO Scott Kaiser found that the collision was caused when one of the vehicles, a Honda, crossed the center line and struck a city truck. Kaiser and the private accident reconstruction firm RIMEK, supported by the speed detection equipment, found no roadway defects or action by the truck that contributed to the collision. Speed also did not appear to be a factor. Kaiser added the reasoning the Honda crossed the center line would never probably be known.

Tour of Daylilies
On Saturday, June 26 from 5 to 6 p.m., join a daisy expert at the entrance to the perennial plant collection at the U.S. National Arboretum for a free, informal twilight tour featuring award-winning, easy to grow daylilies. Bring the family and enjoy extended hours until 7 p.m. No registration is required. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-8898 for information.

Come alive through story, song and games. The show will appear in choral, instrumental, and musical variety. The show is an evening of theatrical storytelling in revise format with music, dance, and multiple voice narration enhanced with songs and musical under-scoring.

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Tent Troupe Holds Free Shows
The South Laurel Recreation Commission and St. Luke Lutheran Church will also be offering the Silver Spring All Stars, a group of people to attend one of three free performances by the Tent Troupe. In addition, another group of nonmilitary grounds located on Route 197 at Murkirk Road in Laurel. No tickets or reservations are required.

The Tent Troupe, the only traveling summer tent theater in America, will present “All I Really Need is to Know in Kindergarten” on Sunday, June 27 and Monday, June 28 at 6 p.m. All performances are under the Big Top. This family entertainment is based on books by Robert Fulghum, conceived and adapted by Ernest Zula with music and lyrics by David Caldwell. The show is an evening of theatrical storytelling in revise format with music, dance, and multiple voice narration enhanced with songs and musical under-scoring.

City Notes
CARES, Judy Hering participated in a federal audit with the Maryland State Department of Education and the United States Department of Vocational Programs and Adult Education. The purpose of the audit was to review Title II educational programs.

Recreation Department
Staff continued to work with California Skate Park Design on the concept drawing for the skate park. The hours of operation for the temporary skate park on one of the Lakecrest tennis courts are now Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 1 to 6 p.m. on the weekends. Staff has finalized schedules for staff and facilities for the summer. The Youth Center and the Springfield Lake Recreation Center will now open at noon Monday through Friday.

The tennis courts numbers five through eight have been re-surfaced. Free Park has been positive on the new color scheme with enhanced color contrast that makes it easier to see the ball when it is in play.

The Teen Basketball Program held on Friday nights has been a success with an attendance of 30 teens participating.

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However, in order to obtain a mortgage from the Maryland Community Development Administration, council had to amend the city charter, which citizens could petition to referendum. Enough voters signed such a petition and a special referendum election was held on September 28, 1976. The charter amendment was subsequently approved by a two-to-one margin.

Design and Construction
Architect Steve Parker, of Grim & Parker, presented preliminary drawings for the proposed elderly housing facility, which was to be built south of the present site on Ridge Road. Council selected Harkins, Inc. to construct the city’s 101-unit facility, with construction scheduled to begin in mid-November 1977.

Representatives from Harkins, the city staff and the architect had to work out details to bring the bid under $2.5 million before a meeting could be set to authorize the signing of the contract.

After the project was approved council created a special citizens advisory group to give advice on design and construction of the facility, and to participate in eventual procedures for selecting tenants.

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Barnyard Blues
One of Green Ridge House’s unforeseen construction costs sur- faced, literally, when they discovered that the site had once been an old barnyard. In excavating for the new building, a humungous pile of odoriferous cow manure was found buried at the site. They had to dig it out and put in clean fill which was an extra expense. Maybe that’s why the grounds are so beautiful!

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Kids Launch Their Rockets

The 2004 edition of the Jim Kerley Memorial Model Rocket Program took place June 6 at the Goddard Space Flight Center hillside. Eleven students from St. Hugh’s school built and launched model rockets.

The group had a cloudy but rain-free afternoon to launch the rockets and the wind speed was below the maximum allowable speed. Both first time and repeat rocketeers shared in the excitement of the countdown and launch, the blastoff, the flight and the recovery of their rockets.

Last summer, 17 Fresh Air children visited volunteer hosts in the Greenbelt area. There are no financial requirements for hosting a Fresh Air child. Hosts can select the gender and approximate age of their visitor. First-time visitors are six to 12 years old and re-invited young-sters may participate in the Friendly Town Program through age 18. To learn more contact Grand Knight Sean Bailey and Knights Matt Thompson and Austin Conaty.

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To Vote One Must Register

A voter registration application may be submitted to the Prince George’s County Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections year round. However, no registrations will be processed from 20 days before through 10 days after the 2004 Presidential General Election. An application may be obtained online from the State Board of Election’s website at www.elections.state.md.us or the county board of elections at 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Suite 205, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070. Telephone 301-952-3270. Applications are also available throughout Maryland at state agencies such as the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Social Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging, the MTA paratransit certification office and all public institutions of higher education.

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by Eileen Murray

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Backyard Naturalist: A Cicada Journal

by Donald Comis

At two minutes after mid-night Wednesday, May 19, I saw a rare light blue-eyed cicada emerge from its shell. I didn’t realize what I was seeing then, but it was the highlight of my favorite night of cicada watching this season.

I was startled to the special night in cicada world when I looked out my patio doors about 10 that night. The ground seemed to be crawling with cicadas, all just out of their holes after 17 years. The leaves rustled loudly and moved with the cicadas. Winged cicadas were dropping noisily to the ground. At one point I had a nymph on my foot and a Winged cicada dangling in the air. My body was perfectly still, upside down, with minimum of trembling. It wasn’t the way to the table. And one cicada that seemed to be hanging just waiting a friend of mine.

I’m looking forward to seeing the eggs hatch and see the hatching fall to the ground and burrow down in, completing the cycle and setting the stage for a repeat in 2021. I’ll be there taking notes during this cycle and hopefully the next, cheering all the know-how into a print that I’ve actually seen.

The cicada cycle will create many naturalists.

Cicada Blues

by C.A. Rose

Si - Si - Cicada, Climbing up my tree.
Si - Si - Cicada, Flying when you’re free. Si - Si - Cicada, Please don’t land on me.
Si - Si - Cicada, Buzzing to your mate.
Si - Si - Cicada, Making your life date.
Si - Si - Cicada, Breed before too late.
Si - Si - Cicada, Feeding all the birds.
Si - Si - Cicada, Dying in huge hordes.
Si - Si - Cicada, You intrigue us nerds.
Si - Si - Cicada, Deafening my ears.
Si - Si - Cicada, Leaving without tears.
Si - Si - Cicada, Seventeen long years.

– June 2004

Our Thanks

On behalf of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School 2004 Grad Night Committee, we would like to thank all of the contributors to the “Grad Night ‘04 Night of Illusions”, which was held on June 10, 2004.

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