

# News Review

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Thursday, March 20, 1997



Pear blossoms are getting whiter every day. Roosevelt Center Mall.

—photo by Lisa Goldman

## Council Urged to Appoint Task Force on Theater

by Diane Oberg

At its March 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council took the first steps towards considering adding a performing arts theater to the city's Community Center, awarded contracts for renovating the youth center basement and repairing the dam at Greenbelt Lake and approved the establishment of a city scholarship program.

### Performing Arts Theater

The Arts Advisory Board, in report 97-1, recommended that council establish a Performing Arts Center Task Force to "advise on the design of a theater at the Community Center, develop a comprehensive fund-raising plan and timetable for construction and advise on the management of the theater." The Greenbelt Arts Center has previously proposed construction of a "proscenium

theater" containing fixed sloped seating for roughly 250 people. One issue is whether the task force should conduct the study or contract for a study by professionals.

Thomas Renahan, representing the Greenbelt Arts Center, argued that the task force could establish "a lot of the needed facts," then council could pay for an independent analysis, which would reduce the total cost of the study. City Manager Michael McLaughlin endorsed this proposal.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that a lot of questions needed to be resolved before he would be willing to start spending money on such a facility. His main concerns included how to accommodate sufficient parking for a 200 seat facility in the already crowded lots around the Community Center, and his concern that there will be pressure for a liquor license for conferences at the facility. (Renahan quickly noted that the Arts Center has never proposed such a license, but Roberts countered that others have.) Despite these concerns, Roberts said that he had no objections to establishing a task force.

Councilmember Judith Davis shared Roberts' parking concerns and noted that while she thought that all citizens would like a theater, what the city wants and what it can afford may be two different things. However, she proclaimed herself "very much in favor" of a task force to look into these issues. Councilmember Edward Putens declared that he had "been waiting for this to happen."

Mayor Bram raised concerns about the need for the city to staff and maintain the facility,

given its already tight budget. She noted that there are other important capital needs in the city including new windows for the Community Center and the long delayed public works facility. She worried about creating an "illusion" that the theater "can happen." "What if it can't?" she asked. Putens countered that "our illusions have all come true," citing the pool, the Community Center, the Police Station and Schrom Hills Park. The mayor had the last word of this exchange, however, reminding her colleague that the city is \$10 million in debt as a result of making those illusions a reality.

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## Council Hears SHA Plans For Road Improvements

by Randy Crenwelge

The Greenbelt City Council met in work session on March 3 to hear about highway improvements to address the hazards at several dangerous intersections within the city. Thirty-two accidents, including two fatalities occurred at the intersection of Kenilworth and Crescent Roads in 1996. At the Golden Triangle last year, there were 45 accidents at Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive. Charlie Watkins, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) district engineer and Maj Shakib, the assistant district engineer for traffic told the council about improvements planned for these and other intersections. The Council added a few areas of concern that they had.

### Kenilworth Avenue

On Kenilworth Avenue from the Beltway to Cherrywood Lane, numerous modifications and improvements are planned (see attached map). The existing exit ramp that merges with Kenilworth Avenue from the Beltway and conflicts with vehicles right turning onto Crescent Road, will be removed. Traffic entering Kenilworth Avenue from the Beltway outer loop will have to make a right-hand turn onto Kenilworth Avenue on lanes controlled by a traffic signal in order to go north towards the Agricultural Research Center. The existing lane from the ramp will be reduced to become a right turn only lane for Crescent Road. Between Crescent Road and the Beltway exit ramp, the northbound lane of Kenilworth Avenue will be widened to begin a left turn lane for Ivy Lane into Capital Office Park. Also, the outer loop Beltway entrance ramp will be widened. Motorists turning left from southbound Kenilworth

onto Crescent will be able to do so only on a green arrow from the traffic signal.

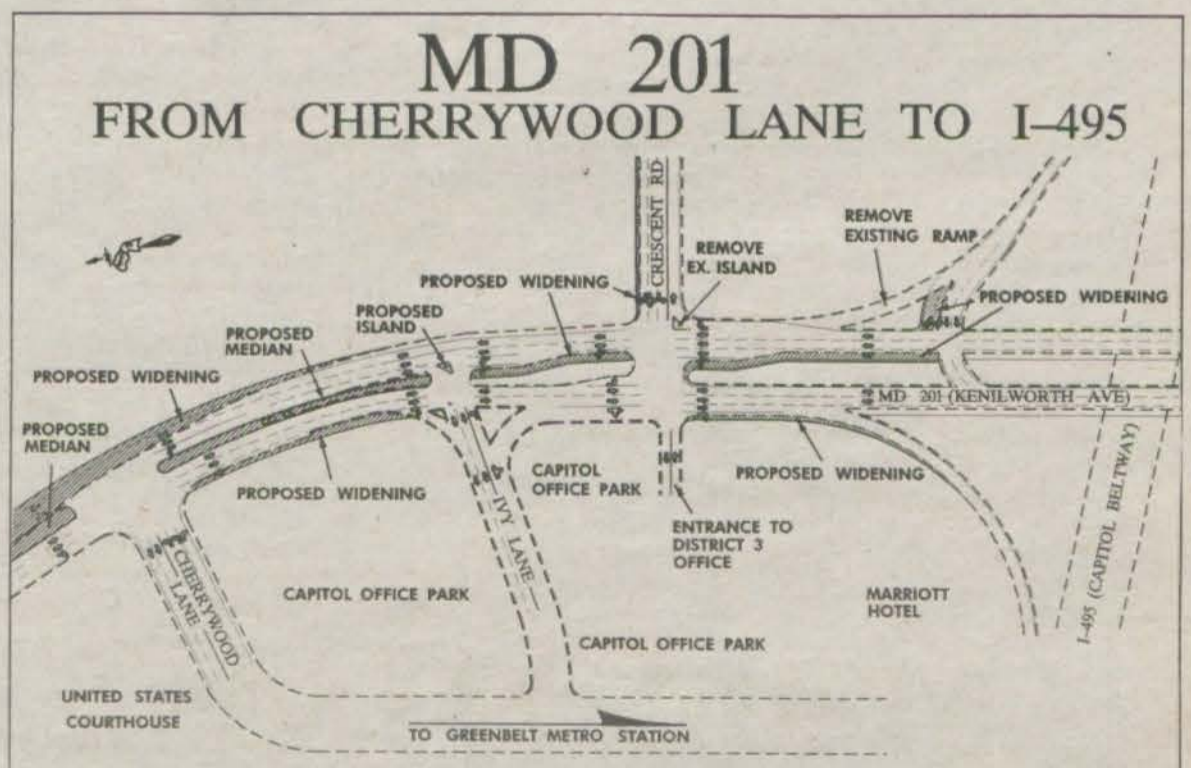
Between Crescent and Ivy Lane, the northbound lane of Kenilworth Avenue will be widened to provide two left-turn lanes into Ivy Lane. Between Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane, a medium strip is planned on Kenilworth Avenue along with widening of both the north and southbound lanes to provide three lanes in each direction. The SHA also plans to widen Kenilworth to four lanes north of Cherrywood Lane up to Sunnyside Avenue as part of the improvements to improve access to the new Department of Agriculture headquarters facility for which the federal government will pay the cost.

Council recommended that a sign for the Marriott Hotel be placed appropriately on Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane as a safety measure to avoid vehicle traffic turning into the State Highway Administration office then swerving back out. Instead, the State Highway Administration proposes to move its entrance to connect with the service road off of Ivy Lane and eliminate its entrance from Kenilworth opposite Crescent.

### Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive

At Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, the many accidents last year were due to the failure of motorists to yield the right of way. Permitting motorists to make turns after yielding on the green light is not working. Council requested that the phasing of the signal be changed to permit left turns only with a green arrow.

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This map provided to the Greenbelt City Council by Charlie Watkins, district engineer for the State Highway Administration, identifies im-

provements planned for Kenilworth Avenue between the Beltway and Cherrywood Lane.

### What Goes On

Mon., March 24, 7:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., March 25, 7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Council Budget Work Session on Overview, Revenues and General Government, Municipal Building

Wed., March 26, 7:30 p.m. Citizens Police Academy Graduations, Police Department

Thurs., March 27, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

## Riverside Offices Interact With Maryland University

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two ghosts may have looked on approvingly at the presentation on February 27 concerning plans for development of the tract of land along River Rd. in College Park. (River Rd. was constructed from Kenilworth Ave. to provide access to the College Park Metro station; from there it turns north to exit on Paint Branch Parkway, formerly Calvert Rd.) The tract in question is presently known as Riverside.

As for the ghosts — they would have been Charles Calvert, 19th-century owner of the Riversdale plantation that encompassed the site under discussion, and perhaps Rexford Guy Tugwell, that devotee of urban planning, whose greenspace concept was brought to fruition in Greenbelt.

Always in the forefront of technological developments in

Kirwan, this is the largest piece of still-undeveloped land inside the Beltway, and providing the best-possible use for it has become part of his institution's Strategic Plan.

### FDA Agreement

As a model of what the university is seeking, Kirwan described its recent agreement with the federal Food and Drug Administration. The FDA will start construction soon on a new \$84 million facility on Paint Branch Parkway on land owned by the university. Devoted to research on food safety, it will replace a deteriorating red brick structure previously occupied by Litton Industries.

Of special interest to the university, Kirwan said, would be the future collaboration made possible by the proximity of the two institutions. FDA will purchase some state-of-the-art equipment for their own research, while the

*"This is the largest piece of till undeveloped land inside the Beltway..."*

—William E. Kirwan, President University of Maryland

his day, Calvert in 1835 welcomed the location of the B&O railroad line from Baltimore to Washington (the second route in America) within his own property. Later he housed the inventor Samuel F. B. Morse, as he strung the first telegraph line along the B&O and sent his first message to Washington from the Riversdale stop. Calvert was a leader in the scientific agriculture of his day, and in promoting this research provided a gift of land to found the Maryland Agricultural College, which was to become the University of Maryland.

### The February Meeting

That university's present-day president, William E. Kirwan, hosted the noon-time session, which took place at the new American Center for Physics. This building, which is set within a circular drive off River Rd., is the administrative headquarters for four different national associations of physicists. Three years old and within walking distance of the Metro stop, the building includes 150 acres, mostly woods and greenspace, which will be preserved.

"The work ambience is absolutely wonderful," said Bernard V. Khoury, the center's chairman and executive officer, who welcomed the group of technological faculty from the university, as well as business leaders. Among the latter was Olav Kollevoll of the Penrose Group, a diversified real estate company headquartered in Virginia, which owns the largest share of the tract in question.

### High-tech Development

Owner of the second largest acreage is the university, which is working in cooperation with the Penrose group, as well as the physics center, to attract high-tech companies to locate on the undeveloped space. According to President

university will buy certain other pieces for its Department of Nutrition and Food Science. Not only will the two units share the use of their respective equipment, but part-time opportunities for students working in the field will become available with the FDA.

This is the model the university hopes to replicate with other businesses or agencies that may locate at the site. One such business already in place is the technological center for Riggs National Bank, which chose the location so that highly trained students could work there. A second is a Swedish telecommunications research firm, Q-Labs, that works jointly with a faculty member in the Dept. of Computer Science and plans to locate in the Riverside area.

To facilitate such interchanges, the university's shuttle bus to the Metro site already includes a run along River Rd.; and in setting up the February 27 meeting, the university and the Penrose Group hoped to involve other faculty in the hightech areas in making connections with firms and institutions with a potential interest in creating similar partnerships. Kollevoll indicated that his firm is currently even considering renaming the tract—possibly to something like University Station Center.

### The Landscape

Another speaker at the meeting was Steven Hurtt, dean of the university's School of Architecture, which has been engaged in planning to incorporate the projected development in such a way as to protect the watershed areas nearby. Related to bicycle trails leading to Paint Branch and Lake Artemesia, the site is just across the railroad tracks from a residential area

## ROADS

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### Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway

A lot of traffic backs up in the mornings in the turning lane from eastbound Greenbelt Road to Hanover Parkway due to the beginning of school at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Council requested that the turning lane be lengthened or the light's timing be changed.

Council also requested the SHA to place street lights in the eastern section of the Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway intersection. They were advised that a problem of weight limits on the lightpoles will have to be addressed.

Council requested a traffic signal at Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive. They were advised that a study is underway.

The council was advised that a guardrail is planned to be installed near the entrance to Roosevelt High School.

### Nature Programs Offered by Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge is holding three separate Discover Nature programs: for children ages four to six, Mondays, March 31 - May 26, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.; for children ages seven to nine, Tuesdays, April 1 - May 27, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.; for children ten to twelve, Thursdays, April 3 - May 29, 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

The programs offers hands-on activities, crafts, and outdoor experience. For the older children there are also projects and experiments. Parent participation is encouraged.

Advance registration required. Space is limited. Call 410-674-3304 for information/registration. Programs are held at the North Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge, Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel (off Rt. 198).

of College Park.

For this reason all projected development would be confined to a "pedestrian scale," Hurtt said. It would be "townlike" near the Metro station and less dense at greater distances from that point. No buildings would be taller than the present five-story physics center. Some retail and service facilities were envisioned, as well as a possible hotel/convention center complex.

Something like a town common, Hurtt also suggested, would be created near the Metro station. Within walking distance of the new museum now rising at the College Park Airport, it would also link with Calvert Park.

### District Council Hearing

Since this property is part of the Transit District Development Plan (TDDP) for the proposed College Park - Riverdale Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ), it will be under review at a public hearing before the county council sitting as the District Council. The meeting has been tentatively set for May 19.

The total acreage in the plan is 293 acres, of which the university owns 13.4 acres and the Penrose group 48.9.

A copy of the development plan is available at the Greenbelt Library.

## Shopping Center To Be Auctioned

Eastgate Shoppers World, a 90,000 square foot shopping center located at 10501 Greenbelt Road will be sold at a foreclosure auction on Thursday, April 3, at noon at the shopping center.

The center, which was built in 1980, is currently 92% leased. It is

anchored by a Richfood grocery store and a Rite Aid store. Tenants of the pad-lease buildings include McDonald's, Pizza Hut, and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

None of the tenant businesses are being sold as part of the auction.



### REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MARCH 24, 1997 - 8:00 P.M.

#### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda—Approval of Staff Recommendations  
(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks [\*] placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

#### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
  - GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
  - City Manager's Proposed FY 1998 Budget
7. Petitions and Requests  
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- \*8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- \*10. Committee Reports

#### III. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Community Center Sign Lighting
12. Master Police Officer Description
13. Petition from Residents of Hunting Ridge
14. Notification regarding Pawn Shops

#### IV. MEETINGS

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NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

David E. Moran

City Clerk

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**Golden Age Club**

by Bernie McGee

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at 11 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The guest speaker will be Sajida Oayumi, the Greenbelt Co-op pharmacist.

Phyllis Budin, chairperson, is accepting reservations and checks for the club's annual luncheon scheduled for Friday, April 18, at 11:30 a.m. at E.J.'s Landing Restaurant in College Park.

Also, deposits for the May Ocean City trip should be given to either Irene Owens or Flo Bosworth of the Travel Committee.

Don't forget to join other Golden Agers in the "Buy-a-Book Drive" by buying and donating books to the local schools. This is a worthy project which other Greenbelters may wish to support also.

Come out to the meetings and enjoy all the activities.

**Saturday Storytime At Beltway Plaza**

Children 3 - 10 years old are invited to the silliest storytime ever on Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m., at Beltway Plaza. J. J. Kronkle and Trish from Jeepers! will be joining in the silliness at Center Court.

Special guest will be Miss Greenbelt, Heather Villaba, who will sign a book in sign language and teach the children specific signs.

Every child will receive a free coupon from Jeepers! and free tokens and be entered to win an ultimate birthday party for 10.

**Resnik Group To Meet Tuesday**

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, at the home of Jacque Aronfy. The program for the meeting will be a presentation by Zelma Fink on her collection of miniatures.

For more information and directions, and to RSVP, please call 301-345-2018.

**Discover Goddard**

On Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at the Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center meet Dr. Carol Jo Crannell of the Laboratory for Astronomy and Solar Physics, and find out what new and exciting work is being done in the field. The Laboratory implements space research in the fields of UV/optical astronomy, infrared/submillimeter/radio astronomy, and solar physics, and acts as a focal point for conception and implementation of innovative technology and space-borne instrumentation. Questions will be welcomed.

Discover Goddard is an inside look at the people, operations and missions of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Lectures by leading scientists, engineers, and project managers are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 1 p.m. Presentations last about an hour and are recommended for 10th grade and up.

For further information, call 301-286-8981 (Voice) or 301-286-8103 (TDD).

**Thursday Bridge**

A regularly scheduled bridge game is held every Thursday afternoon beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Senior Game Room at the Community Center. More players are needed, either as regulars or substitutes. For information call Lucille Howell, 301-345-9699.

**Community Events**

**At the Library**

All branches of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will be closed Tuesday, March 25 in observance of Maryland Day.

Wednesday March 26, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime, ages 4 - 6.

On Thursday, March 27 — 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages three to five; 11:15 a.m., Tickle Toddle Storytime for two year olds with parent or caregiver.

For more information on these or other programs call the library at 301-345-5800.

**P.G. County Library Friends Meet Here**

Friends of the Prince George's County Libraries welcomes all interested citizens to its meeting this Saturday, Mar. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt branch library.

The group, consisting of representatives from each library branch, will be discussing the ongoing campaign to support full funding of the county library. The meeting here is hosted by Friends of the Greenbelt Library and is free and open to the public.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

People should mark their calendars for Monday, March 31, when the Easter Bunny will make a special visit to Buddy Attick Lake Park for Greenbelt Recreation Department's Easter Egg Hunt. Youngsters aged infant through sixth grade and their parents are invited to join in the fun. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Following the hunt, songs and games will be presented by the KinderTwin!

**Comet Viewing**

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will gather at Northway Fields in Greenbelt on Sunday, March 23 beginning at 9 p.m. to view an eclipse of the moon, Comet Hale-Bopp, and other celestial wonders through telescopes (weather permitting). The event is free and open to the public. This is an experience the whole family can share. Call 301-918-8750 for information.

**Bridge Game**

There will be a drop-in Bridge Game for seniors in the Senior Game Room at the Community Center every Tuesday afternoon at 2 beginning March 25. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

**Camping Basics**

Join a Greenbelt Park ranger for an hour session on the basics of camping. This interactive discussion will include supplies and equipment needed and regulations and etiquette on public lands, local places to go and other camping concerns. Meet at the campfire circle behind "B" loop at 2 p.m. on Saturdays March 22 and 29, Park at the Ranger Station.

**Aerobics Classes**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces the opening of registration for Bio Aerobics Dance Fitness Classes for adults and teens. The spring session begins the week of April 7. Classes will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center and the Prince George's Plaza Community Center, where complimentary trial classes will be held on April 2 at 7 p.m. (Aerobics) and April 2, 5:50 p.m. (Step Aerobics).

For information and a free brochure call 301-262-5175.

**GHI Notes**

The Historic District Committee will meet March 25, at 7 p.m., in the GHI Board Room.

The Architecture & Environment Committee will meet March 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room.

Thursday, March 27, the Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room.

**Greenbelt CARES**

Judye Hering attended a joint conference on volunteerism on Monday, March 10. The conference was sponsored by Montgomery, Howard and Prince George's Counties' Volunteer Coordinator's Association. Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend gave the opening remarks, and workshops included Strategies to Manage Change and Resolve Conflict, and the Impact of Legislation: National, State and Local.

Tammy Mountcastle co-led the last session of the School Success Group at Greenbelt Middle School during the week of March 10. She also attended a planning meeting with the school's guidance counselor in preparation for the next group she will be co-leading. Additionally, she participated in Springhill Lake Elementary School's "Spotlight on Careers Program," where she conducted presentations for students in third through fifth grades.

**Mah Jong**

Greenbelters and others interested in teaching, learning or playing Mah Jong, please call Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208.

**Six Mile Hike**

Take a six mile hike with the park ranger along the perimeter trail in Greenbelt Park. Meet at the ranger station on Sunday, March 23 at 10 a.m. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. For more information or reservations, please call 301-344-3944.

**Annie Comes To Greenbelt**

"Annie" will be presented by members of the music classes at Greenbelt Elementary School on Wednesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of Wilma Vasquez, music teacher, the children practiced during recess and after school to perfect their acting and singing.

The community is welcome to attend.

**Spring Toastmasters Speechcraft Program**

Greenbelt Toastmasters will start the Spring Speaker's Speechcraft program at 7 p.m. on March 25. People who wish to improve their public speaking skills are urged to participate in the program. Meetings are free, open to the public, and are held at the Greenbelt Library. For more information call David Weatherford at 301-575-0417.

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**  
**474-9744**  
**WEEK OF MARCH 21**  
**All Seats \$5.00**  
**Star Wars PG 125**  
**Fri: (4:45 all seats \$3.00)**  
 7:20 9:50  
**Sat: (2:15 4:45 all seats \$3.00) 7:20 9:50**  
**Sun: (2:15 4:45 all seats \$3.00) 7:20**  
**Mon: (All seats \$3.00) 7:30**  
**Tue, Wed, Thurs: 7:30**

**New Deal Cafe**  
 Open Fri-Sat 6-11 pm  
 Music 8:30 pm  
 No cover  
 FRIDAY 21st: Mike Hamilton (The Pennsylvania Kid - downhome country/folk/blues)  
 SATURDAY 22nd: Fractal Terradactyl (First Day of Spring Dance Party)  
 New Deal T-Shirt Special \$7.00 patrons \$5.00 volunteers  
 Greenbelt Community Center  
**474-5642**

**Join The Greenbelt Rotary Club**  
 We Meet Every Thursday Morning at 7:30am-8:45am For Breakfast—Greenbelt Marriott on Ivy Lane  
 Rotary is a community service organization of professional men and women who live or work in the Greenbelt Area.  
 For More Information Call Martin McGehrin 982-5526 or Louis Pope 441-1100.  
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**ATTENTION: GHI MEMBERS**  
**OOPS, SO SORRY, WE GOOFED**  
 Correction to GHI Yard Care Bulletin on Lawn/Bare Spots  
 Recently GHI members received a newsletter and several handouts to facilitate care of a member's yard. The bulletin on Lawn Bare Spots contains a tip on the use of moss to cover bare spots and suggests taking moss from the woods. While moss may be found naturally in wooded areas, we ask that members NOT remove moss or other vegetation from any wooded area as its removal is a Federal or state offense. We recommend purchasing moss from a nursery and following the information provided by their experts on the proper steps to take when transplanting moss.  
 We regret this piece of incorrect information, and extend our apology.  
 Gretchen Overdurff  
 General Manager

**Greenbelt Arts Center presents**  
**A Celtic Evening of Music and Song**  
**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a program of Irish Music and song by the Mac Talla Gaelic Singers, the Homespun Ceilidh Band and Skye Gathering.**  
**Friday and Saturday March 21 and 22 at 8:00 pm and a special workshop Saturday March 22 at 1:00 pm**  
**Admission \$8/\$6 for senior and students for each performance and workshop. Reserve space NOW! Always a sellout crowd. Be sure to call today!**  
**Youth Production Auditions—Peter Pan**  
**The Greenbelt Arts Center is accepting young adults and kids aged 6-16 for the play Peter Pan.**  
**Auditions are on Saturday March 22nd at 10:00 am and Sunday March 23rd at 2:00 pm**  
**Director Ginny Zanner**  
**The Greenbelt Arts Center**  
**123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)**  
**For more information call (301) 441-8770**

## OBITUARIES

### Thomas F. Delaney

Thomas F. "Tim" Delaney, 84, a resident of Greenbelt since 1951, died at Doctor's Hospital on March 16 after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, a daughter, Barbara Franke of Annapolis, and a son, Thomas Delaney of Bowie. Survivors also include three grandchildren, Robert Delaney, Brent Franke, and Erin Franke, and a sister, Anna Ricco. A brother, Jerry Delaney, died in 1988.

A World War II veteran and a career heavy equipment operator, "Tim" was a life member of the American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt and served as historian and vice commander. He was also a member of the Society of Forty & Eight, and a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, March 19 at St. Hugh's.



Thomas F. (Tim) Delaney

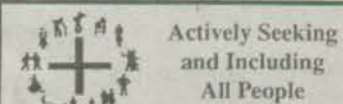
### Sunrise Service

The annual interfaith Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 7 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake Park. Everyone is invited to join in the joyful celebration on Easter morning. Bring a lawn chair.

In case of rain services will be held in Greenbelt Baptist Church.

### VNA Hospice Needs Volunteers

The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) Hospice of Maryland is now seeking friendly volunteers in Prince George's County. Volunteers share smiles, laughs and hugs with hospice patients and their families. Volunteers also help with special projects and events. Training is offered monthly. The next training session is March 29. Call Brenda at the VNA Hospice of Maryland at 301-429-0063 for more information.



### St. George's Episcopal Church

**Sundays**  
9 am Folk Service  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Sung Service

Lanham-Severn & Glenn Dale Rds.  
Just South of MD 193, Glenn Dale  
262-3285

## History of Bryan's Point Told by Dr. Beauchamp

by James Giese

Dr. Virginia Walcott Beauchamp was the guest speaker at the February 7 Explorations Unlimited program at the Greenbelt Community Center. She spoke about material she had researched for the history of the Prince George's County book she is writing as part of the celebration of the county's Tricentennial. The subject was Bryan's Point, the southernmost area in the county along the Potomac River and adjacent to Charles County. Its history is among the oldest in the county, extending back to prehistoric times. It is also the location where the white man first came upon this area when Captain John Smith sailed up the Potomac in 1608 from the Jamestown Colony. Up on the bluffs at Bryan's Point were Piscataway Indian villages in circular palisaded forts.

Bryan's Point is located across the Potomac River from Mount Vernon. The Maryland Colonial Farm is on that site, and Fort Washington and Tantallon are just to the north.

Beauchamp told how when Smith passed that way he found the fish in the river so plentiful, there being a run of sturgeon at the time, that many were crowded to the surface. Not having nets, his crew was trying to catch them in frying pans. She noted that at a later time, caviar was one of the commercial crops at the port of Bladensburg.

### Captain Fleet

Beauchamp told the group how in 1620, a Captain Fleet came up the Potomac to trade with the Indians and was cap-

tured. During the five years he was a prisoner of the Piscataways in the vicinity of Washington, he learned the language. When Leonard Calvert and his group of settlers arrived, Fleet advised them to get the Indian's permission to settle. In the beginning, the Indians were very hospitable to the settlers, who first established their colony at St Mary's City. Later, as the colonists expanded into their territories, the Piscataways fought with the Susquehannocks and then later with the Senecas, who apparently made a raid on the settlers for which the Susquehannocks were blamed. Eventually all the Indians were driven back into western Maryland.

In 1921, Alice and Harvey Ferguson bought Hardscrabble Farm at Bryan's Point. He was a geologist, she an anthropologist. In plowing their field, they came upon pieces of pottery. This caused them to undertake archeological digs. They found the footings for an old Susquehannock Fort that had replaced the circular forts of the Piscataways. Upon further digging, they discovered even more ancient artifacts, and have found evidence of Indian activity at Bryan's Point later dated to as long ago as 3,000 B.C.

Dr. Beauchamp told many other interesting facts about the Bryan's Point area to her attentive audience. To hear about these, however, the reader will have to wait until the book is published at a date sometime in the future.

### Old Cars Fund Asthma Services

Asthma & Allergy foundation of America, Maryland Chapter, is looking for car, boat, truck, motorcycle and RV donations. The vehicles do not have to run and towing is free. Donors may then be eligible to claim up to the fair market value of the vehicle as a tax deduction.

Proceeds support the Foundation's program services, public education, patient emergency assistance and research for those with asthma and allergic diseases. Call 1-800-727-9333 now. Help fellow Marylanders and when tax time comes, breathe easier too!

### Beltsville Garden Club to Meet

Carol Ottesen, award winning writer, photographer, and garden designer, will speak on ornamental grasses at the March meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club on Wednesday, March 26.

The Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail, in Beltsville. (Evans Trail is the first street to the left, west of Interstate 95, off Powder Mill Road.) Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 301-384-2415.

### Spring GED Classes To Begin April 15

Greenbelt CARES will begin the spring 10-week GED program on Tuesday, April 15. The course will end on Thursday, June 19.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. GED II is held from 1-3 p.m.

GED I is designed for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills, and to prepare to take the GED test.

GED courses are held every Tuesday and Thursday, for 10 weeks, in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road. There is no charge for Greenbelt residents in either course, but students are required to purchase a copy of the textbook (available from Greenbelt CARES). Non-Greenbelt residents must pay a registration fee.

Students do not have to be 16 years of age to take the GED course. All students are eligible to take a GED pre-test at no cost given at Greenbelt CARES. However, the actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, not by Greenbelt CARES. Students ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judge Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660.

### SPCA Seeking Volunteers

SPCA Humane Society needs help with pet adoption in the end of March and beginning of April. Volunteers are also needed for picking up dogs and transporting them to shows, staffing table at shows, finding foster (temporary care) homes for dogs and cats rescued or abandoned, fundraising, and educational outreach. For additional information, or to volunteer, contact Jane Heller at 301-630-6110.

### Volunteers Needed For WalkAmerica

The March of Dimes is looking for volunteers to help out with its annual event, WALKAMERICA. The walk will be held on Sunday, April 27. The Prince George's County walk site is Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro. The walk begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds raised in the county benefit the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. This year's theme is "Walk for Someone You Love." Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of logistics and walk day events. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering or walking should contact Robin Joyney at 301-322-7276.

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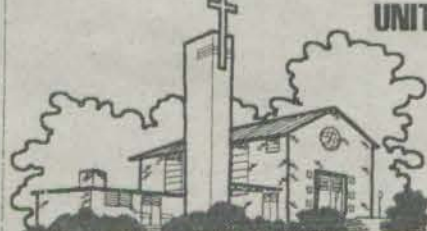
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# GHI Board Reduces Fees, Approves Contract Change

by Sandy Smith

At its February 27 meeting, the Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors voted to reduce member charges in 1997 by applying surplus funds received in 1996, approved a process to allow members to remove a clause in the Mutual Ownership Contract holding members liable for certain legal fees, discussed how to distribute free batteries for smoke alarms, and reported on a meeting with city staff on trash pick-up and recycling.

## Allocation of Surplus Funds

It has been GHI policy since 1953 to return any surplus funds to the members in the form of reduced monthly charges. In past years, GHI has allocated any surplus to both the contingency and replacement reserves and/or reduced monthly operating charges to members. The Board passed a motion approving a reduction in members' charges for 1997 as a result of surplus funds received in 1996. This surplus includes the patronage refund issued by the National Cooperative Bank.

## Payment for Legal Fees

Mutual Ownership Contracts executed between November 1, 1991 and April 27, 1995 carried a clause (paragraph 14) that obligated a member to pay legal expenses resulting from legal action taken by the member against GHI when the legal action was decided against the member. Originally intended to protect GHI directors, management and staff from frivolous law suits and the corporation from related expenses, the board responded to members who requested that the provision was an unfair barrier to members seeking solutions to disagreements with GHI through the courts. Management plans to contact each member who has this version of the Mutual Ownership Contract and offer them the opportunity to amend their contract to void this provision.

## Heart Disease Support Group

A support group for individuals coping with heart disease is being offered by Washington Adventist Hospital. The group will meet on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. For more information call Prevention & Wellness at 1-800-542-5096.

## Auditions Offered

The Kennedy Center's "Performing Arts For Everyone" initiative will offer daily performances on the Millennium Stage throughout the year (except for Christmas Day). Local performing artists are invited to apply by March 31 for an opportunity to audition to perform during the 1997-98 season. From those that apply, more than 300 individuals and groups will be selected to appear as part of: Millennium Stage performances; the Thirteenth Annual Open House Arts Festival, scheduled Sunday, September 7, 1997; Holidays at the Kennedy Center, held each December; and/or the Kennedy Center Spring Celebration, which is a one-day community festival beginning in Spring 1998.

Audition information can be obtained by calling 202-416-8043.

## Smoke Alarm Battery Replacement

The Board discussed several approaches to providing free batteries for smoke alarms to GHI members. Legislation requires that all multi-family dwellings have working smoke alarms and GHI has seen that all units have this device. For the past several years GHI has allocated money to supply members with batteries for the alarms. One year free batteries were distributed by volunteers in each court. This process turned out to be long and cumbersome as volunteers had difficulty contacting some members. The next year, GHI invited members to stop by and pick up their batteries; few members did so. For this year the board came up with several other suggestions: see if the fire department can play a role; replace batteries during other maintenance calls at the unit; or distribute in the packet with the next newsletter. President Turnbull asked management to come back with specific recommendations.

## Trash and Recycling

On February 20, the board met with city staff and discussed how the city's proposed change in refuse and recycling collections would impact the GHI community. The city will probably go to a once a week trash pick-up and once a week recyclables collection. With this scenario, GHI approved trash and recyclable pick-up from the trash closets but also will ask the city to provide some relief valve, such as a dumpster or trash truck to handle extra trash generated on an occasional basis. GHI will also ask the City to contain costs since services are being reduced.

Note: This story is based on information provided by GHI.



## GAC Seeks Help For Winning Play

by Kim Kash

Success can sure be expensive. That's the lesson that the Greenbelt Arts Center is learning this spring, as it scrambles to foot the bill to enter the 11-member cast and crew of "A Way With Words" into the Eastern States Theater Association competition in Olean, New York.

GAC presented the one-act play at the Maryland Community Theater Festival last fall, where it won first place. Now directors Scott Bloom and Laura Adams are gearing up for April 11-13, when they will present the Frank Gilroy play in a competition against winning community theater groups from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Washington, D.C. They will travel to New York, along with three actors, a four-person tech crew, the producer, and Marie Tousignant, president of GAC.

Troupe members are paying for their own travel and accommodations. In addition, however, each must pay a \$60 admission fee to participate in the event. "It's an honor to win, but it takes some dedication," Tousignant admits. This is where local businesses can lend a hand.

To help defray costs, the Arts Center is looking for corporate sponsorships to cover the admission fees. Tax-deductible contributions should be sent to the Greenbelt Arts Center (P.O. Box 293, Greenbelt, MD 20768).

"When we can even go to the regionals, it's quite an event," Tousignant says. Sponsoring businesses would be recognized in future theater publicity. For more information, please call the Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

## A Review

# Drinking Gourd Show At Owens Planetarium

by Dennis Jelalian

"Follow the Drinking Gourd" at the planetarium of the Howard B. Owens Science Center tells the story of the folk song that gave runaway slaves specific directions to escape from the deep south all the way to Canada, by following the big dipper or drinking gourd and Polaris to the north.

The show is divided into three parts. The first part is a sort of lecture, aimed at young children, outlining the general issues of slavery and the underground railroad. It also included a couple of topics not directly germane to the subject. The content and pace of this section could be improved. There were also a couple of minor technical glitches that slowed the show briefly.

The second part of the show was a film which told the story of a peg-legged sailor who became an itinerant carpenter in the south, who secretly encouraged slaves to run away to Canada and freedom, and taught them "Follow the Drinking Gourd" as a way for them to memorize the directions to Canada. The route began in Alabama along the Tombigbee River, then along the Tennessee River, and the Ohio River, always following the drinking

gourd. This section is informative, entertaining and well presented.

The last section is a lively presentation of the current night sky, using the planetarium's star machine. It's a wonderful way to learn your way around the stars.


"Follow the Drinking Gourd" is at the Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium Fridays at 7:30 p.m. through April. The address is 9601 Greenbelt Road. There is a fee. For information, call 301-918-8750.


## Volunteer Award Nominations Open

The Prince George's Volunteer Coordinator Association is currently accepting nominations for its First Annual William A. Hammill Award. This award recognizes excellence in the administration of volunteer programs in Prince George's County. Award packets can be obtained by contacting Mary Beth Klick, PGVCA chairperson at 301-864-3115. The deadline for nomination submissions is March 30. The awardee will be recognized at PGVCA's second Annual Membership Reception in October.

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 March 30; Easter Sunday: sunrise 7:00 a.m., 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.



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*Maundy Thursday, March 27th*  
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 Communion; guitar music: Mike Wheaton, Melanie Taylor, and others. Reflection by Rev. Hutchison.

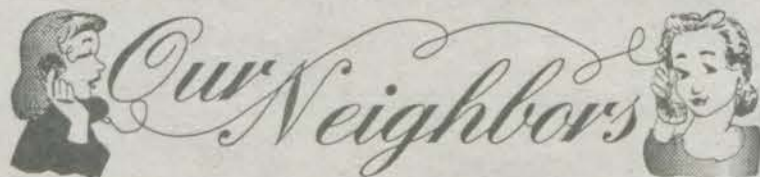
*Good Friday Tenebrae Service*  
 March 28th, 7:00 pm A Solemn, Beautiful, and Devastating Commemoration of the Death of Jesus based on a fourth-century ritual of extinguishing lights. Special music by Steve Praether.

*Celebrations of Easter Sunday, March 30th*

Buddy Attick Park Sunrise Service spon. by Greenbelt Clergy Assoc.

Fellowship Hall Breakfast afterward (approx. 8:00 am) at Mowatt Church. All welcome.

Sanctuary, 11:00 am A Service of Resurrection and New Life. Special Music by the Mowatt Choir, guest pianist Muriel Balzer. Sermon by Dr. Hutchison: *Ode to Resurrection of the Body.*



by Linda Savaryn  
301-474-5285

Our sympathy to Public Works Director Carl Hirsch on the death of his father.

Condolences to Juanita Delaney and family on the death of her husband Thomas "Tim" Delaney on March 16.

Heather Hart, daughter of Clarence and Tanya Hart, has been named a finalist in Maryland's 17th annual Homecoming Queen Selection, to be held May 3 and 4 at the Clarion Hotel in Mt. Laurel, NJ. She is the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Homecoming Queen. Maryland's Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense-paid trip to compete with queens from other states for America's Homecoming Queen in August in California. America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., is a non-profit organization promoting education and educational travel for high school homecoming queens in all fifty states.

Beatrice Mworia recently graduated from Salisbury State University with a Master's degree in business administration.

It's twins for DeDe and Edwin Roan. Kayla and Edwin, Jr., were born on February 24. Darrington Roan is the proud grandmother.

The Greenbelt Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team earned second place in a field of 11 schools in the Heroic Proportions competition at High Point High School, Saturday, March 8. The team, coached by

Monica Pittman, media specialist, and Dawna Phillips, fifth grade teacher, advances to the state finals on Saturday, April 12. Members of the team include Nicole Barton, Shavar Dunbar, Mary Fominaya, Chris Jacobs, Kevin Marable, Michael Spong, and Amanda Wildoner. Congratulations all!

We wish a happy 93rd birthday to Otilie Van Allen. Friends and family helped her celebrate at a pot luck dinner Saturday, March 15, at Paint Branch Unitarian Church.



Greenbelt's former Outstanding Citizen, Otilie Van Allen, was feted at a celebration of her 93rd birthday by friends and family at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church on Saturday, March 15. She dazzled those present with her lively rendition of a long, amusing poem.

- photo by Marge Owens

## Baker's Art Exhibited In Municipal Building

Tom Baker of Greenbelt is exhibiting some of his drawings, serigraphs and paintings in the Greenbelt Municipal Building Conference Room Gallery, on the first floor, through April 10.

Baker began his journey as an artist by chance. As a senior in high school, he was rejected from concert band and chose to take art as an alternative. He discovered he loved expressing himself through the visual arts and continued to study art at the University of Maryland.

After college, he began working as an art teacher, doing his own drawings on the side. He became a Christian in his mid-20s and began to study the Bible. However, during the next 10 years his art was of a non-religious nature. Then when he was about 36, he began to express through painting as well as drawing, scriptures he had wrestled with and that had moved him. This process gave him more insight into the scriptures and deepened his understanding of them.

As an artist, Baker loves color and uses it freely to express emotion. He generally works with recognizable subject matter, although he also does non-objective work. In the past two years he has been focusing on close-up images. His religion continues to be central to his art, while it also nurtures him as an artist.

For the past 14 years, Baker has been an art teacher at Gonzaga College High School, in Washington, D.C.

## Enjoy Arboretum By Moonlight

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to see and explore the National Arboretum by the light of the full moon on Monday, March 24 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Forests and open meadows take on a magical quality at night, so come and explore and with any luck "spot" some owls. Families invited. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Registration required. Meet in front of the Administration Building. In case of inclement weather call 202-245-4513.

## ERHS Anti-violence Group Reaches Goals

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Students Against Violence (SAV) organization was formed near the end of the 1993-94 school year in response to students' concerns about their personal safety in an increasingly violent world. The organization came into being shortly after the death of C.J. Brown, a local teenage boy. Since then, two more students, Julie Ferguson and Gary White, Jr., have been killed in acts of violence. All three were successful individuals with bright futures.

SAV's first and highest goal was met by establishing peer mediation centers in all area high schools as well as select elementary and middle schools in the 1994-95 school year. Other goals of the organization include informing students of ways to involve themselves in violence reduction efforts in their schools or home communities, establishing ways to react peacefully in potentially violent

situations and including the school and community in efforts to reduce violence.

Students Against Violence works toward these goals by establishing lasting memorials in memory of former students, sponsoring Peace Week before the winter holidays, related poster and essay contests and a recent Walk for Peace and a Peace Collage involving all public elementary schools in Prince George's County. The collage will be mounted and displayed at many county events.

## School Offers Summer Camp

The Friends Community School of College Park is offering three two-week camps for children five through 11 years old in June, July and August. Extended care is available. For fees and information call 301-699-6086.

## Hosts Needed For Educators

Families in this area are needed to host European teachers, school administrators and librarians for a ten day or two week period during July and August, according to the American Host Foundation.

Being an American Host is open to anyone who has the desire to help increase international friendship and understanding. Hosts provide their guests a private room and meals in the home, the opportunity to meet friends, to see local attractions and meet fellow American educators. Many hosts return visits to their former guests.

The American Host Foundation is the only non-profit, non-governmental, non-sectarian program designed to show the American way of life to overseas

## Maryland Day on TV

Maryland Public Television has produced a series of programs about Maryland to be shown on March 25: 1:30 p.m. Outdoors Maryland Family Fieldtrip; 7:30 p.m. Voyages of the Ark, the Dove and the Pride II: A Family Electronic Fieldtrip; 9 p.m. Maryland Day: An Inside Maryland Special; 10 p.m. Gone, But Not Forgotten; 11 p.m. Outdoors Maryland.

educators through pairing them with American families.

Information about the program and applications for participation may be obtained by writing the American Host Foundation, P. O. Box 803, Garden Grove, CA 92842, or by calling 1-800-525-9866 or faxing 1-714-537-5798.

# COOKING

**EASTERN COOKING**  
257207-1  
WHEN: Thursdays  
April 3, 10, 17, and 24  
7:00-9:00P.M.  
WHO: 16+  
HOW MUCH: 4 weeks  
for \$60  
WHERE: Kitchen

**ITALIAN BISCOTTI**  
257208-1  
WHEN: Thursday  
May 1- 7:00-9:00P.M.  
WHO: 16+  
HOW MUCH:  
Resident \$10  
Non-resident \$12  
WHERE: Kitchen

**PIES BY BILL**  
257205-1  
WHEN: Tuesdays  
May 6 and 13  
7:00-9:30P.M.  
WHO: 16+  
HOW MUCH:  
Resident: \$20  
Non-resident \$25  
WHERE: Kitchen

**MUFFIN MAN MUFFINS**  
257206-1  
WHEN: Tuesdays  
April 8, 15, 22, and 29  
7:00-9:30P.M.  
WHO: 16+  
HOW MUCH: 4 weeks  
Residents \$40  
Non-residents \$50  
WHERE: Kitchen

**VEGETARIAN COOKING**  
257203-1  
WHEN: Wednesdays  
Begins May 14  
7:00-9:00P.M.  
WHO: 16+  
HOW MUCH: 4 weeks  
for \$84  
WHERE: Kitchen

**VEGETARIAN SUSHI**  
257204-1  
WHEN: Wednesday  
June 11-7:00-9:00P.M.  
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Second generation Greenbelter Terry Mangum tells students at Greenbelt Elementary School about his job as administrative specialist at the State Highway Administration.

- photo by Letty Bryce



Former Center School student Krystal Jennifer talks about her career as a second grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School's career day.

- photo by Letty Bryce

### Greenbelt Elementary Holds Career Day

The annual career day at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) was held on March 7. Under the guidance of Counselor Letitia Bryce, children in grades four through six were introduced to a wide variety of career opportunities. Children were encouraged to consider the process of choosing a career and the preparations that are necessary for success in any field. A particular focus was to help children perceive how habits and skills developed today relate to future career choices.

Guests explained to children what they did on the job, the satisfaction they received, what skills were necessary and what kinds of education and training they needed for the job.

Speakers included Sharon Pesto, Satellite Operations, Lockheed Martin; Farone Williams, realtor (Greenbelt resident and father of a GES student); Betty Timer, director, senior center (Greenbelt resident); Faridah Dahlan, researcher, Electron Microscopist (Greenbelt resident); Chu-Sing Lau, library specialist; Terry Mangum, administrative specialist, State Highway Administration (Greenbelt resident and parent of GES student); Theresa Gaffney, administrative assistant, Oracle Communication System; and Krystal Jennifer, second grade teacher, Concord Elementary School (graduated from Center School in 1985).

### A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The last days of winter are here and the earliest flowers are finished blooming. The light purple crocus and white snow drops now give way to daffodils and flowering shrubs.

The cheerful yellow daffodil just seems to be the symbol of spring. The variety "February Gold" actually lived up to its name this year. Rarely do the early daffodils bloom this early.

It is a real advantage to plant early, mid-season, and late blooming daffodils for doing so can extend the blooming season to as much as a month. A short warm spell can make the daffodils finish blooming in only a couple days. In such a case it is good to have other varieties of daffodils which will bring an additional bloom a little later. The mid-season daffodils should be blooming well over the next

week or two.

Soon the spring flowering shrubs will be coming into their full bloom. Already some yellow forsythia and pink magnolia are out.

It is too early to plant in the garden except for trees, shrubs, and cold hardy vegetables. Recently it has been too wet to do any soil work. If it does dry out enough, trees and shrubs do well when planted in late winter and early spring.

Frost tolerant vegetables can be planted anytime the soil becomes dry enough to be workable. This first vegetable crop of the year is a gamble because a prolonged wet spell can rot the seed. Spinach, radish, peas, and greens such as kale, collards, and mustard can all be planted in cool weather.

### Recreation Review

#### Park Permit

Park permit applications are now being accepted at the Recreation Business Office. Buddy Attick Park and Schrom Hills Park are available for six-hour time slots of either 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. or 3 - 9 p.m. Contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 for availability, application procedure and prices.

### Craftsmen Needed

Christmas in April is a non-profit organization that helps repair the homes of low income seniors in Prince George's County. Elderly, disabled and fixed-income homeowners will receive help on one day only, Saturday, April 26. Anyone with carpentry and plumbing skills should please contact Christmas in April office at 301-868-0937.

### Volunteers Needed For Embassy Tour

Goodwill is recruiting volunteers to work at its 51st Goodwill Embassy Tour, a self-guided tour of nine embassies and chanceries on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for a variety of jobs inside and outside the embassies and chanceries to assist the tour's 2,500 participants.

The Embassy Tour, one of Washington's longest-running fund-raising events, is sponsored by the Goodwill Guild, Goodwill's volunteer association. Proceeds from the Embassy tour support Goodwill's job training, education and employment services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Call Goodwill's Director of Volunteer Resources at 202-636-4225, ext. 1257, for more information or to volunteer

### Free Tax Help Available at Malls

Free tax help is available at local shopping malls. State and federal tax officials will answer tax questions and provide tax forms from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations: Wheaton Plaza on Saturday, March 22 near Montgomery Ward's; and Laurel Centre on Saturday, March 22 near Hecht's lower level.

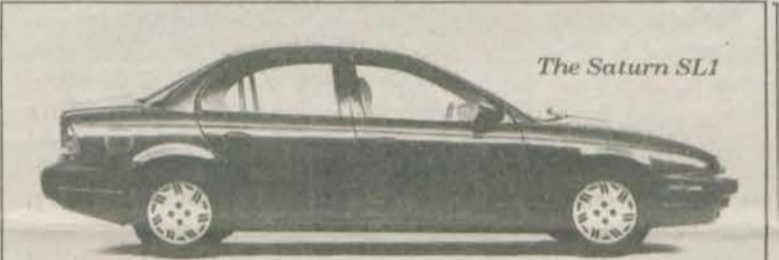
### County Passport Program Lives On

In honor of 301 years of history, Prince George's County's historic sites are sponsoring the "300 Plus One Campaign" during April and May.

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# Learn about Nature At Wildlife Visitor Center

by James Giese

Many Greenbelters may not be aware that there is a new and interesting visitor center opened just a few miles from the city. It is the National Wildlife Visitor Center of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Its entrance is on Powder Mill Road two miles east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Opened in October, 1994, the center contains state-of-the-art exhibits that demonstrate the value of research and the importance of making informed choices for the good of the environment. Many of the exhibits are hands-on in that the visitor can operate controls to see answers to questions raised.

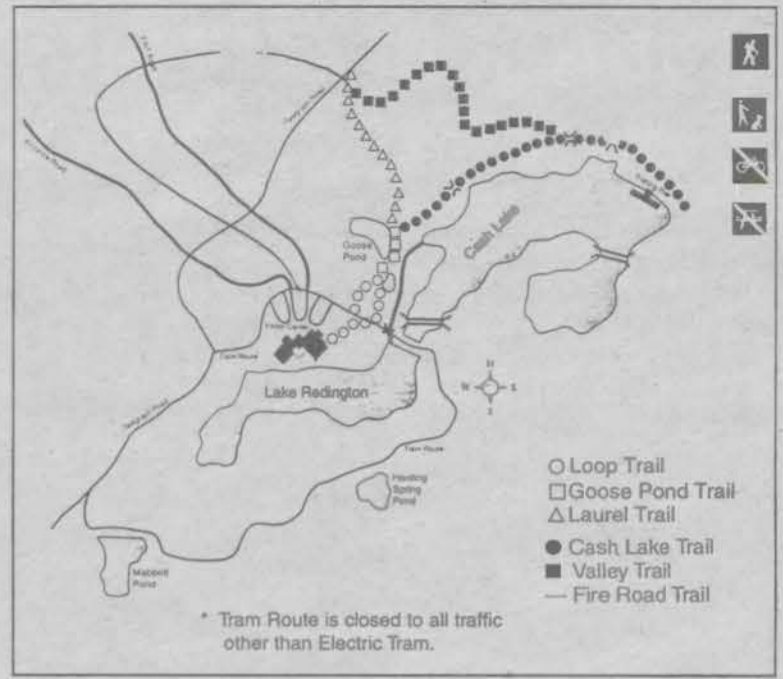
Like the recently opened Holocaust Museum in Washington, the visitor center is a very sobering and thought provoking place to visit. It graphically depicts the holocaust caused by man against the natural environment — how our air and water

is being polluted, how we are losing wetlands and wildlife habitat, and the threat of losing many animal and plant species.

The center building's exhibit area is divided into five sections. The first depicts global concerns and environmental issues and the ways they impact upon wildlife. Next is a section on habitat areas and how wildlife research has led to important discoveries. Another section displays, in glass enclosures that depict each animal in its natural environment, endangered species and tells of the efforts being made to assist them. Next are four dramatic dioramas showing the life cycles of the gray wolves, whooping cranes, canvasback ducks and sea otters. Visitors then come upon large picture windows overlooking Lake Redington, a lake about the size of Greenbelt Lake. There are telescopes and binoculars there for the visitors to view wildlife

on the lake. We saw mostly sea gulls, mallard ducks and a beaver house at the time we were there. Also at the center is an artist gallery, an auditorium showing wildlife pictures and a gift shop specializing in books and items about wildlife. The movie we saw was on lions in Africa, with amazingly close-up scenes of their activities including killing prey and being killed in return.

The Wildlife Center also offers a variety of walking trails (see map). A trail around Cash Lake is only half complete. Eventually there will be pontoon bridges across the lake at two places in order to provide a loop trail about the lake. Group visitors, such as the Greenbelt Golden Age Club last year, can enjoy a guided tram tour for a fee in seasonal weather of the surrounding woods and lakes to learn about wildlife management and the importance of natural wetland



environments.

Although the visitor center is located at the Patuxent Research Refuge of the Fish and Wildlife Service, it is a separate operation from the refuge which offers a variety of nature programs at its North Tract Visitor Contact Station off of MD

route 198. The National Wildlife Visitor Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. everyday. All exhibits are free. School groups are encouraged, but must schedule in advance. For information, call 301-497-5760 (TDD 301-497-5779).

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The Comptroller's Office has provided about 1,100 high school teachers and resource personnel with materials designed to help students and teachers understand Maryland state and local taxes.

The comptroller reminded students who had Maryland income tax withheld that they can file the easy-to-use Form 123 to claim a refund of state taxes withheld if their income is below the \$6,550 filing requirement for 1996. Form 123 has only five lines to complete and takes just minutes to fill out.

One important goal of the program is to help income-earning students understand that they are subject to the same filing requirements as other single taxpayers. However, students who expect to have less than \$6,550 in income for 1997 and do not have interest or other income that will put them over the \$6,550 limit are not required to have Maryland income tax withheld from their pay. "These students can get special exemption forms from high school counselors and college placement offices," he said.

Teachers can get the Maryland state and local tax course module by contacting the comptroller's Public Affairs Office, Box 446, Goldstein Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21404-0466, Telephone (1-410) 974-3885.

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Fourteen Prince George's County mayors joined Governor Parris N. Glendening recently at an Annapolis news conference to support the Governor's Neighborhood Conservation and Smart Growth initiative. The Governor's proposal includes a plan to focus state dollars in "Smart Growth" areas; encouraging redevelopment of so-called "Brownfields," unused or abandoned industrial or commercial properties; establishing a "Rural Legacy" program to preserve green spaces; creating a "Smart Growth" Job Creation Tax Credit; strengthening the state's "Right to Farm" law; and providing "Live Near Your Work" cash grants. First row (from left to right): Greenbelt Mayor Antoinette Bram, Brentwood Mayor Isabella Callahan, New Carrollton Mayor Andy Hanko, North Brentwood Mayor Lillian Beverly, Hyattsville

Mayor Mary Prangle, Capitol Heights Mayor Vivian Dodson, College Park Mayor Joseph Page, Bowie Mayor Gary Allen, and District Heights Vice Mayor Cheyenne Watson. Second row (from left to right) Bladensburg Mayor David Harrington, University Park Mayor Margaret Mallino, Berwyn Heights Mayor Thomas Love, Laurel Mayor Frank Casula and Morningside Mayor Gerald Glaubitz.

**Land Tract Purchase Bills Introduced**

Governor Parris N. Glendening has introduced House Bill 507 and Senate Bill 388 entitled "Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation - Rural Legacy Program" as part of his "Smart Growth" initiative.

This program will serve to accelerate Maryland's efforts to purchase voluntary easements on contiguous tracts of agricultural, forest, and environmentally sensitive areas before they are permanently lost to development and urban

sprawl.


The Rural Legacy Program will be funded by re-allocating existing State funds from the State's portion of Program Open Space and general obligation bonds to provide funds for acquisitions in focus areas. The end result of the proposed program is a commitment of \$163 million to preserve more than 90,000 acres within the next five years.

**GHI Committees Compile Green List**

The GHI Architecture and Environment and Woodlands Committees are working to identify "significant trees and shrubs" in GHI. This list will be used to recognize valuable trees, plan maintenance and suggest areas that would benefit from planting (due either to the absence or presence of significant trees). The committees want to celebrate the "green" in Greenbelt Homes, one of the features which makes the GHI neighborhood so special. However, the definition of significant is up to the individual and need not be limited to biggest or tallest. Significant might be related to bird nesting or feeding, fragrance, fall colors or aesthetic importance to one or several GHI courts. The only

limitation is that the tree grow within GHI. (Eventually the committees hope to contribute to a city-wide list; volunteers who would like to coordinate other city neighborhoods are sought.) Please send nominations, including the location of the tree or shrub and a brief description of its significance, to Keith Jahoda or Bill Phelan, c/o GHI at Hamilton Place.





**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**GHI Board of Directors**  
 Thursday, March 27, 1997  
 Immediately following the GDC Board Meeting  
 which begins at 7:30 p.m.  
 GHI Board Room

**GDC MEETING**  
 December 1996 Operating Statement

**GHI - Key Agenda Items**

• Request for Ivy Exception, 17-G Ridge Road	Action
• Frame Roof Replacement Contract, 1st Reading	Action
• Replacement Reserves Study, 1997 Update	Discussion
• Siding Replacement	Discussion
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## Wilson Reports on Traffic Problems at Hunting Ridge

by Dennis Jelalian

At the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting March 6, the issues discussed included Hunting Ridge traffic, lighting on Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt Lake, the new handbill ordinance, newspaper vending boxes, a new guardrail for Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), priority of liens, and the city as agents.

### Hunting Ridge Traffic

Celia Wilson, director of Planning and Community Development, reported that her office has been studying the problems of traffic and pedestrians entering and exiting Hunting Ridge. Wilson reported that the problems are complex, including delays, heavy traffic, safety, and the critical issue of pedestrians. The solutions are not easy and may require further study. Councilmember Edward Putens pointed out that the solutions will have to be cleared with the State Highway Administration (SHA), which has 10 warrants. These warrants are criteria by which SHA decides if traffic controls are necessary and what specific controls are to be used. Among others, the warrants include the speed of traffic and the volume of traffic, the number of delays, the number of pedestrians, and any accidents.

Wilson said that the problems at Hunting Ridge may not pass the warrants and therefore it may not be possible to install any traffic control devices at this time. This issue needs to be explored further.

Wilson made three specific suggestions for the short term. First, she suggested moving the

southbound bus stop on Hanover Parkway at Hunting Ridge a hundred yards north. This will have to be negotiated with Metro. Second, she suggested putting flexible bollards on Hanover Parkway both northbound and southbound to prevent passing on the shoulder. Third, she suggested putting a temporary streetlight at the entrance to Hunting Ridge. This will have to be discussed with PEPCO, but if they agree, it might be something the city could do, possibly taking the power from Hunting Ridge.

Wilson said these measures will not solve all the problems, but should ease them. She also reported that officer Parker would increase traffic law enforcement in the area.

GEAC member Hoy Mooney said that Hunting Ridge is collecting petitions to the city council requesting improved safety at Hunting Ridge.

GEAC treasurer Charlene MacAdams commented that voice support at the meeting might be more effective and less work than petitions.

### Hanover Lighting

GEAC chairman Sheldon Goldberg reported that a number of street lights have been put up on English Country Manor, although they are not operational yet. The section of street lights on Hanover Parkway between English Country Manor and Hanover Drive is over a WSSC water main and still needs to be reengineered. Wilson said that the intersections are critical. In the long term the whole street needs to be lit. She is discussing the issues with Steve Bupp and

WSSC.

Goldberg remarked that SHA still needs to replace a streetlight at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

Putens questioned why so many lights had been placed in Ora Glen. Wilson replied that there are only five lights. The original plan called for seven lights.

The spacing is 150 feet to 175 feet. On Hanover Parkway the plan has been reduced from 27 lights to 19, and the spacing has been increased to 180 feet to minimize cost.

### Greenbrook Lake

Wilson reported that her office had two meetings with the Driggs company, and hopefully they will be back to work about the end of March. Some adjustments still need to be approved by the city council.

### Handbill Ordinance

The city council passed a new handbill ordinance February 10. The new law will permit prosecution of handbill distributors as well as business owners.

### Vending Boxes

Goldberg reported that at a meeting with some of the companies involved, they would not agree to anything. He said it will be a long process. Putens remarked that the issue may go to the supreme court.

### Guardrail

Goldberg reported that the issue of a new guard rail for Greenbelt Road at ERHS was discussed. The rail had been approved by SHA, but the paperwork was lost, so they had to start over. One issue complicating the problem is that there are underground NASA utilities that must be avoided. The guardrail is only one of several issues the city is working on with SHA.

### Priority of Liens

Goldberg reported that the city supports state bills 813 and 832 to improve homeowners associations position in the event of foreclosures. GEAC member Dorothy Pyles reported going to Annapolis in support of the legislation. She was alarmed that many legislators, with little homeowners association experience, seemed to have no understanding of the problems involved.

### City as Agents

Goldberg reported that after discussions with Steve Bupp and the attorneys, some progress was made.

The next meeting of GEAC will be April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building.

### CPAs Answer Tax Questions

CPAs from the Maryland Association of CPAs (MACPA) will be available to answer tax questions over the Internet during "CPA Tax Day," a public service program providing individuals the opportunity to ask the experts specific tax questions, free of charge.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 22. Individuals can e-mail their questions to the experts at macpal@bellatlantic.net between 9 and noon, and the CPAs will e-mail responses back to the senders the same day.

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