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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Council Approves Memorial Plan To Honor Deceased Leaders

by Diane Oberg

At its June 21 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council heard an update on the Roosevelt Center renovations and was petitioned to support changes to the county's animal control procedures. Members also were briefed on a change of ownership of the firm managing Green Ridge House and approved a new program to memorialize citizens who had made significant contributions to the community.

Memorial Plan

Council approved the Community Relations Advisory Board's (CRAB) proposed "Comprehensive Memorial Plan" to remember Greenbelt citizens who had demonstrated outstanding service to the community. In its report to council, CRAB pointed out that there are simply not enough city facilities to permit the naming of buildings, parks and streets to serve as an adequate and standardized method for remembering outstanding citizens.

Instead, CRAB proposed establishing a "Wall of Honor" in the Community Center. The board also supported proposals by the Arts Advisory Board and the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee for memorial and sculpture gardens provided such gardens were not used to memorialize specific individuals. The city's memorials, CRAB members decided, should be placed indoors

where meditation is possible regardless of weather.

A binder with short biographies of the individuals recognized will be placed near the wall. CRAB proposed criteria for persons to be honored. They must have been dead for at least three years, have lived in Greenbelt, and have provided service specifically and directly to Greenbelt. Nominations would include a detailed biography of the nominee, five detailed letters supporting the nomination and a suggested sentence or phrase to summarize the nominee's contribution to the city. CRAB would review the nominations and make recommendations to council, who would have the final say.

In addition, a Memorial Implementation Task Force would be created to research the city's past and identify individuals who should be considered for memorialization. This task force was designed to ensure that individuals who have been deceased for many years are suitably recognized.

The Wall of Honor would not be the only means of memorializing citizens. The Adopt-a-Tree program would continue for anyone wishing to create a personal memorial. A plaque planted in the ground near the tree shows who is being remembered. In addition, private citizens and organizations often establish memo-

rials to people based upon their service to a particular group or organization.

On a 4-1 vote, with councilmember Alan Turnbull opposed, council endorsed CRAB's plan. They directed staff to begin action to change the resolution establishing the city's procedures for honoring citizens; to solicit artists for proposals on the design, location and construction of the Memorial Wall; and to establish the memorial implementation task force.

Turnbull explained that he was voting no because of his discomfort with the idea of a city-backed process to vet past residents, deeming some worthy of honor and others as "not making the grade." This, he said, was appropriate for private organizations, but not for council.

Center Renovations

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze reported on the status of the Roosevelt Center Renovations. Most of the work is done, she said, and security cameras were to be installed on June 28. Shortly thereafter, once the concrete has cured sufficiently, tables (with umbrellas and movable chairs) will be installed. The renovated theater sign will be installed by the end of July, although council will have to take action on this item at its July 12

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SHL Elementary's History Of Overcrowding Continues

by Mary Moien

Crowded classrooms have become a way of life at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES). Two years ago the sixth grade was moved from SHLES to Greenbelt Middle School to alleviate some of the problem. Last fall, five new classrooms were added to the school. However, a recent report to the Greenbelt City Council documents that things have not gotten better at the school. The report has since been forwarded by Mayor Judith Davis to James Henderson, Greenbelt's representative on the Prince George's County School Board, for his input.

Background

For a number of years, Springhill Lake Elementary School has been overcrowded. This led to a decision that, starting with the 1997-98 school year, the sixth grade would become part of Greenbelt Middle School. Thus, in September 1997, SHLES had only classes kindergarten through fifth grade. Even at that point the school still had about 720 students, 150 more than the school was built to handle.

Eight temporary classrooms were erected at the school to deal with the overflow. In September 1998, five new permanent class-

rooms were opened to house these 150 students, an action which would have brought the school back to full capacity, down from 128 percent of capacity.

Current Situation

According to projections produced by the Prince George's County Public School system in July 1998, SHLES was projected to have a new capacity of 709 students with a planned enrollment in September 1998 of 727 students. But September saw 800 students enroll at the school, putting it almost back to where it was before the improvements. According to Linda Sherwood, principal, no boundary changes are slated for the school this fall. (Although some boundary changes are slated for September 2000, the overall projected change at that time is only a decrease of about 30 students.) In fact Sherwood stated that the student population may increase even more as approximately 20 students may be transferred from the Francis Fuchs Special Center.

In the report prepared by Greenbelt CARES staff, Sherwood indicated that there appear to be several reasons why the student population is mushrooming. SHLES, which is the Regional Center for Special Education in

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Four Options Presented for Access

by Virginia Beauchamp

"This is just a feasibility study—we're testing the waters," said Max Azizi, regional planner for the State Highway Administration (SHA). He was responding to citizen inquiries concerning possible impacts on adjacent neighborhood roadways as well as environmentally sensitive terrain if proposed changes providing access from the Capital Beltway into the Metroland property are approved.

SHA had been charged by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) with determining whether such access, within federal guidelines governing interstate highways like the Beltway, could be met. Without access from the Beltway, the developers of the projected

Greenbelt Station mall say it would not be viable. Originally expected as early as April, the SHA study had been held up, awaiting the result of another set of studies projecting traffic figures in the vicinity for the year 2020.

The SHA study has no bearing, Azizi emphasized, on whether or not the site should be developed. SHA has "no charge," Azizi said, to justify or not to justify the development itself, nor to do a site impact study. Its only concern was to respond to the "what if" question: can the highways provide necessary access "if" such a development were to take place.

His remarks occurred during a short meeting, billed as a progress report, on Wednesday morning, June 30 in the SHA District 3 Offices on Kenilworth Ave. Present were other SHA officials, Elise Hill of WMATA, Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of Planning and Community Development, several members of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), a representative of the engineering firm of Greenhorne and O'Mara, and other interested persons. Conspicuously absent were members of the planning staff for the Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment study. (It later turned out that the

team had not been notified of the meeting.)

Operating Assumptions

The SHA study began with the assumption that another highway project in the area was still ongoing—a long-term study of the feasibility of installing HOV lanes along the Beltway, probably adjacent to the median. Also underpinning the SHA study were two federal guidelines—that a minimum of one mile should exist between interchanges (in this case between the exits for Kenilworth Avenue and U. S. 1 at the Beltway) and that a minimum of 2500 feet should separate the exit ramps.

SHA officials distributed a packet of four sketch maps, not to scale, showing the section of the Beltway between U. S. 1 and Kenilworth Avenue. One—always mandatory in any such study—shows the no-build option; clipped to this map were three others labeled scenarios 1 through 3. The term "no build," presenters said, did not refer to whether or not the mall would be built but how the roadway system would look, even if the mall were built, if no changes occurred in the roadway. Level-of-service projections for morning and evening rush hours for the year 2020 were included at each position along the four

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From Prague to Greenbelt Smid Is Top Achiever

by Nelda Young

Marcela Smid's journey to academic and athletic excellence at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) began in Prague, Czechoslovakia where she was born 18 years ago. To escape political unrest, she immigrated to Greenbelt with her parents and younger brother, John, in 1985.

On May 20 at ERHS's



Marcela Smid

Awards Assembly, Smid was named valedictorian of the 1999 graduating class. She received the Goldberg Memorial Scholarship for having the highest grade point average in her class for all four years, and the Tandy award for scoring in the top two percent of her senior class. In addition she received the National Guard Scholar/Athlete Award.

At Glenarden Woods Elementary and Kenmoor Middle Schools, Smid was in the Talented and Gifted programs. When she entered ERHS, she switched into the Science and Technology (S/T) program.

Did she like ERHS? Absolutely! She liked its diversity and the huge population that convinced her that the options at ERHS were limitless. She felt that students learned from their differences, whether religious, racial, or sexual orientation.

Though she could not name her one best subject, she said biology was definitely her favorite. Her interest in bugs began in biology lab when she was nine years old.

Her ninth grade biology teacher at ERHS, Susan Oliver, was her favorite teacher. While in the eleventh grade Smid was Oliver's student aide and occasionally taught the class during Oliver's successful bout with cancer.

What qualities make a teacher special? Smid said, "Great teachers just are. They are greater than the sum of their good qualities." That is how she described Oliver.

Science Fair Winner

This year Smid placed first in earth and space sciences at the Regional (Prince George's

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What Goes On

Monday, July 12, 8 p.m. City Council meeting, Municipal Building.

Tuesday, July 13, 7-9:30 p.m. Metro Area Sector Planning meeting, Berwyn Heights Town Center.

Thursday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. GATE meeting, Community Center.

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

Letter

Shocked

On the hottest July 4 in 80 years, the American Legion had ponies laboring riders in a heat index of 105-110 degrees in the shade, with media weather warnings an entire week prior to the fourth.

My son called me from the Legion, I called the SPCA and county animal control, who called the Legion to say they were coming to investigate. Only then were the ponies taken away, to further suffer their second ride in a sweltering trailer.

I told the woman who answered the phone at the Legion that I was shocked. She tried to excuse their cruelty by saying the pony rides were prearranged and paid.

Nancy L. Robinson



Festival Notes

Miss Greenbelt Pageants

This is the last weekend to sign up as a Little Miss, Junior Miss, or Miss Greenbelt contestant. Please call Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665 or Christine Patsas 301-982-7147.

Information Day Tables

For a small fee, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival offers Greenbelt businesses, organizations, associations, and community groups an opportunity to display brochures, newsletters, pictures, and other material. (Groups appointed by the city council or receiving city funds for their volunteer services are exempt from the fee.) There is no selling at a table, but the display can attract potential customers or volunteers. The GLDF Committee will provide a 30" x 60" table (while they last) to display materials, and space in and around the main festival area during the day on Saturday, September 4. Applications are available now by contacting David Pitts 301-345-9605.

Ads & Contributions

Letters will be delivered soon asking businesses and individuals to help support the costs of producing the festival. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to come forward and help. Contributions can go toward purchasing an ad in the souvenir program. Other contributions are recognized in the Greenbelt News Review ad published on the back of the weekend schedule the week before the festival begins. Either way, funding is needed and greatly appreciated. Please call Jeanne Smith 301-474-4048 or Leigh Ransom 301-220-0355.

Parade

Plans are for a grand parade down Crescent Road and past the reviewing stand above Centerway once again on Labor Day morning. Groups that would like to participate should call Linda Ivy (301-441-9414) to determine the requirements and reserve a spot.

COUNCIL

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meeting.

The first phase of the statue renovation was to be finished by June 25, Craze added. Since the base was not replaced, as had been planned originally, some allocated funds remain available for additional renovation work later in the year, probably involving restoration of the base. Craze has received some questions about restoring the water fountains in the base, connections for which are now once again visible. So far she has not determined whether this would be feasible. This issue will be discussed further at the July 12 council meeting.

Animal Welfare

Elizabeth Chandler of Hyattsville presented council with a petition seeking changes in the county's animal control programs. She presented data showing that Prince George's County puts many more animals to death each year (over 8,000) than other counties in the metropolitan area; the next highest total was 4,302 for Anne Arundel County. She called for changes to county Animal Management Division operations and for an educational effort encouraging county residents to neuter their animals.

Among her proposals are putting owner-surrendered animals up for adoption and providing sufficient parking for those interested in adopting animals. She also called for a three-year moratorium on breeding, a ban on the commercial sale of cats and dogs (though sales by private breeders would be permitted), and authorization of police officers to write tickets for animal control violations. She requested council support for her proposals. Council accepted her petition and referred it for comments to the police department and the Greenbelt Dog Park Association.

Green Ridge House

Douglas Erdman, President of Community Realty Corporation, briefed council on the sale of the residential management component of that company. This portion of the organization, which manages Green Ridge House, has been sold to Home Properties, Inc. of Rochester, New York. Erdman said that Home Properties has hired all employees of Community Realty (with no loss of benefits) and that the staff who currently manage Green Ridge House will continue to do so. The main change the city will



Sharon Koehler sits on top of the scaffolding with her son Isaac, guests of the Mother and Child.

-photo by Timothy Edberg

see, he said, is the name used by the staff when they answer the phone. He assured council that day to day operations at that facility will be unaffected.

Legislation

An ordinance was unanimously approved requiring candidates for city council to report on the total campaign contributions they received, in addition to details of all contributions over \$25, and to appoint a campaign treasurer who will be responsible for filing the required reports.

Under suspension of the rules, a resolution was unanimously approved establishing a 6-8 member task force to study the feasibility of establishing an assisted living facility in Greenbelt.

Tidbits

NZI Construction was awarded contracts to reconstruct Westway and Brezewood Drive (including installation of traffic calming devices such as chokers, islands and bulbs).

Mayor Judith Davis surprised everyone when she noted that the Chi Chi's restaurant in Greenway Center was closed.

As part of the consent agenda, Etta Mae Fitzgerald was appointed to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF July 9

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Fri. 5:15 (All seats \$4.00)

7:30, 9:45

Sat. 3:00, 5:15 (All seats \$4.00)

7:30, 9:45

Sun. 3:00, 5:15 (All seats \$4.00)

7:30

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30 (All seats

\$4.00) 7:45

301-474-9744

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www.pgtheatres.com

Shakespeare Festival At U. of Maryland

Come have a sweet treat at a free performance of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It," on Sunday, July 11 at 7 p.m. in Tawes Theatre at the University of Maryland, College Park. "As You Like It" is a production of the Olney Theatre for the Arts Summer Shakespeare Festival.

Free ice cream will be provided at 5:30 p.m. before the performance. Seats are free but must be reserved by calling 301-405-7847 no later than July 8.

Sid Baker



Sid Baker, beloved Chocolate Lab of the Baker's on 5 Court of Laurel Hill, died on Saturday, June 26. He was born in the Southern Maryland town of Avenue in 1985 and came to Greenbelt as a Father's Day gift.

Sid enjoyed walks in the woods, swimming at the lake and just being around people.

Sid had somewhat of a troubled time during his adolescence. He was picked up several times by the Dog Catcher and sent to the pound. Sid became so familiar with the Dog Catcher that all she had to do was open her truck door and he would jump into the front seat for the ride to detention.

In his later years, Sid slowed down and relaxed at home more. Sid loved children. He stoically enjoyed having his tail pulled, ears tugged and getting bear hugs.

Sid brought so much joy his family and neighbors and will be sadly missed.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m.

Donation Drop-Off

The July Donation Drop-Off co-sponsored with the American Rescue Workers will be held this Saturday, July 10, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be reused by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Remember - this Donation Drop-Off is the second Saturday of every month.

Greens Meet Monday

The Greenbelt Greens will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station, at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads. Discussed will be the petition drive, a possible Ralph Nader candidacy and the coming Green national gathering. Refreshments will be served. For further information phone 301-474-1998.

Lake Park Concert

The Summer Sounds concert series continues with "Songs of Colonial America" on Sunday July 11 at 7 p.m. at Buddy Attick Park. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Community Center.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to News Review staffer Laura Beckert and husband Irv on the death of her cousin in Albany NY from the effects of the current heat wave.

News Review staffer Patricia Anne (Patti) Snell of Lakeview Circle received a Board of Director's Service Award at the recent annual convention of the Maryland Society of Accountants. The convention was held in Gettysburg, PA. Congratulations, Patti!

Congratulations also to Darragh Luke Inman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Inman of Crescent Road. Inman, a 1995 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree with a major in political science. A dean's list student and departmental fellow for the political science department, Inman was a resident assistant in university residence halls.

Pet Adoption Day At Beltway Plaza

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, July 11, noon till 3 p.m. at PetSmart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The public is invited to come by and meet dogs and cats looking for loving, permanent homes. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications for the homeless animals. There is no charge to attend the event. When an adoption is completed, a donation of \$150 is requested for dogs and \$75 for cats. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the web site at www.espls.com/spca-humanesociety for more information.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat, 7-11 pm

Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday July 9
Open Mike

Saturday July 10
CliffArt - "Jazzy yet experimental; foreign yet familiar."
Several of the most unusual instruments you will ever see, played to perfection.

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Sunday Brunch 10 to 2
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Community Events

At the Library

Children's Programs

P.J. Storytime, for ages 4-6, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13.

Summer Reading Club, for ages 6-12, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14. The club will attend a program on "Raptors and Reptiles" at Watkins Nature Center.

Drop-in Storytime, for ages 3-5, will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 15.

Adult Programs

The Greenbelt Library's 60th Anniversary Celebration includes materials by Friends of the Greenbelt Library.

Movie of the Month

The movie of the month at the Community Center will be shown on Monday, July 12 at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom. "Romancing the Stone," with Kathleen Turner, Michael Douglas, and Danny De Vito, is a story of the high adventure of a romantic fiction writer who finds herself up to her neck in trouble in Columbia with a feisty American soldier (Douglas) as her only ally.

GHI Notes

The Finance Committee will meet July 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is Thursday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

At the meeting on July 14, the speaker will be from Beltway Plaza, where seniors enjoy the "Gator Walking Club."

The open meeting on June 30 was enjoyed by those who attended as members told of interesting personal experiences. The subjects ranged from rare coins to - would you believe - snakes! Betty Maher started the ball rolling as she told of buying coins while she worked as a bank teller; some years later she sold them for about five times what she'd paid for them! Mary Gardiner, when first moving to Maryland, heard her husband remark that an establishment had "one-armed bandits" - she's still looking for the "guy with one arm!" Ellie Rimar related that her (now veterinarian) son brought home any animal he could find - but she chased him and his friend and a skunk to the

Recreation Review

Family Flicks

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is proud to present "Family Flicks," on Saturday, July 10 at the Community Center gym at 7 p.m. for "Baby Genius," a comedy film especially suited for a family outing. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket, get comfy and enjoy this fun and free event. For additional information, call 301-397-2208.

Facility I.D.s

Facility i.d.'s expired Wednesday, June 30. New i.d.'s may be purchased at the Youth Center or Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Proof of residency is required. Facility patrons who are 12 years and older who are Greenbelt residents are required to possess a recreation facility i.d..

Fun at Goddard

Come out to the Annual Model Rocket Contest held at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center Sunday, July 18, and show off rocketry talents. The contest runs all day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be two events, altitude and parachute spot landing, trophies for the winners, and certificates for all participants. There is no charge for this event and registration is open the morning of the contest. Raindate will be the following Sunday, July 25. For more information, call 301-286-8981.

The Goddard Space Flight Center is located on Soil Conservation Rd. Admission is free.

friend's home. You guessed it - the worst happened, and the friend's mother had to go to great lengths to get rid of the smell. President Bill Souser then changed the subject to snakes - 'nuff said.

Be sure to sign up for trips early - the next three are nice ones. On July 27, Goldenagers will tour the U.S. Capitol. Sept. 7-10, it's a 4-day trip to Thousand Islands and Canada; and on Oct. 14, the bus takes us to Romney, W. Va., where we'll board a train for a scenic ride, with dinner in the dining car. Come to meetings for more information, or to sign up - or call John Taylor at 301-345-1608.

Since this reporter will no longer be writing for the Golden Age Club, thanks go to all at the News Review who have helped me these past few years, especially Bernie and Jim Giese - it's been fun. Thanks also to Ruth Huggins, who will be writing, and to all Goldenagers - you have to make news in order for someone to write it.

Writers' Reading

Friday, July 16, the Greenbelt Writers Group will hold an open reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center's senior classroom. All types of readings are welcome, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, letters to the editor and plays for example.

Everyone is invited to come listen to local writers read from their works in progress.

The reading will be followed by a book discussion.

The Greenbelt Writers' Group serves as a meeting place for professional and novice writers. For more information, call Marsha Barrett at 301-982-0365.



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM July 12, 1999 - 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
 - Oath of Office - New Police Officers
 - Anacostia Trails Heritage Area
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

- PRAB Report

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein when Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) - 2nd Reading
12. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Reconstruction of the Theater Marquee
 - 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Update on Greenbelt Theater - Paul Sanchez
14. Petition from Elizabeth Chandler
15. Bench Proposal from Andrew Canter
16. Beltway Plaza Banner Proposal
17. County Local Bus Service - Revised Route 15
18. Payment to City Solicitor
19. Request from COG to Support Amendment to S 492
- * 20. Board of Appeals Resolution for Variance #99-0002-V
- * 21. Award of Purchase - 2 Pick-Up Trucks
- * 22. Approval of Job Descriptions - Arts Coordinator & Assistant Director of Recreation

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 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, CMC
City Clerk



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 15, 1999, 7:30 P.M.

GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

- Living Trust—36-M Ridge Road
- RLDP Interest
- Investment Policy Amendment
- StarPower Agreement
- Salary Level Adjustments
- First Quarter Financial Report
- Special Trash Pickup Day
- Bylaws Amendments
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Reaffirmation of Auditor for 1999

Board meetings are open to members

SMID

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County) Science Fair. Her highly mathematical project used satellite data to predict soil carbon in boreal forests. The region she studied is just south of the tundra in Manitoba, Canada. She said the boreal forest is a northern analogy to the rain forest of the tropics. In addition to the honor of placing first, winners were given cash prizes. Smid liked receiving prize money.

With the help of her dad, Jon Smid, and her brother, she put her project on the web at www.sks.99.com/scfull and entered the Virtual Science Fair for Goddard Space Flight Center/National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). For her effort she won first place for eleventh and twelfth graders in space, astronomy, and earth sciences related to NASA.

Extracurricular Activities

Top scholars need to relax, too. Each year Smid did that by playing her bass clarinet in the school band.

While keeping fit she earned varsity letters in cross country, swimming, and softball. Of all her sports she prefers softball, in which she plays catcher. This summer her team will play 40 or 50 games with the South County Sting, which is part of the very competitive NSA or Pony Leagues.

In the fall Smid will study biology and psychology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, where she has been accepted into the eight year pre-med and medical school tract. Her current goal is to become a child psychiatrist.

Smid's parents are Dr. Jon Smid of SKS Enterprises, a family-owned business, and Dr. Blanka Smid, a dentist. Smid emphasized that she is not interested in teeth.

Local Artist's Work At Potters House

Greenbelt artist Tom Baker will have a show of his religious-oriented paintings and drawings at the Potters House coffee house in DC, that will run through the summer.

An opening reception is scheduled for July 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Potters House, a part of the Church of



the Savior, is located at 1658 Columbia Road N.W. between 16th Street and Ontario Road N.W. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Baker will teach a G.A.V.A. two week drawing and painting course for 11-16 year olds at the Community Center beginning July 19. He can be called about the class or the show at 301-474-6525.

ERHS Awards Received By Many Greenbelters

by Nelda Young

Marcela Smid of Greenbelt was named valedictorian of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School 1999 graduating class at ERHS's Awards Assembly on May 20. The total list of Greenbelters praised for their accomplishments is long.

As graduating senior with the highest overall academic average, Marcela received the Goldberg Memorial Scholarship. She maintained a 4.0 g.p.a. for all four years and received the Tandy award for being in the top two percent of the senior class. Marcela also received the National Guard Scholar/Athlete award.

The Family and Consumer Science Department award went to Pamela Amihire.

Adelaide Barnes received the Skolnik Memorial Award for journalism, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education award as an outstanding student, and the Parent Teacher Student Association award.

Andressa Carter was recognized by the Social Studies Department and for her four-year grade point average of 4.0.

The Physical Education Award was given to Antoine Gamble.

For his perfect attendance at ERHS, Daylan Gray was recognized.

Latasha Hailey placed first in Maryland in the National History Day competition for her portrayal of Margaret Sanger.

Alison Haliburton received the Foreign Language award.

Martin Isles and his ERHS hockey team received the Metro Scholastic Hockey League Award for having the highest academic average as a hockey team in the state. Martin earned a g.p.a. of 4.0 for his four years at ERHS.

The College Park Lions Club honored Samra Kisim.

The Art Department award went to Rebecca Lemus.

Tenecia Mahoney received the Thelma Elaine Price Memorial Award for her leadership and work ethics.

Asha Manohar earned a 4.0 g.p.a. throughout his high school career.

Heather Norden received the Family and Consumer Science Award.

Tierra Watkins received the National Achievement Award.

Jeremiah Watts was presented the David Craig Memorial Award by Bruce Mangum. Selection for

The Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin' Judy

"Woodsmen, spare that tree!
Touch not a singled bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now."

It is to be hoped that poet George Perkins Morris' oak had a better fate than Greenbelt's ancient tree, which was cut down recently, in spite of the efforts of conservationists and history buffs to save it.

In July of 1953 my husband and I and our soon-to-be-born child came to Greenbelt to visit a friend, who tempted us with a visit to the pool and then persuaded us to "just for fun" look at some of the houses for sale. Marie Castaldi showed us around, and what a good salesperson she was! We had really been thinking of moving to another apartment, but when Marie showed us the house with the magnificent oak tree, we made an impetuous decision, and decided to become homeowners. She told us the history of the tree, the oldest one in the county. It had been struck by lightning and the government had spared no expense to repair it.

The next week we went to see manager Roy Breashears to hand over the downpayment — \$470, not an easy sum to come by! Roy was thrilled when he found out which house we were getting. "You're buying the one with this historic oak," he exclaimed. "I'm so happy for you."

We were happy, too, and moved in on the Labor Day weekend. The new Greenbelter was born the following month,

this award was based on community and school service plus religious values. Jeremiah also received the National Guard Scholarship/Athlete Award.

The American High School Math Award went to Nikolai Yakovenko.

Nathan Yokel received the National Hispanic Achievement Award.

In addition two Greenbelt juniors received awards at the assembly. Howard Allen received the Freedom Award for showing the greatest one year academic improvement in his junior year.

Melissa Cooper was given the Jesse Warr Award as the junior who demonstrated school leadership both academically and socially and showed dignity and compassion for teachers and other students.

and the second one three years later. The children played under the tree, and so did most of the neighboring kids. There were picnics and birthday parties, a basketball hoop and a jungle gym. The repair scar on the tree healed so that it was barely visible. During the fall, it is true, we were less than pleased about the amount of leaves that had to be raked, but it was the price to be paid for all that wonderful shade and the feathered denizens.

Recently my Connecticut daughter came for the day with her little girl, to show her once more the tree under which mommy and uncle played as children. Alli didn't really believe that these big grown-ups could ever have been children, but she also didn't believe that the tree would soon be gone.

The operation took place a few days later. After the workmen and on-lookers were gone, I went outside. It was eerily quiet. Not a bird could be seen or heard, not even the ubiquitous woodpecker. He might not be missed but I do so hope that the beautiful cardinals will return and all my other feathered friends, even the impudent one who kept calling, "Judy, Judy, Judy."

Eventually I was joined in my vigil by a squirrel, looking very perplexed. He kept me company for a few moments, then scampered off, and I distinctly heard him muttering, "Oh, nuts, there goes the neighborhood!"



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Human Forest

by Kim Kash

Deep in the trees, down a wildly winding dirt road, on the shady banks of Virginia's Rapidan River, a small group of cast members from the upcoming Greenbelt Arts Center production of "The Forest" gathered to work, and to observe.

Under the direction of Adam Gertsacov, a dozen actors and crew members spent the first weekend of June learning the tradition of Commedia del'Arte, which is street theatre from 15th century Italy, a "stylized physical theater that's not much in practice," said Gertsacov. The tradition can be linked to "circus with a plot" he said.

Gertsacov, proprietor of the Acme Clown Company of Providence, Rhode Island, is currently traveling with the Bindleschtif Family Circus. He has performed in the Commedia tradition in Santiago and Sao Paulo, Prague and San Francisco, Montreal and New York. He also choreographs and teaches workshops in Commedia del'Arte. "But I haven't taught outside before," he admits.

Gertsacov led the cast in an intensive three-day workshop to improve their rhythm, to stretch their range of movement, and to increase their ability to read and anticipate one another as an ensemble. The trees rang out with claps and voices, as the cast did an increasingly complicated series of exercises to make them move and think as one living, breathing thing. They practiced moving and freezing in place and behaving like creatures in the dark, with spine-tingling results. They created elaborate, richly colored masks for themselves, and began performing with them. On the final morning of the workshop, as the cast slipped on their masks and eased into their strangely inhuman style of movement, they were enough to make the real forest creatures feel nervous.

"If this works, the audience will be amazed," director Grey Valenti said.

"There was a 200% improvement," Gertsacov said. "These guys were already pretty good, and when I asked them to do it, they got even better." He says, though, that Commedia del'Arte, like any art form, "is something you practice over a lifetime." Valenti concurs. "You can't play the cello for nine hours and be a cellist."

The Forest, a classic Russian comedy by Alexander Nikolaevich Ostrovsky, is not a classic Commedia del'Arte piece. There are elements of Commedia in it, however, which Valenti hopes to combine with more "realistic" acting, and with dramatic lighting and sound, and a spare, edgy set. The Forest will use music from Black Rider, an opera written by Tom Waits, Robert Williams, and William S. Burroughs. All these will come together in a "rich, visual experience," Valenti says. "This will



A paint-bespattered Grey Valenti, director of "The Forest," puts finishing touches on the set for the play, to be presented at the Greenbelt Arts Center from July 16 through August 7.

-photo by Frederique Schmuelling

be a really different thing. We've taken a classical play, and we're placing it in a really different atmosphere. The audience won't know what to expect."

"This is an unusual play for community theater, an ambitious project," admits Steve Cox, a cast member and the president of the Greenbelt Arts Center. "It stretches our muscles and our abilities. That's what theater needs to grow and develop and stay alive. The play's not difficult (for an audience) - it's entertaining - but it's unusual material. It stretches us as an artistic organization, and I consider that a good thing."

"I really want to create a living, breathing forest," Valenti said. "Ostrovsky didn't write a character called The Forest. I have to create it with my cast. That's why we came here. To listen to it, and let the group decide what they wanted to bring back and put onstage."

"The Forest" opens at the Greenbelt Arts Center Friday, July 16 and runs Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. through August 7, with Sunday matinees July 25 and August 1 at 2 p.m. Call 301-441-8770 for reservations.

Concert Auditions July 16, 17 at UMD

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A Review

An Ideal Husband Is an Ideal Hit

by Dennis Jelalian

"An Ideal Husband" is a comedy about a politician who finds his career on the verge of collapse when his wife's old school chum threatens to go public with tales of his youth. Another first-run movie for the Greenbelt Theatre, Ideal Husband, is based on a 1895 Oscar Wilde play. It opened at the theater last week and will run through next week.

Mrs. Laura Cheveley (Julianne Moore), who has her ax out, is murmuring sweet nothings into politician Sir Robert Chiltern's (Jeremy Northam) ear, making perfect gentleman Sir Robert nervous about relations with his wife (Cate Blanchette). Mrs. Cheveley wants to protect her investment in the Andes Canal project by blackmailing Sir Robert into supporting totally unacceptable legislation favoring the project. Sir Robert calls on his life-long friend, Lord Arthur Goring, for help in preparing his wife for the possibility of exposure.

Meanwhile, Lord Goring (Ruppert Everett) a typical Wilde prototype, is a bachelor, womanizer and party-goer, famed in London for his elegance, repartee and refusal to take things seriously. He has his own intrigues with the aggressive Mrs. Cheveley and his lady friend, Sir Robert's sister Mabel (Minnie Driver). And Mrs. Cheveley has designs on Goring as a potential third husband.

There is a quartet of supporting actors. John Wood is Lord Goring's father, the Earl of Caversham; Peter Vaughan as Phipps, Lord Goring's personal servant; Jeroen Krabbe and Lindsay Duncan are Baron Arnhem and Lady Markby.

The plot of the movie is

heavily draped with dancing feet, half-damasked interiors and dark intrigue. The essence of the movie is in these interiors. There is meaning in the dark interior of Lord Goring's apartment, and meaning in the brilliant interiors of Sir Robert Chiltern's palace. We sometimes forget how dark Victorian interiors are.

One memorable scene takes place at Lord Goring's with Sir Robert, who has no place to go after an argument with his wife. Goring instructs Phipps, the servant, to let a special visitor (Cate Blanchette, Sir Robert's wife) into another study, only he neglects to inform Phipps as to who is expected. It's not Sir Robert's wife who shows up, but the conniving Mrs. Cheveley.

At the same time, Lord Goring has tribulations of his own—lectured by his despairing father, while his date, Mabel is left at the opera. Well, you get the drift. The idea that Lord Goring would get married, and to Lady Mabel... he'd never have believed it. Four stars.

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Good Competition at Tennis Tourney

by Jason Martens

During the weekend of July 3-5, the annual Fourth of July Firecracker Tennis Tournament, hosted by the Greenbelt Tennis Association, was held at Braden Field. The three-day tournament provided challenging and fun competition, despite the effects of record heat on participants throughout the weekend.

The first round of the tournament on Saturday included several entertaining matches. In A Class singles action, the day began with a powerful match, when top seed Erik Nudo faced Gary Downs in the first match of the day. Nudo, a sophomore at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and member of his college team, took command early in the first set despite good play by Downs. Nudo took both sets, 6-1, advancing to the Monday semi-final.

Another match in A singles play, between Nick Nayak and Ram Penumatchu, was directly affected by the extreme temperatures and humidity. Nayak won the first set 6-1. In the second set the match was shortened when Penumatchu was unable to continue. Nayak advanced to Monday's semi-final round match, taking the abbreviated set 6-1.

A final first round match was played between Mark David and Bob Bassett. The match remained close throughout both sets with concerted efforts from both players. David eventually won 6-1 and 6-4, advancing to the quarterfinals the next day. Following the match, Bassett said, "I've played in this tournament for over a decade," showing his loyalty to Greenbelt Tennis Association events.

B Singles

B singles play also provided exciting play in Saturday's first round matches. Results from B singles first round matches included Andrew Alabi, who defeated Bill Wilkerson 6-1, 6-2. Alabi also played in doubles action. Other scores from B singles first round action included Mark McGowan defeating Warren Dade 6-3, 6-2.

Saturday's first round of doubles action provided some entertaining matches as well. Individual scores in A doubles included the powerful tandem of Andrew Alabi and Robert Motley defeating Jon Smid and his son John 6-2, 6-2.

Other first round games included the pair of Bob Bassett and Mille Lowe defeating Ram Penumatchu and Lou Wingfield, 6-2, 6-3, to face Alabi and Motley in semi-final action the following day.

In B doubles Gary Downs and Larry Easterling defeated Clarence Parker and Mr. Moore in three sets, 6-4, 7-6, 8-6. The win advanced them to the semi-finals to play Venson King and Mr. Moore in Sunday's semi-finals.

Second Day's Matches

Day two of the tournament provided some of the same fireworks as the first day's action. In A singles quarterfinal action there were two entertaining matches. In the first quarterfinal, Mark David and Jan Smid put together a spectacular match. The match, which was pushed to three sets, displayed competitive play from both players throughout the whole match. David took two of the sets 6-0 in the first and 6-3 in the third while Smid took set two 6-4. Despite Smid's loss, he made a dynamic play in the third set

which one spectator called "the play of the tournament." David advanced with the win to play Erik Nudo in Monday's semifinal match.

In the other A singles quarterfinal, Ernie Parocazy defeated Alejandro Ayalo 6-2, 6-0. Parocazy advanced to play Nick Nayak in the other semi-final on Monday. The B singles semifinals also featured some competitive matches. In game one Andrew Alabi defeated Sam Lawchoren 6-1, 6-2, advancing to next Saturday's final. In the other match Mark McGowan came back from losing set one 6-2 to Ram Penumatchu to win the next two 6-2, 6-4. McGowan advanced to face Alabi in next Saturday's finals.

Sunday Matches

In Sunday's doubles action there were some exciting semifinal matches as well. In the first match the powerful duo of Motley and Alabi defeated Bassett and Lowe 6-1, 6-4 to move on to Monday's doubles final.

In other doubles action Gary Downs and Larry Easterling defeated Sam Sain and Venson King in three sets, 6-4, 7-6, and 8-6. Downs and Easterling advanced with their victory to face Alabi and Motley in Monday's doubles final.

Monday Matches

The final day of the Fourth of July Tournament, Monday, July 5, was highlighted by exciting semifinal and final matches. Two A singles semifinal games started the day. The first match featured top seeded Erik Nudo facing Mark David in court one. The match was competitive in the first set with Nudo defeating David 6-3, yet Nudo's hard serves and quick returns helped him dominate the second set 6-1.



Kushagra Verma, first in Prince George's County Science Fair.

Verma is Winner In Science Fairs

by Nelda Young

... And first place in the Engineering Division at the Prince George's County Science Fair and at the ERHS science fair goes to Kushagra "Kush" Verma, senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School." Kush's topic was "The Optimization of a High Vacuum Chamber for Use in the Mass Spectrometer Project."

Under the guidance of Micah Carlson in the Submarine Technology Department of Johns Hopkins University's Applied Research Lab, Kush created a small spectrometer by redesigning several of the larger instrument's components. Spectrometers are used to detect toxic particles and toxic pollutants in the environment in biological warfare. Traditional models are usually big enough to fill an entire room.

In September Kush will be a biomedical engineering student at Cornell University. He hopes to combine his interests in medicine and engineering to develop artificial limbs.

According to Coit Taylor Hendley, an award-winning science teacher at ERHS, Kush is personable, ambitious, and a pleasure to have as a student. His other interests include playing the alto and tenor saxophones, playing table tennis, and singing Indian music.

No, Kush does not come from a family of engineers, but his sister, Aastha, was also a winner at the ERHS Science Fair and the Prince George's County Fair in 1992 and went on to become an electrical engineer.

With his victory, Nudo advanced to next Saturday's A singles final. When asked about the importance of the tournament, Nudo said, "I used this tournament to help get my confidence up for my upcoming major college tournament."

In the other A singles semifinal, Nick Nayak defeated Ernie Parocazy 6-3, 6-3, to advance to face Nudo in next Saturday's final.

The final major match of the day featured the doubles final between Alabi and Motley and Downs and Easterling. Prior to the match Motley commented on the success he and Alabi had been having during the tournament. "We've been playing together for five years," he said, "and know each other's game and we just go out and prepare for each game."

The doubles final remained close throughout. Both teams served and hit powerfully, with no clear winner throughout the match. Alabi and Motley sealed their victory, however, through consistent serving and returning, winning the final match 6-3, 6-2.

For more information and scores and highlights from the tournament, contact the Greenbelt Tennis Association at 301-345-9064.



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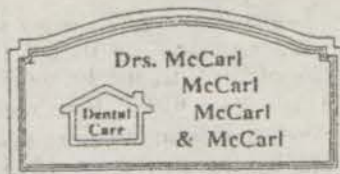
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POLICE BLOTTER

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According to the Greenbelt Police Department Weekly Activity Report, "no newsworthy incidents were reported" in Greenbelt East during the week of July 2. Two burglaries and a trespass were reported for Greenbelt Center, excluding automotive crimes. For the rest of the city, Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Metro and Capital Office Park, a burglary, a pickpocket, a trespass and a drug arrest were the only crimes reported by the police.

Drugs

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, June 27, 5:30 p.m., a 19-year-old male resident was arrested for cocaine possession after being involved in a traffic accident. He had driven his bicycle into the side of a vehicle after driving through a stop sign. Investigation revealed that he had in his possession a quantity of cocaine that indicated distribution. The man was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Burglary and Theft

Unit block of Maplewood Court, June 26, 3:53 p.m., it was discovered that items of jewelry had been placed in a bag and carried onto the rear deck; however, for an unknown reason, the bag was left on the deck. There was no sign of forced entry. Entry was possibly made through the rear sliding door.

Unit block of Orange Court, June 27, 6:10 p.m., a home was entered without the use of force. A computer and Nintendo system were played with and sodas were consumed. Nothing was taken.

CVS Pharmacy in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road, June

28, 1:33 p.m., a woman was in line at the checkout when her wallet was removed from her purse. No description of the pickpocket is available.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, July 1, 5:32 p.m., an RCA DVD player, 60 CDs, 10 DVD movies, watches, jewelry, and clothing were taken. Entry was forced through a rear bedroom window.

Trespassing

Beltway Plaza Mall, June 25, 1:51 p.m., a 19-year-old male resident was arrested after being found on the property after having been banned on June 1. He was released on criminal citation pending trial.

2 court of Research Road, June 30, 8:23 p.m., a 37-year-old male resident was arrested after returning to a property from which he had been banned. The possibility that the man also committed an assault is under investigation.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white 1990 Acura Integra with Maryland tags FZE 256, June 27, from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane; a gold 1992 Dodge Dynasty with Maryland tags CKN 276, June 27, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road; a blue 1986 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags NTL 316, June 28, from 38 Crescent Road; a red 1995 Dodge Neon with Maryland tags FEJ 773, June 29, from the 4800 block of Cherrywood Lane; and a black 1991 Suzuki Katana motorcycle with Maryland tags 297D18, July 2, from the 7800 block of Jacobs Drive.

Thefts or attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block of Mandan Road, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, and 6100 block of Breezewood Court.

Congressional Bill Okays New Trail

Seven Prince George's County sites have been designated for study by the Department of the Interior as stations on a projected National Historic Trail commemorating the War of 1812. As recently announced by Congressman Steny H. Hoyer, these and other 19th century landmarks throughout Southern Maryland and Prince George's County were named in a bill passed by the House of Representatives on June 30. The "Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Study Act of 1999" identifies more than thirty sites which mark important events of the War of 1812.

"Americans do not realize the vital roles the State of Maryland played in the early days of this nation. It was mostly Maryland citizens who beat back the British in the War of 1812, sending them into a retreat and preserving the United States," said Congressman Hoyer. "I think it is important that we recognize and remember our history so that we can pass it along to the next generation. Maryland's history is

Metroland

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maps. In all four a large number of level F, or failing, service positions were predicted.

Scenario Differences

All the scenarios utilized the current exit ramp from the Beltway east into the Metro parking lot. Scenario 1 then showed eastbound traffic using Cherrywood Lane for part of its length to reach another ramp to the Beltway. Westbound traffic would cross the Beltway on Cherrywood for both ingress into the mall and for egress back to the Beltway. This was the only option, Azizi stated, which would not require a special exception from the federal guidelines concerning spacing between ramps. Scenarios 2 and 3 required a more elaborate series of ramps and roadways.

To Celia Craze's inquiry whether the study included an assessment of traffic impact on Cherrywood Lane, Azizi answered in the negative. The study only looked at the Beltway itself, he said—not at any potential impact on local roads.

Craze also queried whether a fourth option could be added: the no-build option without the development of Metroland. What would be the traffic impacts in the year 2020? She argued that inclusion of such a projection, if added to the SHA package, would "benefit the public" in comparing all possible alternatives.

At this comment, WMATA representative Hill spoke up forcefully: "The assumption is that it [that is, Metroland] will be built; it is not realistic to assume no development," she said.

Future Study Plans

What are the next steps? Azizi asked, rhetorically. SHA will move forward with all three options, quantifying potential costs and impacts, he said. On the other hand, he reminded those present, site development and environmental impact studies are the province of other agencies or private companies.

As the meeting was breaking up, one man in the audience added a plaintive request: "All three scenarios should also be evaluated for driver comprehension."

something to be proud of and our historical sites are worthy of preservation."

The proposed Star-Spangled Banner Trail begins at Leonard's Creek in Calvert County and continues to Washington, DC. One of the locations, the battle at North Point and Fort McHenry, is the site of the composition of the national anthem. The trail would be the first National Historic Trail in the Mid-Atlantic region. Nationwide, there are only nine such trails, three centered around military campaigns.

In Prince George's County the following sites are listed: the town of Bladensburg, location of an important battle; Fort Washington; four historic houses occupied by the British in 1814 - Belair Mansion, Bostwick House, Riversdale, and Mount Welby; and Pig's Point on the Patuxent River where Commodore Joshua Barney scuttled the Chesapeake Flotilla to prevent the British from advancing.

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this area, currently serves approximately 100 special needs children in the Special Education Wing. This wing has special rooms built for 10 to 12 students, not the 30 or so taught in regular-size classrooms. However, since more students are being transferred to the special wing, regular classrooms are having to be used for the smaller-sized classes this group requires.

In addition, beginning in 1997, the school has been serving more families designated "section 8" families, those who live in county-subsidized housing. According to the report, these families have more children (an average of 4.5 per apartment) than do the families who traditionally lived in these apartments, thus adding to the school's overcrowding. An average student turnover of 60 percent per year adds to the problem. The report theorized that the high turnover may also be related to families having short-term custody of other children and or to multiple families sharing one apartment.

Finally, Sherwood commented that many people view SHLES as "an unofficial ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) magnet school," resulting in some non-English speaking students who "manage to get enrolled at the school to receive ESOL services, although they should be attending other schools based on their residences."

Pharmacy

Topics

By

Sajida

Qayumi, Rph.



Fighting tomorrow's aches and pains today, tests are underway on an ibuprofen gel for osteoarthritis. It's said to relieve pain and improve joint mobility within 30 minutes, without side effects.

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Larger-than-normal doses of interferon, given early, seem to control hepatitis C more effectively than current interferon treatment, a study at the University of Illinois in Chicago found. The drug is rarely able to eliminate the virus completely.

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The city council has forwarded the report to the Greenbelt school board member, James Henderson.

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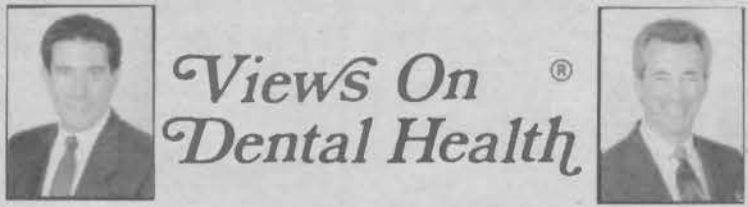
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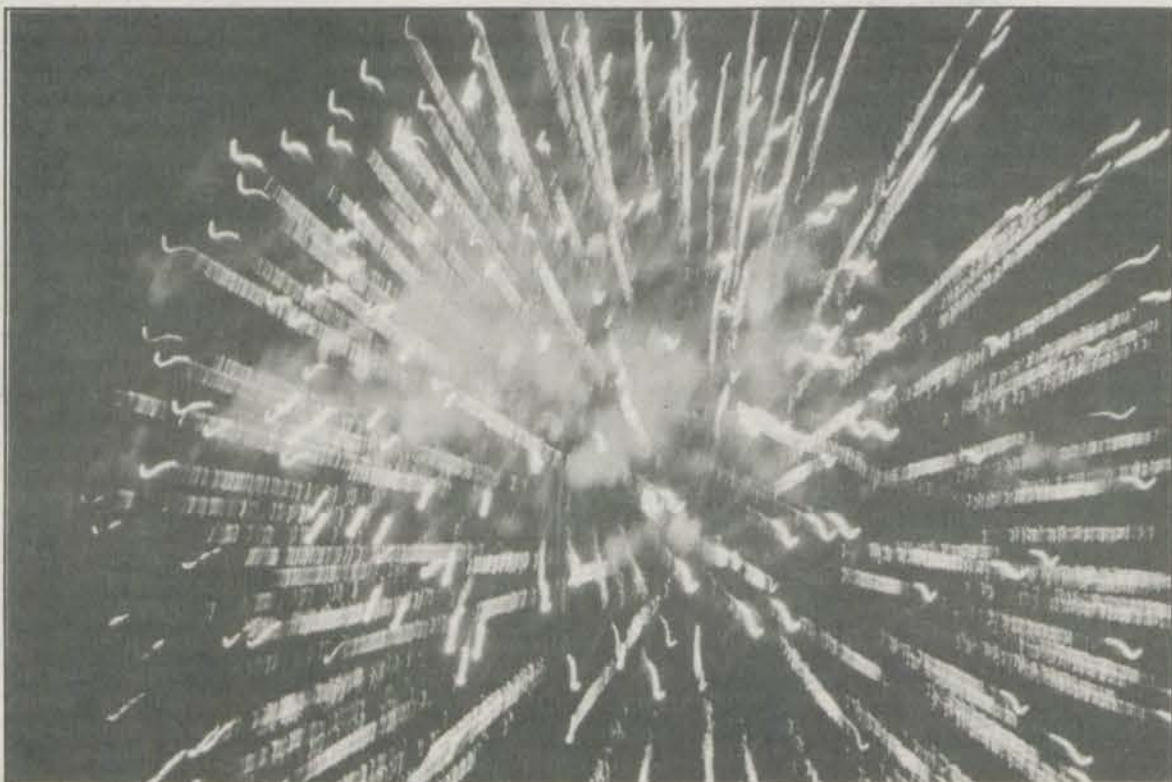
A Sweltering, Glorious Fourth



The Greenbelt Concert Band began the evening, playing "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and other patriotic airs.



Public Works set up the fireworks shooting area at the south end of Greenbelt Lake Dam early in the day. On the left are the mortars, covered in black plastic, used to fire the aerial rockets. The barrels in the middle foreground hold the rockets, of varying size. To the rear are the formal set pieces. Covered with plastic in back are the multiple mortars used to fire the opening and finale displays.



And finally, the bombastic, spectacular, colorful, and inspiring fireworks display.

Despite Heat, Fireworks Draws a Crowd

by James Giese

What was otherwise another splendid pyrotechnic performance put on by the Greenbelt Public Works Department was slightly marred by a sporadic and insipid grand finale. According to Acting Public Works Director Kenneth Hall the problem was the result of several mishaps. To begin with, the fireworks supplier failed to ship the full grand finale ordered by the city, as well as some of the skyrockets. The Greenbelt shooters, all members of the Public Works Department, then planned for a short break in the finale for the "Good Night" ground display, which happened. However, another unplanned delay resulted from some fuses breaking, delaying part of the finale until the crew had a chance to relight the fuses. Then one recalcitrant group of rockets failed to go off with the rest, and remained undiscovered until a smoldering fuse finally set them off well after the show was over and most people were leaving. Fortunately Hall, who was checking mortars to see if they were all clear of fireworks, was not

near these rockets when they ignited.

Otherwise, Hall reported, the annual fireworks show went off without a hitch or accident. The department uses ten crewmembers to shoot off the display. Not that many are needed for firing the display, Hall says, but he uses more to provide extra safety. Hall, as he has been for many years, was the lead shooter. Another problem the city encountered this year was the inability of the supplier to deliver the fireworks to Greenbelt. Thus, the city had to go and get them. For this, the city got some extra pieces and expects reimbursement of expenses. Hall also expects a refund for the missing pieces.

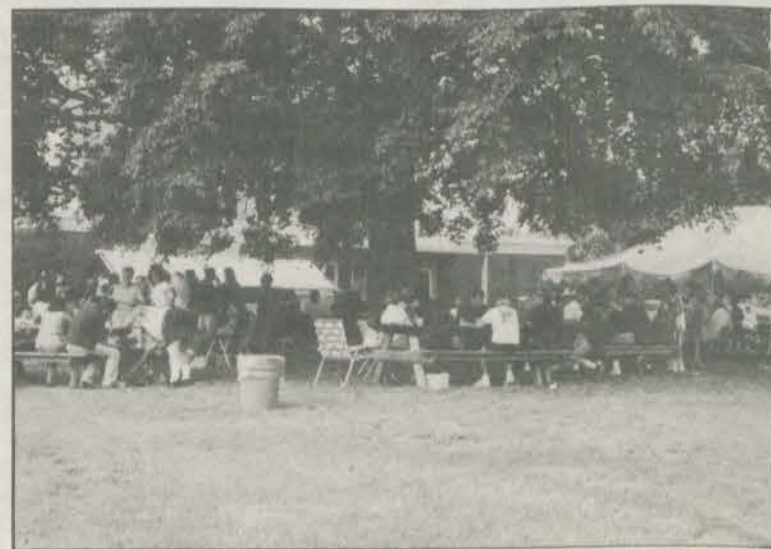
Hall described the crowd at Buddy Attick Park as smaller than usual for an Independence Day until shortly before the fireworks began. Then, it seemed that people wishing to avoid the heat as much as possible poured into the park. By showtime, the park seemed as full as always, with ooo-ers and aahh-ers.

Many watched the fireworks

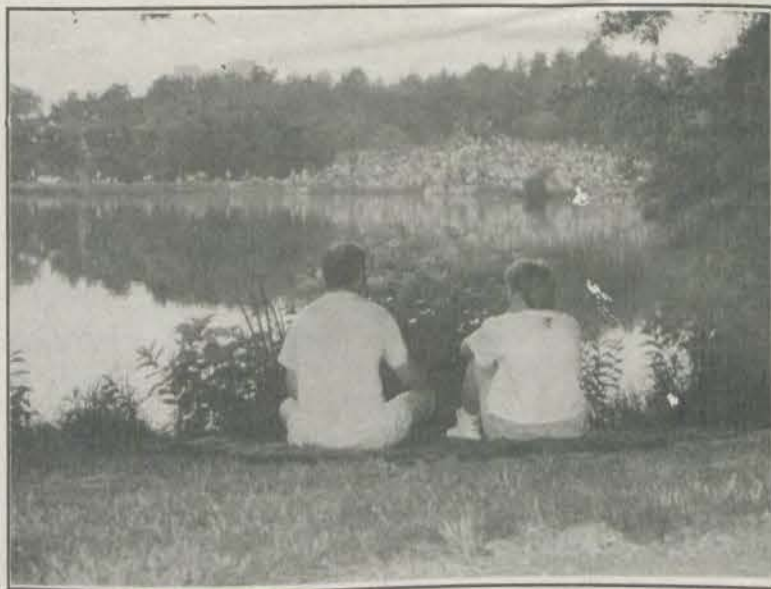
display from other vantage points, such as the American Legion Post parking lot. The median strip and sides of Kenilworth Avenue were lined with parked cars, with many people having tailgate parties as they waited for the show to begin. The fireworks can be seen from the road in the vicinity of the Beltway bridge. Others watched from parking lots and other areas at Capital Office Park. When the display started, cars happening to be passing by on the Beltway pulled off to the side of the road so that their passengers could enjoy the show.

According to Police Chief James Craze, three persons were transported by ambulance from the park, apparent victims of heart attacks.

*Photos
by Leigh
and
Stephan Catteron*



Some Greenbelters gather for the family picnic at Post 136 of the Greenbelt American Legion. Attendees could either walk from there to Buddy Attick Park or watch the aerial display from the Legion parking lot.



This couple picked a choice spot away from the maddening crowd gathering on the north shore of the lake and reflected in the glassy water on a humid, windless, hot evening.

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