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Council Approves Eight Sites For Using Red-light Cameras

by Sandy Smith

Red-light runners on Greenbelt roads could find tickets in their mailboxes by late spring under a program approved by the Greenbelt City Council at its January 8 regular meeting. In other actions, council narrowly approved a \$114,000 plan to upgrade eight playgrounds in the city and reviewed updated admission and occupancy policies for Green Ridge House.

Red Light Cameras

Council unanimously approved the installation of cameras to photograph those who run red lights at eight intersections in Greenbelt (see box). This red light enforcement program, already in place in many other locations, is intended to promote safety at critical intersections throughout the city. Many intersections were considered but rejected primarily over engineering concerns, such as the road being too wide for the cameras to monitor.

Council agreed that the city pay for the purchase and installation of the equipment, with those funds to be recovered from traffic citations within a few months. The program could begin by late March.

Council also approved the hiring of one additional clerical staffer to process the paperwork for this program. While it generates funds from traffic citations

(there are no points or other penalties associated with this program), Councilmember Alan Turnbull expressed the hope that the real benefit would be a change in behavior as people become more conscious of the need to observe red lights at busy intersections. He also thought that the data would lead to other possible safety improvements.

Playgrounds

Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers Edward Putens and Alan Turnbull approved the playground plan presented by Public Works Superintendent of Operations Bill Phelan, which focused on smaller playgrounds throughout the city. Councilmembers Thomas White and Rodney Roberts voted against it.

Roberts wanted faster action on the larger playgrounds, for example at Buddy Attick Park, and White was concerned with the approach proposed for safety surfacing around equipment. He wanted more data on the effectiveness of the products proposed.

New equipment will be purchased; old equipment replaced, repaired or retrofitted; and new surfaces—either wood fiber or a "rubberized" poured-in-place product—placed under equipment to protect children from injury if they fall, under the proposal council approved for the first

phase of playground upgrading. The playgrounds slated for an upgrade this year are the playground near the museum and those located at 2 Court Northway, the end of Fayette Place, Breezewood Drive, the end of Laurel Hill Road, 39 Ridge Road, 31 Ridge Road, and in Boxwood. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$114,000 from FY 2001 budget funds. Community development block grants can be applied to four of the playgrounds.

While generally supportive of playground upgrading which has been discussed for some time, Phelan's plan raised as many questions as it settled. Roberts

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Red-Light Camera Preliminary List

- * Eastbound Greenbelt Rd. at Hanover Parkway
- * Northbound Kenilworth Ave. at Cherrywood Lane
- * Southbound Kenilworth Ave. at Cherrywood Lane
- * Westbound Greenbelt Rd. at Cherrywood Lane
- * East- and Westbound Greenbelt Rd. at Mandan Rd.
- * Northbound Kenilworth Ave. at the Northbound I-95 off-ramp
- * Northbound Kenilworth Ave. at the Southbound I-95 off-ramp.

Financial and Other Problems Could Close New Deal's Doors

by Dorothy Sucher

The New Deal Cafe, the co-op coffeehouse and music venue in the heart of Old Greenbelt, may soon be forced to close its doors from a combination of financial problems and insufficient volunteer help. These problems have plagued the 5-year-old, nonprofit eatery for some time. But since the cafe expanded its operations last April, moving from a weekend evening format in the city-owned Community Center to a commercial space in Roosevelt Center, where the cafe is open all day, every day, the cafe is facing what board member Earl Keppler, among others, called a "financial crisis."

Board Calls for Audit

At a board meeting on January 7, followed by a second, emergency session on January 11, the board agreed to keep the cafe open until the end of the month, according to Pat Brent, New Deal president since 1998. She added, "After that we'll see." Brent, an accountant for a Bethesda church for the last eight years, moved to Greenbelt three and a half years ago, after she had begun to volunteer at the cafe.

At the emergency meeting, the board passed a motion calling for an audit of the organization's fi-

ancial situation, something that has never been done before, although the bylaws call for an annual audit. At present, members are looking for an accountant who would be willing to work on a pro bono basis.

The board also decided to send a report within a week or two to the members describing the results of last year's operations and summarizing the current situation. Board member Wendy Turnbull, who is in charge of writing the report, stated, "We can't continue doing business the way we've been doing it. This was a wake-up call." She added, "I consider the information public. It should be out there. But I try not to be judgmental."

Significant Debts

The extent of the financial problem is unclear at present, and several Board members complained about the difficulty of obtaining firm figures. Board President Brent estimated that the cafe is about \$35,000 to \$40,000 in debt. Most debts seem to have accumulated since the move in April to the new space in Roosevelt Center, which rents for \$1600 a month. At that time a fund drive netted the organization about \$16,000, enough to enable it to open "on a shoestring," she said.

The organization's debts include an unpaid tax bill for the last quarter, according to Brent, and two large loans, one from a member and another from the Co-op food store, as well as vendor bills. Various members of the largely volunteer organization have kicked in their own money for current expenses, and some paid staff members, to help out, have held off on cashing salary checks.

Original Goal Met

Founded in 1996 by a cooperative of local residents, the cafe's original goal was to provide a meeting place for the community, where good coffee, healthful food, and delicious desserts would be available in a relaxed environment featuring neighborly conversation, chess-playing, performances by young musicians, and artwork by local artists. With funds provided mostly by local donors, and a rotating group of eager volunteers serving food behind the counter, the cafe managed to get off the ground, attracting a loyal core clientele.

Despite many obstacles, the New Deal largely succeeded in achieving its original goals. Although some had predicted it

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City Will Hire Consultant For Pay/Benefits Study

by James Giese

After a calm, deliberative discussion of employee compensation with some of the city's employees contributing, the city council decided to hire an outside consultant to review the city's compensation and classification plan. The consultant is to compare city jobs and compensation to similar jobs and compensation in eight other Maryland cities. They are Rockville, College Park, Bowie, Takoma Park, Laurel, Gaithersburg, Hyattsville and Annapolis. Also to be included is information about similar positions for employees of Prince George's County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The study is to be completed in April, in time for consideration along with the city budget.

Last July, staff presented the results of an in-house compensation and benefit survey that council had requested in 1999. The findings indicated that Greenbelt salaries lagged behind those paid in six other jurisdictions, but varied significantly from position to position. However, the survey found that the city was providing greater benefits, particularly in contributions toward retirement, than the other jurisdictions.

At an August worksession council asked staff to do five tasks: (1) conduct an in-depth analysis of 10 positions to vali-

date that the city was comparing like positions among the jurisdictions surveyed; (2) assess the city's job turnover rate; (3) get a cost estimate for employing a consultant; (4) establish an employee committee and (5) recommend how to allocate funds budgeted in reserves equal to 2 percent of salaries for adjustments to compensation plan. Council subsequently voted to give all employees a 2 percent pay increase.

The January worksession dealt with a report on the first three items. Action on establishing an employee committee is pending.

Validation

Staff picked 10 positions from its compensation and benefits survey to make an in-depth comparison among the six jurisdictions surveyed of position duties and responsibilities. In nine of the 10 positions, they found city jobs to be comparable. In the case of the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, the study found that the city's position did not match well with positions in other jurisdictions. Staff's conclusion was that nine-out-of-ten was sufficient to validate its previous compensation study.

Turnovers

Staff found that for the past three calendar years the city had an average turnover rate of 10.3 percent. According to the International Personnel Management

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Why They Come - or Don't - To the New Deal Cafe

by Dorothy Sucher

On a recent Saturday morning, customers at the New Deal Cafe aired their feelings about the cafe, which may be forced to close soon due to financial pressures.

"What I see is a place that's doing great," said Barbara Stephens, who recently began volunteering there. "I see joyous days with thousands of kids, moms, and a smattering of businessmen and others. Wednesday nights are just heavenly when the lights are low and there's jazz. The community benefits like crazy."

Acupuncturist Kristi Anderson of Calverton meets friends at the cafe every Saturday morning for breakfast; she praised the relaxed atmosphere. Her tablemate, Patti Dennison of Berwyn, a nursing school administrator, said, "The food is good, it's healthy and not expensive. The people are nice."

Also with them were Karen Lear of Seabrook and Terri Regan of Adelphi. Terri loves music — "Anything but rap, hill-billy, and real hard heavy metal."

And if the place closes?

"We'll hope it reopens. They could have a fund raiser, do more advertising, maybe raise food prices and serve food faster.

Sometimes I don't come in because I have no time to wait."

Bill Norwood, who has lived in Greenbelt for 20 years, says the cafe is "a great thing to have in one's neighborhood." He comes to eat, read, and write, "things I'm already doing at home. Why not come here and do them, and talk to people?" He's had good conversations at the cafe, likes the artwork, and finds the place "cozy and comfortable."

Three young men at a table have lived in Greenbelt for six months and just discovered the cafe. They got their Ph.D. degrees in Canada and have started a tech business. "It's not Starbucks," said 35-year-old Brent Little, and his friend Vien Van added, "It's friendly. There aren't a lot of shops like this."

Vera Rollo cast a negative vote. "It's kind of raunchy. The food's good, but there's that dirty stone floor. And I always felt I was imposing on the young people behind the counter."

A family group at another table included Greenbelter Gerry Tidler, a retired probation officer, and her grandson David Tidler of Annapolis, who was visiting with his pregnant wife, Leah, and

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PAY STUDY

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Association, the average turnover/retention rate for the United States is 9 percent and for Maryland, 11 percent. Therefore Greenbelt's rate was in line with the nation and state. Of the 51 employees who left city employment during the past three years, 28 resigned to take other employment, seven were terminated, four moved out of state, seven retired (includes disability retirements), one died and four were in positions that ended.

FOP Report

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) also submitted a report that indicated that three officers and a trainee left the department during an unspecified period of time in order to take jobs with other police jurisdictions. FOP President Craig Rich pointed out that these people went to departments not surveyed by the city for salary comparability (U.S. Secret Service, Prince George's County, Washington, D.C. and Baltimore City).

However, Mayor Judith Davis said that there was no way that Greenbelt was going to be able to compete with the state police, Baltimore City or the Secret Service. "We don't have the same resources," she said. Even comparing Greenbelt with Rockville or Bowie was going a "little out of league," she felt.

Cost of Consultants

Staff checked with Charles F. Hendricks and Associates on the cost of doing a full classification and compensation study. The company quoted a price of \$19,995 and indicated that if it began work in January it could complete the study in April. Staff felt that Hendricks would be able to do the work "so affordably" because Greenbelt has participated in two studies the firm did over the past two years and other comparable communities have recently used the firm for similar work. Also, the firm would use the work done by city staff.

Council appeared pleased that a study could be done for that price. Most of the discussion that followed was not on whether to use a consultant, but rather on the scope of the study to be done. Much of the discussion centered around the "universe" with which Greenbelt would be compared. It was agreed that Greenbelt should be compared with the five local municipalities surveyed by city staff — Rockville, College Park, Bowie, Laurel and Gaithersburg. Davis said that "These municipalities are the leaders in providing municipal services and we ought to be keeping up with the big dogs." To that list the council added Hyattsville and Annapolis.

Council also agreed that the consultant should look at the total compensation package including benefits. On that matter, Lt. Daniel O'Neil asked that consideration should be given to separating the cost of benefits from benefits received. The FOP claims that other jurisdictions offer better retirement plans for police officers at less cost than what the city spends.

Master Police Officer Gordon Pracht told the council that some of the police "benefits" such as extra pay for residing in the city and officers taking their

Letter

Put Gate at Overpass

A suggestion about the overpass safety issue —

Shocked to hear the news of recent road robberies at the overpass. Given the fact that the overpass is mainly used by students going to school, I, as an old Greenbelt resident, suggest that a gate should be installed at the overpass. The gate is open only when students go to school (say 8 to 10 a.m.) and come back home (say 3 to 5 p.m.) from Monday to Friday. During the above time periods, a police officer stationed at the gate to ensure security. Except those two time periods, the gate should always remain closed!

I think this is the only feasible way to bring peace and safety to this area while still providing convenience to students. This is my two cents.

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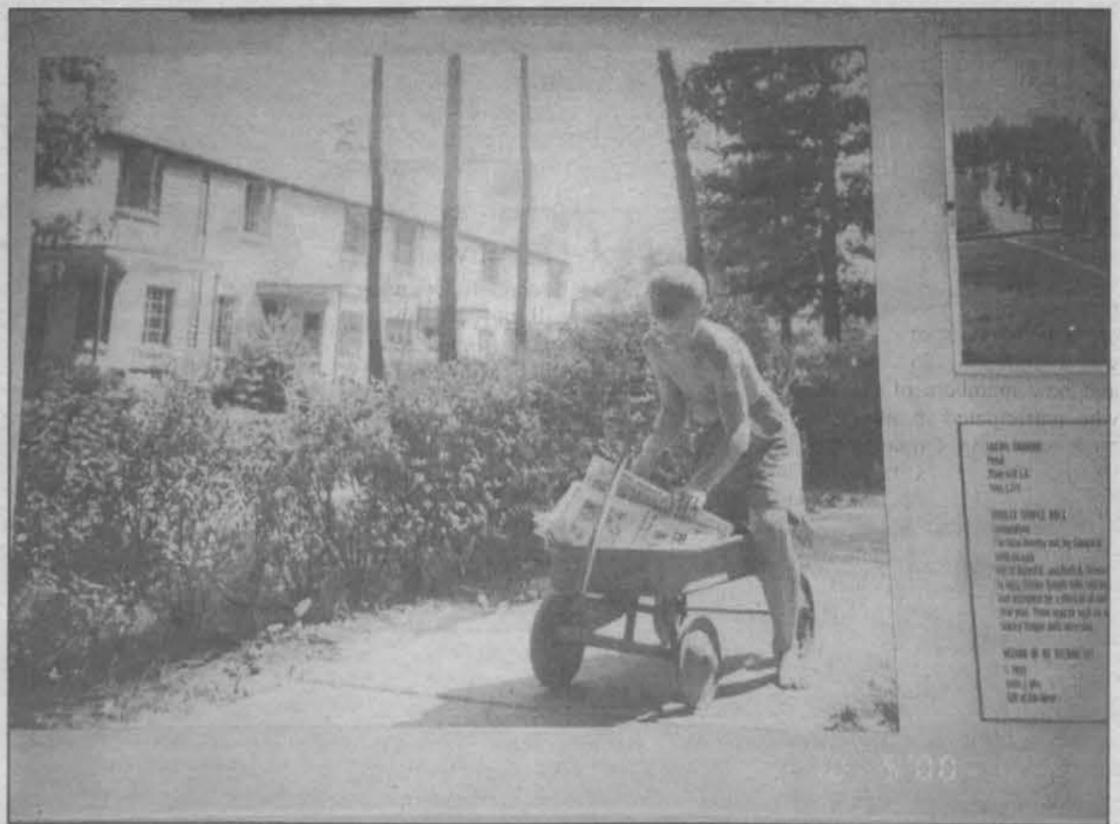
vehicles home benefit the city as well. On the latter, he said that take-home cars are better maintained, thereby reducing city maintenance costs.

Code Enforcement Officer Renee Landen asked council to look at longevity noting that she had topped out in five years. Davis noted that the teachers union advocated getting to the top of the pay scale as quickly as possible. Although that was fine for the young, she said, once you get there you feel that you are not going anywhere. Councilmember Edward Putens told Landen that some jobs just dead end. "When you reach the top," he said, "the next step is your boss' job."

Other Information

The compensation report noted that for the nine validated positions, Greenbelt averaged 17.8 percent behind the other jurisdictions in pay. However, when both salary and benefits were considered, Greenbelt lagged only 7.2 percent. This difference is primarily caused by the city's high contributions to retirement and deferred compensation.

Also, based on the nine positions, compensation for Human Resources lagged the least at .7 percent, while Recreation compensation lagged the most, 25 percent.



In the 1930s and 1940s, many Greenbelt children earned money by delivering newspapers and groceries carried in their trusty red wagons along the inner walkways and underpasses. These planning features characterized Greenbelt as a town designed for children. The Greenbelt Museum's newest exhibition on Planned Play: Childhood in the Ideal Commu-

nity, Greenbelt Community Center Exhibition Room, 15 Crescent Road, has many black and white images of early Greenbelt taken by nationally recognized WPA photographers such as Arthur Rothstein, Marion Post Walcott, Gretchen Van Tassel and Margery Collins.

-photo by Sandra A. Lange

Giant Adds to Bonus Bucks Program

Giant Food, Inc. announced that \$1.6 million has been earned by schools participating in its A+BonusBucks Program for the months of November and December. An additional \$2.4 million will be awarded (\$800,000 each month) through March 31, 2001, bringing Giant's total cash contribution for the 2000-2001 school year to \$4 million. Each of the approximately 3,000 participating schools will receive its cash award in the form of a check at the conclusion of the program. (A listing of the cash award earned by each school during November and December is available on Giant's website, www.giantfood.com.)

Customers may designate up to three schools to receive cash grants to benefit from their purchases at Giant. For every dollar spent using the BonusCard, the designated school receives one point, or "BonusBuck." Giant also offers weekly extra credit items that award 25, 50 or 100 additional points per purchase. At the end of each month, the points are tallied and the

\$800,000 is divided among the participating schools. Shoppers can designate schools by filling out applications at any Giant store, through their school's A+BonusBucks coordinator or at Giant's website.

To further encourage participation in the A+BonusBucks program, Giant is sponsoring a special cash prize drawing for schools with 100 percent designation by January 31. All schools whose total designations exceed or match their student enrollment will be automatically entered into the random drawing. The grand prize is \$5,000 cash, first place is \$2,500, second place is \$1,000, and 10 schools will be awarded third place prizes of \$500 each.

Learn to Garden With Hardy Plants

Join Seattle area garden consultant and designer, Jim Fox, for a free slide-illustrated lecture about harsh climate gardening featuring some of North America's toughest plants. The lecture will be held in the Administration Building auditorium at the U.S. National Arboretum on Saturday, January 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. It is sponsored by the Potomac Valley Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society. Registration is not required. For information call 202-245-4565.



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MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Saturday, January 20th at 9:00am

"Open Door Meeting with Senator Leo Green and the Delegates of the 23rd District" live

Monday, January 22 at 8:00pm

"City Council Meeting/Public Hearing on Proposed Curfew Law" - live

Tuesday & Thursday, January 23 & 25

6:00pm "Perils for Pedestrians"

6:30pm "City Council Meeting/Public Hearing on Proposed Curfew Law" (replay)

8:30pm "Open Door Meeting with Senator Leo Green and Delegates of the 23rd District (replay)"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581
Wednesday & Friday, January 24th & 26th

7:00pm "Your Medical Records"

7:30pm "Episodes TV # 3"

8:00pm "Public Safety-Pre-Release"

Learn/Enjoy Greek Dancing on Sundays

Although five regular members of the Greek Dance Group of Greenbelt were unable to be present for the open house held last Sunday at the Greenbelt Community Center, the new round of Greek folk dancing got off to a lively start. The event was attended by 25 - 30 former and new members of the group, who participated in some of the more common dances done at Greek folk festivals in the Washington area. Beginning next Sunday, however, the group will be focusing on learning some of the lesser-known Greek dances, primarily from the regions of Pontos and Asia Minor, two areas of present day Turkey, once heavily populated by Greeks.

The instructor and leader of the dance group, Chris Tennant, has just returned from an intensive workshop on the dances of Pontos and Asia Minor, which was held in Tarpon Springs, Florida, during the Epiphany celebration that takes place in Florida's unique and picturesque Greek community each year during the first week of January. She will be sharing with the

Community Events

Come and Question State Representatives

The Annual Greenbelt Open Door Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Greenbelt Municipal Building. This is an opportunity for the citizens of the 23rd District to meet, talk to and ask questions of their representatives at the state house, State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin.

group some of the dances that she learned there, in addition to reviewing dances taught earlier.

The Greek Dance Group of Greenbelt meets in the dance studio of the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:30, with the first half hour reserved for newcomers to the group to receive special instruction. The group operates as both a class and as a social group, and also engages in various outside activities.

At the Library

Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.
Thursday, January 25, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Exploring Ikebana Flower Arrangement

Jane Redmon will be the presenter at "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, January 26. Redmon will talk on "The Art of Ikebana, Japanese Flower Arrangement." She is a teacher, first degree, of the Sogetsu School of Ikebana Japanese Flower Arrangement, founded in 1924. Redmon will demonstrate seven different flower arrangements of the school.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

Have a Hot Time On a Chili Day

The Men's Club of Mishkan Torah is offering an attractive low-cost way to join other football fans in watching the Baltimore Ravens play the New York Giants at the Super Bowl on Sunday, January 28. The Men's Club of Mishkan Torah invites everyone to watch the game on big screen TV at the synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. Chili, hot dogs, cider and other snacks will be provided. There is a fee for this fundraiser for Mishkan Torah.

U.S. Fiddle Champion To Play at Center

Scottish country dancing is a joyous time of socializing while getting an aerobic workout. On Tuesday, January 23, Hanneke Cassel, a U.S. Scottish Fiddle Champion, and members of her group HaLaLi will play for an evening of Scottish country dancing. Dancers are asked to contribute for the musicians (plus the cost of the class). Spectators may listen for free. Scottish country dance classes are held every Tuesday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. For information and prices call 301-441-1331.

Artist Ted Kliman Shows at Gallery

Greenbelt artist Ted Kliman is presenting a show entitled "Mysteries and Meditations" through February 9 at the Dadian Gallery, Wesley Theological Seminary, 4500 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kliman will talk about his work at a Dean's Forum (same location) on Thursday, January 25, at 12:15 p.m. Kliman's schedule for 2001 includes one-person exhibitions in Chicago and at the Marlboro Gallery, Prince George's Community College. For information call 202-885-8674.

Tutors Are Needed

Tutoring programs at Springhill Lake Recreation Center are so popular additional tutors are needed. Homework and Tutoring Club, grades 1 - 6 meets Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program, grades 7 - 12 meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Both are free and meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Those interested in volunteering as tutors are encouraged to call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Simon's "Fools" Features Much Zany Hilariousness

by Miriam Pinheiro

You'd be a fool to miss the Greenbelt Arts Center's production of "Fools" by Neil Simon. The play is loosely based on the Sholom Aleichem tale "The Wise Men of Chelm" and is set in a small Ukrainian village named Kulyenchikov in the late 19th century. The villagers are all under a 200-year-old curse: everyone is a fool!

A handsome, young schoolmaster, Leon Tolchinsky, played by Robert Perkins, comes to Kulyenchikov for a teaching position only to find it is almost impossible to teach anything. Perkins is great as the teacher and he is the only one who is not under the scourge. He falls in love at first sight with the adorable Sophia Zubritsky, played by Rachel Zirkin. She plays Sophia delightfully, with her sweet innocence, which is accentuated by frilly blouses and big bows in her long, dark hair.

Dr. Zubitsky, played by Daniel Lavanga, and Lenya Zubritsky, played by Fran Calhoun, were also outstanding as Sophia's zany parents. The villagers are all hilarious, especially Mishkin, played by Beatrix Whitehall and Yenchna, played by Marie Bowles. The marvelous cast kept the audience laughing with their amusing antics and foolishness.

The set is simple, as are the costumes and props.

Keith Brown, who has been

involved with local theater for over 20 years, directs the play. Other plays he has directed for the Greenbelt Arts Center include "The Man Who Came to Dinner," "Play it Again, Sam," "Bullshot Crummond" and "Not Now Darling." It is produced by Norma Ozur.

You'll be unable to wipe the

foolish grin off your face after watching "Fools" and after a hard day you'll appreciate that.

The delightful play runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. on January 19 through February 3 with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on January 21 and 28. Reservations are recommended. Call 301-441-8770 for more information.



Some of the "Fools" are: (left to right) Daniel Brarmann, Jeffrey Landou, Beatrix Whitehall, Robert Perkins, and Marie Bowles.

SOCCER SOCCER SOCCER Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Spring Soccer Registration



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Register for the Spring Soccer Season at the Greenbelt Youth Center Saturday, January 20th, 10 to noon. Questions or for more information call 301-794-0100.



Public Hearing on Youth Safety and a Proposed Curfew Law



Monday, January 22, 2001, at 8 p.m.
Municipal Building

As part of its regular meeting on January 22, the Greenbelt City Council will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of soliciting public opinion on youth safety and a proposed juvenile curfew law that has been drafted by the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Curfew laws have been passed in Prince George's County and in Laurel, Hyattsville, and the District of Columbia. The proposed Greenbelt law would require that youth under 18 not be in public places from 10 p.m. - 5 a.m. on week nights and 11:59 p.m. - 5 a.m. on weekends. Exemptions would be made for employment, organized events, emergencies, and other reasonable needs.

Curfew laws are intended not only to reduce juvenile crime and violence but also to protect juveniles from harm. The City Council is interested in hearing the opinions of citizens on the proposed law and on the broader issues of youth safety and community safety in Greenbelt.

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 accommodations as soon as possible and no later than Monday, January 22, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of January 19

Chocolat (PG-13)

Fri. (5:00 @ \$4.00)
7:30, 9:50
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7:30, 9:50
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Velma (Jeff) Chapman

Velma Chapman

Longtime Greenbelter Velma (Jeff) Chapman, 83, died on Monday, January 15, 2001 of kidney complications.

Mrs. Chapman was born in Homer City, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Pennsylvania State University. A resident of Greenbelt for 55 years, she had left the city to live in a nursing home for the last two years.

A 1st Lt. in the United States Army, she was a veteran and a member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. She worked for the Department of Agriculture and was proud to have been instrumental in instituting the school lunch program. She also did research on what is now known as the microwave oven.

For several years she was listed in "Who's Who in American Science" and was featured in an article in National Geographic.

In Greenbelt Mrs. Chapman was involved in several committees and was a member of a city Advisory Board. She was also a member of the Outstanding Citizen Committee. Mrs. Chapman was a member of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors. At Greenbelt Community Church she sang in the choir. Despite living in a nursing home she kept in touch with the political happenings, social events and environmental issues of Greenbelt.

Mrs. Chapman is survived by her son Thomas Jeffrey Chapman, Greenbelt; grandchildren Denise M. Toth and Thomas S. Chapman, and granddaughters Laurel and Megan. Her husband Nelson S. Chapman preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, January 19 at 11 a.m. at Greenbelt Community Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 4455 Connecticut Ave., N.W. #300, Washington, D.C. 20008.



Brad Hibbs and Karla Williams

Williams-Hibbs

The year 2001 ushered in much happiness for Shirley and Ray Hibbs and family of Lakeside Drive and Clara Williams of Roanoke, Virginia when their son Brad Hibbs and her daughter Karla Williams

became engaged on New Year's Eve. Karla's father, John C., died in 1988.

Brad is a "homegrown" Greenbelt boy, active in sports, so many will share in the Hibbs' joy.

A spring wedding is planned.

Scholarship Available For Indigent Student

Maryland has a scholarship for students whose families cannot afford to pay for college. Combined with the federal Pell grant, it pays for the entire cost of attending a public college or university in Maryland.

The Guaranteed Access Grant helps families with very low incomes — less than \$22,165 a year for a family of four including income earned by student and parents, benefits and Earned Income Credit.

Students can receive up to \$9,000 a year, depending on which college they attend, and the scholarship can be renewed up to three times. The grant can be used at private colleges and universities but the amount is capped at \$9,000 a year.

There are several eligibility requirements: the grant is for full-time undergraduates going to college in Maryland, and students must start college within a year of graduation; students must earn a minimum 2.5 grade point average in high

school; and to be eligible, a student must complete a college prep or tech prep curriculum in high school.

To apply for the 2001-2002 academic year, high school seniors are encouraged to submit a Guaranteed Access Grant application to the State Scholarship Administration by March 1 and a high school transcript (grades 9 to 12) by July 15. Students must complete and mail the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the same deadline.

Copies of the FAFSA, the Guaranteed Access Grant application, and detailed application information are available from school guidance offices or the State Scholarship Administration. The number is 410-260-4565 or 1-800-974-1024.



Our sympathy to Tom Chapman and family on the death of his mother, long-time Greenbelter Velma (Jeff) Chapman.

Pfc. Donkoh Amaah and PV2 Tiffany Jackson, both of Greenbelt, enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard at the Baltimore Military Entrance Processing Station.

They will serve the Guard one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer. In addition to pay, all Maryland Army National Guard soldiers are eligible for up to 100% college tuition.

Delegates Mary Conroy and Joan Pitkin were honored recently for environmental leadership by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. Lauded for their commitment to conservation issues, both delegates received scores of 100% on the Maryland General Assembly scorecard released in September, covering environmental votes cast over the past two years. The full scorecard may be accessed at www.mdlev.org or by calling 1-410-280-9855.

Wanted: Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help adults with basic reading and math skills, GED test preparation of English for foreign-born adults. A time commitment of two to four hours over one or two nights each week will be required. Register for an orientation session to learn more about the program. There are openings at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Call Jean or Joyce at 301-985-1780.

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COUNCIL

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and Turnbull questioned the decision to start with smaller neighborhood playgrounds when more children use the larger playgrounds at Buddy Attick Park, Greenbriar and across from St. Hugh's. Phelan responded that it will take some time to plan the larger-scale upgrade for Buddy Attick Park and that it appeared the playground in Greenbriar might be closed, based on neighborhood interests.

He noted that there has been, and will continue to be, neighborhood involvement in the playground changes. Neighbors living near each playground have been notified and have provided input. The final plans will be posted at each playground and comments invited.

Phelan said that if money remained after the initial phase of the playground work is completed, work could begin on the others. At the very least he thought that some surfacing around equipment could probably be done this year at Buddy Attick Park.

This was not good enough for Roberts, who ultimately opposed the motion when funds to address Buddy Attick playground could not be guaranteed for this year.

Too Fast?

The surfacing was of greater concern to White. He questioned the limitation of just two types of products, the wood filler and the rubberized product. In a way, he thought that the project was moving too fast and wanted data on the number and types of injuries, if any, to guide their decisions. He seemed to long for the "good old grass, dirt and wood chips" that Greenbelt has used for 60 years.

Davis urged approval. She said that the issue had been debated for some time and that the changes were necessary to bring Greenbelt playgrounds into compliance with various safety and accessibility regulations. Putens thought that some of the action was liability and litigation driven. However, he also urged action now, saying that the topic had been debated for some time and that the neighborhood residents were eagerly awaiting the new equipment and improvements in the playgrounds. Finally, council approved the project on a 3-2 vote.

Green Ridge House

Admission and occupancy policies for Green Ridge House are being updated to come into compliance with federal requirements and reflect current actual practices. One change is that independence will no longer be a requirement for admission or occupancy. Residents who need some limited assistance in daily living may be accepted for admission.

The other change, that Greenbelt residents receive no priority for admission, was less appealing to council members. However, this is a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement that was implemented several years ago. Green Ridge House

must comply with this regulation or risk losing funding, explained Terry Blake, Green Ridge House property manager, who was on hand to answer questions.

Putens wondered if there was any way to appeal this HUD requirement and the city agreed to look into that aspect. Jim Cassels, a Green Ridge House resident who was instrumental in the development of the facility, asked for a work session to address that issue.

Before approving these changes, council wanted Green Ridge residents to be informed of the changes and to seek their input. The issue will be presented at the next residents' council meeting.

Sheriff's Report

Acting Captain Terry Justin gave a presentation on the role of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department as part of its community outreach program. Justin, who grew up in Greenbelt, was a Greenbelt policeman before joining the Sheriff's Department. He said that one of the goals of the community outreach program is to increase citizens' awareness of the role and function of the Department.

He listed several major functions of the Sheriff's Department: security of court facilities, transportation of prisoners, and serving of subpoenas and warrants. There's also a special focus on law enforcement in relation to domestic violence and child support.

Other business

Sheldon Goldberg of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee urged the city to look at the proliferation of vending boxes at the intersection of Mandan and Greenbelt Roads. City Manager Michael McLaughlin indicated that this was a continuing issue; he promised to look into this specific site.

Council was pleased that a 35-miles-per-hour speed sign had been placed by Greenbelt Middle school and that another sign was slated for Greenbelt Road near Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Council approved the reappointment of Jean Cook and Judith Ott to the Board of Elections.

ACE Celebrates Success of Read-a-Book Program

by Nelda Young

At its January meeting the Advisory Committee on Education laid plans to celebrate the success of its Read-a-Book Program and considered City Manager Michael McLaughlin's request for a priority list of school-related needs to include in the city's fiscal year 2002 budget.

ACE members expressed excitement over the success of the Read-a-Book program. Since the program began in October, the number of reporting readers has almost reached 200. Pam Moody described the program as "a raving success. Even shy kids express a desire to tape their book reviews. Some practice their writing skills by submitting reports via email." The program will not take a summer vacation but will continue via Greenbelt camps. To celebrate the program's success, a reception honoring the participants will be held in September.

Wendy Wexler, city liaison to ACE, announced that on December 29 the ACE Reading Program received a grant from the Governor's office on Crime Control and Prevention to subsidize hiring Carol Mealey as the program's coordinator, and to buy supplies.

ACE Advice

McLaughlin asked the ACE members to propose areas in which the city might invest in enriching the local schools. An example of the city's past investment is the placing of city police resource officers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Five years after Greenbelt's program began, the county followed the city's example by assigning police officers to other schools.

The committee named improvements it would like to see in the schools. These include enrichment programs to challenge advanced students and keep them from migrating out of Prince George's County. Mentor programs are in place but

are difficult to implement due to the shortage of mentors. They also discussed seeking matching funds from organizations such as the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, and Lions as well as corporations in Greenbelt and throughout the county.

Leta Mach, chair of the committee, praised David Lange's volunteer program at Greenbelt Elementary School. She suggested other schools might profit by studying his approach.

Lecture Features The Plants of India

On Sunday, January 21, Frances Plunkett will share images and tales of her travels to study and photograph native plants of India at a free slide-illustrated presentation at the U.S. National Arboretum. The lecture will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the administration building. It is hosted by the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, of which Plunkett is a member. Following the lecture there will be a hands-on lesson in sowing rhododendron and azalea seeds. Registration is not required.

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building Council Room
January 22, 2001
Regular Meeting - 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 comprises those items marked by an asterisk [], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Public Hearing on Youth Safety and a Proposed Curfew Law
7. Presentations
8. 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.)
- * 9. Minutes of Meetings
10. Administrative Reports
- * 11. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

12. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 916, 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, Adoption)
13. A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) Corporation of Columbia, Maryland, DJR, Inc., of Glenelg, Maryland, and Traffipax, Inc., of Columbia, Maryland, for the Design, Installation, and Operation of Equipment for a Red Light Camera Program (1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption)
14. A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase with Hendricks & Associates, Inc., of Washington, D.C., to Undertake a Comprehensive Review of the City's Classification and Compensation System (1st Reading)

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Bradford Pear Trees Near 7 Greenway Place
14. Debriefing on New Year's Eve Celebration
15. Concept Plan for Springhill Lake Recreation Center Addition
- * 16. Reappointment to Advisory Group

V. MEETINGS

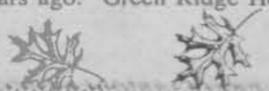
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Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk



The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum received a \$21,000 grant to help fund its expansion of operations at a preservation ceremony December 12 in College Park. Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Raymond A. Skinner (left), and First Lady Frances Hughes Glendening, present the grant to Sandra Lange, president of the board of trustees for the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. The funds will be used as part of the cash match for the newly-created, full-time city position of Museum Curator and Director of Historic Programs.



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Breyer's Yogurt All Varieties 2/89[¢] 8 oz.	Deli Roast Pork \$3⁹⁹ lb.
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BAKERY	Henry's Crabcakes \$4⁹⁹ lb.
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Progresso Soups All Varieties \$1²⁹ 19 oz.	Betty Crocker Super Moist Cake 89[¢] 13-18 oz.
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Marcal Facial Tissues 69[¢] 175 pk.	
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Best Yet Sun Dried Raisins \$1²⁹ 15 oz.	Kraft Handy Snack Lunchpaack Puddings -or- Gelatins 4-Pack 89[¢]
Capri Sun Lunch Pack Fruit Drinks \$1⁶⁹ 10 pk.	

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Chex Snack Mixes 89[¢] 7-8 oz.	Listerine Mouthwash \$3¹⁹ 500 ml.
Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix \$1²⁹ 32 oz.	Fuji T-120 HQ Videocassette Tape \$1²⁹ each
	Durable Foil Bake & Take Foil Pans With Lids \$1⁴⁹ 1-2 pk.

Maxwell House Regular Ground Coffee Regular-Lite- Colombian-French- Espresso-Slow Roast Master Blend \$1⁴⁹ 11-13 oz. cans	Quaker Oatmeal Quick- Old Fashion 89[¢] 18 oz.
Rice-A-Roni Rice Sidedishes All Varieties 69[¢] 4-6 oz.	General Mills Wheaties Cereal Original-Raisin- Honey Frosted \$1⁷⁹ 14.75, 18 oz.
Utz Pretzels All Varieties \$1⁴⁹ 15 oz.	Best Yet Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil \$1¹⁹ 37.5 ft.

Kraft Family Size Salad Dressings All Varieties \$1⁸⁹ 16 oz.	Best Yet Grape Jelly 99[¢] 32 oz.
Taco Bell Salsa Asst. Varieties \$1⁴⁹ 16 oz.	General Mills Honey Nut Cheerios Cereal \$1⁷⁹ 14 oz.
Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn \$1⁴⁹ 9-10.5 oz.	Aunt Jemima Pancake Syrup \$1⁸⁹ 24 oz.

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Sweet Clementines 36 Pk. Box \$3⁹⁹	Red Bell Peppers \$2⁸⁹ lb.
Rome Apples 79[¢] lb.	Nature's Finest Roasted Peanuts In Shell \$1⁹⁹ 24 oz.

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Banquet Boneless Chicken Entrees Assorted Varieties \$1⁹⁹ 10-13 oz.	Black Label Beer \$4⁹⁹ 12 pk.-12 oz. cans
Swanson Hungry Man Pot Pies \$1⁷⁹ 17 oz.	Lindeman's Cawarra Wines \$8⁹⁹ 1.5 liter
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Tori's Tip\$

This column will appear in the News Review periodically, featuring tips on saving money in Greenbelt.

by Altoria Bell Ross

With everyone talking about the flu, virtually little attention has been devoted to a serious condition that strikes young children known as pintgooth. This ailment normally surfaces during the winter months and lasts until late spring. Symptoms include hyperactivity, irritability, and difficulty in concentrating. This disease is especially acute in those youngsters who do not have the benefit of venturing out to school everyday. In this column, I will address some of the possible remedies available in Greenbelt for the "Please, I Need To Get Out Of The House" syndrome without making your budget ail.

The Greenbelt Youth Center offers several reasonably priced treatments for patients nine months to five years old. These sessions generally start at 9:30 a.m. and last for an hour beginning with Tiny Tots on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents or caregivers can bring infants and young walkers to the multipurpose room to tap on a piano, roll balls, waddle behind a variety of push toys, or just explore. On Wednesdays, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 year olds can run, jump, roll, skip, and hop all over the gym. These rompers also can ride scooters, glide down sliding boards, and gleefully wear themselves out on the other miniature playground equipment. Near the end, Cathy Pracht, who is a warm and personable group leader, sits in a circle with the preschoolers and adults, engaging them in interactive play. This fun and busy session repeats on Fridays for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 year olds. You can pre-register for all of these sessions or drop-in for a nominal fee. And there's more. Three to 5 year olds can attend a free class, Pre-School Playtime. A recreation employee guides these young pupils through 45 minutes of arts and crafts and play in the Mary Evelyn Boggs studio on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Although there is no fee, advance registration is required.

Art Room

The city also makes provisions for those patients with artistic tendencies. Preschoolers can paint, draw, and color in the children's art room of the Community Center. These classes run from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays for an hourly fee equivalent to a Sunday newspaper. The county also provides outlets at the Greenbelt Public Library for pa-



tients who have a literary bent. On Thursdays at 11:15 a.m., the imaginative Rosemary Downs sings songs, acts out stories with figures on a flannel board, and reads special books to two-year-olds in the program room. In addition, an exuberant Jane Lydon, the children's librarian, assisted by a kind Kate Connolly, a volunteer, gives a fun-filled story time for 3 to 5 year olds at 10:15 a.m.

Oh, did I mention that pintgooth is contagious? Well, it is. Adults who do not have regular company during the day of someone old enough to vote can contract this disease. An antidote exists for them too at the Community Center, the Fit N' Fun aerobics class energetically taught by Judy Cocchiaro. Cocchiaro cajoles participants into flexing their muscles and dancing to lively music starting at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. No need to worry about the children. Babysitting is free and is located across the hall from the gym. The class, which can be attended on a drop-in basis, costs less than a ticket to the movies.

Old Greenbelt is just one site available for therapy. Another is Beltway Plaza Mall. Your preschoolers' older siblings, who are out of school for the holidays or for snow days, may enjoy the amusement rides at Jeepers! at cost. However, access to the Unlimited Playground and ImaginArea is free. Your preschoolers can choose to ride the fire truck or play on the huge dinosaur. My favorite activity is the contraption that is a cross between an obstacle course and an indoor playground. Once my preschooler finishes climbing up tires, crawling through tunnels, and running to the slides, he is exhausted and well on his way to recovery.

But, if crisp, cool air is what your children need to help them recover from this pintgooth, then you might want to stand at a bus stop with them. Metrobus issues a transfer that a passenger can use up to two hours and an all-day pass, both for a small fee. With an adult, two children, 4 years old and younger, can ride for free. The Bus has a comparable arrangement. From this moving experience, the children can get a change of scenery on wheels.

Each of the treatments I have described has relieved the symptoms of pintgooth in my active son also known as Bam Bam. I hope they do the same for your household. If not, take two aspirin and call me in the morning.



St. Hugh's students stand under the banner they designed to welcome Dr. Ballard. L. to R., Samuel Marionni, Abigail Bates, Marie Crenwelge, Gabriel Storck, Sarah Loutsch,

Aubrey Schiavone, Katherine Kimble, Katherine Gessner, Conor Real, Jessica Shaffer, Stephanie Holland, Ajay Iyer, Louise Skelly, and Tony Fendlay. -photo courtesy St. Hughes School

Students Meet with Discoverer of Titanic

by Dorrie Bates

On October 24, 14 students and two teachers from St. Hugh's School joined other specially selected students from area public schools at the Howard B. Owens Science Center to meet Dr. Robert Ballard, underwater explorer and discoverer of the Titanic.



Dr. Robert Ballard

Ballard related how his childhood explorations of the seashore and tidal pool life in California sparked his interest in marine life. His path in becoming an underwater explorer included time as a Navy Commander, studies in un-

derwater geology, and research in such diverse areas as ancient history and robotics. He told students about his recent explorations of the Black Sea where there seems to be physical evidence of villages destroyed in a great flood, possibly the one referred to in the Bible. Because the ruins are away from damaging light and bacteria, the structures remain remarkably intact. Current projects involve underwater wreckage that may prove to date from around 750 B.C., the time of Homer. Ballard talked about the JASON Project, a program he developed which links elementary students with scientists working in the field.

When asked about the most interesting thing he had ever discovered while exploring the ocean, Dr. Ballard described discovering tubeworms, a unique life form living by underwater heat vents.

Before leaving to meet with scientists at NASA, Ballard signed autographs and stood for photographs with admiring students and teachers. Summing up the encounter, Aubrey Schiavone said, "It was a very memorable experience."

Duck Stamp Contest Now Underway

The 2001 Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp design contest is open to all students, kindergarten through twelfth grade. Every year, public and private school teachers utilize the Junior Duck Stamp curriculum to conduct classroom activities relating to conservation and wildlife art. Students then create stamp designs which feature species of North American waterfowl.

The deadline for this year's contest is Thursday, March 15.

Junior Duck Stamp entries are judged by age group; all first, second and third place winners, as well as honorable mention winners will receive show ribbons. The Prince George's Arts Council awards the Best of Show entry a \$100 prize/certificate/bond.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 25, 2001

GHI Board Room



Key Agenda Items

- Administration Building Renovations - Status Report
- Discussion to Identify Maintenance Related Issues in Preparation for Work Session
- Select Topics for Joint Council - Board Sessions

Regular Board meetings are open to members.

Scholarships Offered By Legion Auxiliary

Several scholarships are available through the American Legion Auxiliary.

A \$500 Nursing/Medical Technology Scholarship will be awarded by Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary.

The National American Legion Auxiliary will award a \$1,000 Girl Scout Achievement Award Scholarship and a trip to the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. To receive this the recipient must have received the Girl Scout Gold Award, must be an active member of her religious institution and must have received the appropriate religious emblem, Cadette or Senior Scout level. Also, a Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members, a four-year gift scholarship will be awarded in each Division of the American Legion Auxiliary in the amount of \$1,000 per year. A recipient must be/have been junior members of the auxiliary for the past three years, hold a membership card for the current year and continue her membership in the auxiliary during the four-year scholarship period. The National Auxiliary will also award a \$1,000 American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students. Applicants must be members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion and have paid dues for the two preceding years and the current year. They must be returning to the classroom after some period of time in which their formal education was interrupted or students who have had at least one year of college and are in need of financial assistance to pursue an undergraduate degree.

The Maryland Department of the Auxiliary will award a \$2,000 Children and Youth Scholarship for study in arts and sciences, business and public administration, education or a medical field (other than nursing). It is awarded to students attending a college in the state of Maryland who are citizens of the United States, residing in Maryland and whose parents are/were veterans, with preference going to children of members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. It also will award a \$1,000 Past President's Parley Scholarship. Applicants must be daughters of an ex-service woman who need financial assistance to attend an accredited school for nurses' training. If no application is received from the daughter of an ex-service woman, the scholarship may be awarded to the daughter of an ex-service man who needs financial assistance.

Other requirements may apply. Full details and applications are available by mail for all of these scholarships from Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary, P.O. Box 1063, Greenbelt, MD 20768, Attn: Verna Rupert, Education Chairman. The request should state the scholarship in which the writer is interested.



POLICE BLOTTER

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

Armed Robbery

Area of Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, Jan. 5, 10:57 p.m., the victims were walking down a sidewalk when a vehicle described as a white older-model minivan pulled up next to them. A passenger got out of the vehicle, implied that he had a gun, and robbed the victims of clothing. The victims fled on foot, and the robbers drove away. The vehicle passenger is described as a black male 20 to 25 years of age, 5'9" to 6'0", with black hair in cornrows; he was wearing a black wool hat, a black jacket, and blue jeans.

Assault on Police Officer

7700 block of Kenilworth Ave., Jan. 8, 2:14 a.m., an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of suspected marijuana. Both the driver and passenger exited the vehicle. Located in the vehicle was a 9mm semi-automatic handgun. When officers attempted to place the man under arrest, he tried to flee on foot, jumping over a guardrail. Upon being captured, he assaulted both officers, attempted to take one officer's handgun and asked his female companion to get the handgun from his vehicle, police allege. She ran to the vehicle and reached inside, but complied when ordered by police to get away from the vehicle. Both were arrested and taken into custody. The nonresident man was charged with two counts of assault, transporting a handgun in a vehicle, attempt to disarm a police officer and resisting arrest. The nonresident woman was charged with transporting a handgun and two counts of assault. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Attempted Rape

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Jan. 5, 10:43 p.m., a woman was inside the hallway of an apartment building when she was approached by a man who stated that he had a gun. He forced the woman downstairs into the laundry room, where he attempted to sexually assault her. The woman screamed, and the man punched her in the face and then fled. The woman refused medical treatment for a swollen eye. The man is described as a black male in his 20s, 5'6", 200 lbs. and wearing a black jacket.

Indecent Exposure

7900 block of Mandan Road, Jan. 7, 4 a.m., a woman was walking to her residence when she was approached by a man who exposed himself to her and then fled. The man is described as a black male approximately 20 years old, 6', 190 lbs. and wearing a dark jacket.

D.W.I.

Area of Crescent Road and Kenilworth Avenue, Jan. 10, 10:47 a.m., a 37-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence, and leaving the scene of an accident as a result of investigation of a traffic accident. She was released on citations pending trial.



Burglary and Theft

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 5, 11:02 a.m., a blue and pink girl's mountain bike was stolen.

5900 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 5, 6:22 p.m., jewelry was taken from an apartment.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Jan. 5, 6:31 p.m., video games, stereo equipment, and video game accessories were taken. Entry was gained by breaking out the sliding glass patio door.

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 5, 8:06 p.m., money was taken from an apartment.

9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, Jan. 6, 11:09 a.m., jewelry was taken from a residence.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 6, 9:07 p.m., entry into a residence was gained by forcing open a bedroom window. It was undetermined if anything was taken.

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Jan. 6, 10:56 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

Funcenter Arcade Room in Beltway Plaza Mall, Jan. 7, 2:29 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken.

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 8, 6:47 a.m., a rifle was taken. Entry was gained by way of an unlocked window.

6400 block of Ivy Lane, Jan. 9, 8:14 a.m., four unattended laptop computers were taken from unsecured offices in an office suite.

100 block of Lastner Lane, Jan. 3, 12:20 p.m., entry into a residence was gained by forcing open a side door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Vandalism

Greenbelt Library, Jan. 7, 11:43 a.m., someone broke out a window.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a dark red four-door 1992 Saturn SL2 with Maryland tags ELZ 598, Jan. 6, from the 6700 block of Village Park Drive; a gray four-door 1979 Mercedes 450 with Maryland tags CMW 258, Jan. 6, from Beltway Plaza Mall; and a white four-door 1991 Honda Accord with Maryland tags ENJ 479, Jan. 9, from the 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive.

Research Rd., Jan. 10, an arrest warrant was obtained for a man

A Law Enforcement Club at ERHS?

Corporal David Buerger of the Greenbelt Police Department, one of the community police resource officers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is working on the formation of a law enforcement

club at the school. This would include field trips and perhaps also law enforcement classes. A law enforcement curriculum might be worked into the normal school day, perhaps as part of the "Practical Law" class. Eventually he hopes to create a separate law enforcement class, which would have to be approved by the Board of Education.

and a woman of no fixed address who were charged with unauthorized use of a red 1996 Pontiac Sunbird convertible, MD tags GHB 165.

Lakeside Dr., Jan. 6, three incidents of thefts from automobiles were reported.

A recent effort to start a Criminal Justice Youth Academy at the school failed because too few students applied.



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The League of Women Voters of Prince George's County will hold its annual program planning meeting on Saturday, January 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Largo-Kettering Li-

brary, 9601 Capital Lane, Largo. Nonmembers are welcome. League membership is open to men and women. For information, call 301-864-1016 or e-mail lwvpg@aol.com.

NIH Is Looking For Study Patients

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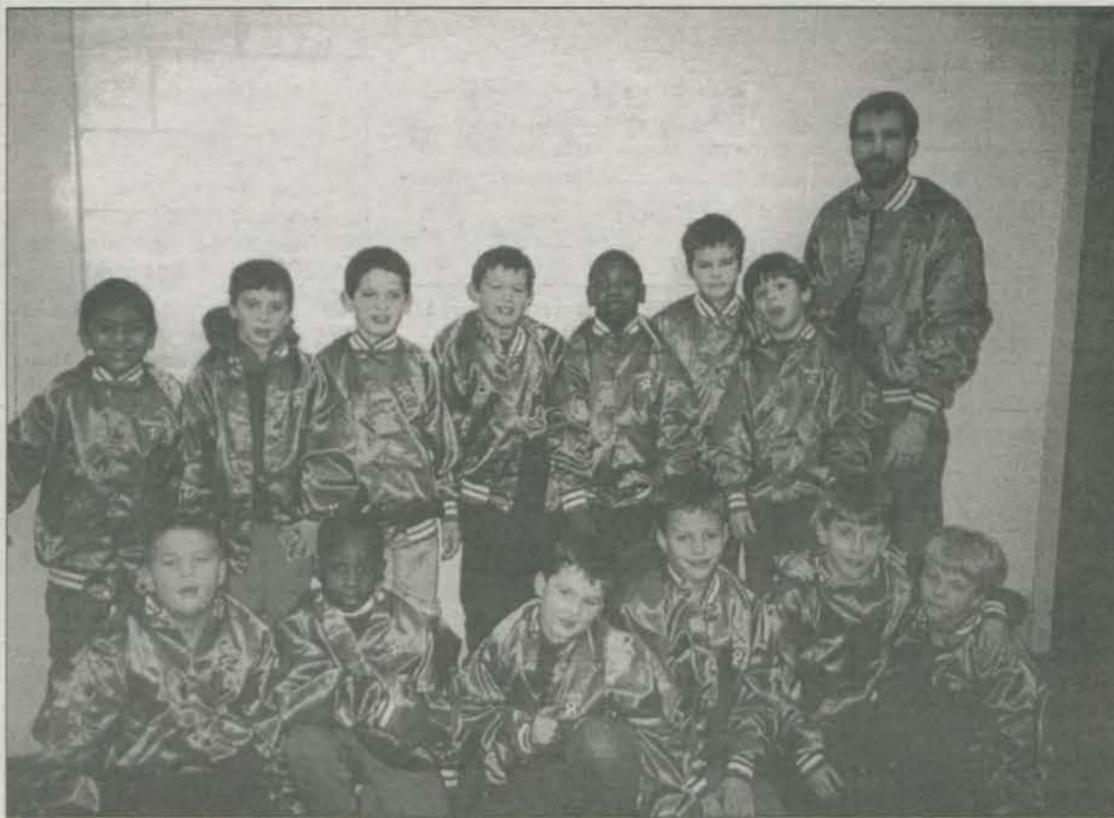
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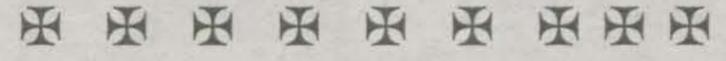
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 The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Fall Soccer season was highly successful. The girls 12 and under finished in second place at the Beltsville tournament. The boys eight and under team (pictured) won the AA County Championship. Sean Flanagan scored the winning goal in an overtime shoot out. All the other teams had successful seasons and are gearing up for the spring season.
 For information on registration for the spring season, call 301-794-0100.

Goodwill Centennial Seeks Recollections
 Goodwill Industries will be celebrating its centennial in 2002. This July it will begin a year-long celebration of the event.
 Goodwill has provided job training and placement to more than five million people across North America since 1902.
 The organization is asking everyone to participate in the birthday party. In particular, it would like anyone who has a personal story or experience to share it with Goodwill. Stories can be called in at 202-636-4225, ext. 1220 or 1225 or send email to centennial@goodwill.org.



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NEW DEAL

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would be difficult to attract enough entertainers willing to work for tips, the opposite has been true. The New Deal is a popular venue with local musical groups, and its Open Mike nights have given many a young musician his or her first chance to perform in public.

In only five years, the New Deal has made a place for itself as the latest in a tradition of Greenbelt cooperative institutions that goes back to the town's founding. Those now include the Co-op grocery store, the Greenbelt News Review, the Co-op Nursery School and Kindergarten, and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the 1,600-unit housing cooperative. Some of these have been in existence for decades, but others have dropped along the way-side, as the New Deal cafe is now in danger of doing.

Dealing with Taxes

The unmet goal for last spring's fund drive was \$25,000. Even this would not have been enough to cover opening expenses and renovations, stated Marcia Voigt, who became the organization's treasurer in October. Like others on the board, Voigt, who retired two years ago from the federal government, is a volunteer. She, too, said she did not yet have firm figures on the state of the New Deal's finances, but felt that the tax problems, although pressing, "should not force us to close at the end of the month."

She said she plans to propose a payment plan to the IRS and the State of Maryland to pay off the debt gradually. However, she raised the question of whether the cafe will generate enough income to meet the installments. "That's a little hard," she said, "especially since January and February are

slow months for all the merchants in the Center. But I think we're on the right track."

Voigt noted that the cafe also needs to generate more business. Stressing that she does not have exact information yet, she estimated that with a weekly income of \$4,000 to \$5,000, "we'd be in pretty decent shape" in terms of meeting the expenses of running the cafe (excluding paying off the debt).

During December and the first two weeks of January, the cafe took in approximately \$3,400 a week. Income was higher in October and November — around



\$4,000 a week. Income from customers is the cafe's primary source of funds, although occasional donations still trickle in.

Non-profit Status

Another problem that has recently come to light is that, although the New Deal is incorporated as a non-profit organization, according to Brent, no application has ever been filed for a 501(c)3 charter, which would make it possible for donations to be tax-deductible. According to board member Keppler, the organization is looking for a pro bono lawyer to work on this and perhaps other organizational issues.

Volunteer Problems

The New Deal does have some paid employees. Most im-

portant is the manager, Terry Rutledge, who began work in August. She works in the cafe alongside the volunteers, and also hires and trains an ever-changing stream of additional helpers, typically young people who earn little more than minimum wage. The current crisis affects the manager, too, who "has actually donated or I should say loaned some of her paychecks to the cafe," according to Keppler.

Many of the New Deal's difficulties are common in volunteer-run organizations. Active members are constantly dealing with crises, and no one has time for important, longer-term issues. People offer to help and then don't follow through. Personal friendships also get in the way of confronting problems head-on.

Since the cafe moved to Roosevelt Center, "It's a completely different ballgame," according to board member Turnbull. "It's more than a full-time job. The work when we were at the Community Center was almost minimal, compared to now. We're running a small business."

She noted that the organization lacks a coordinator of volunteers, and also needs volunteers to help with vital behind-the-scenes administrative tasks such as publicity and fund-raising.

Brent stated, "I'm not sure this can operate as a co-op. You've got to throw in your whole body and soul. The community is wonderful, but it's hard to fill those huge blocks of time. We get burned out."

She sees the New Deal's basic problem as a lack of reserve capital, which any new business needs. "As a result we're constantly cutting every corner we can. It's Catch-22. We can't take the time to train employees," she said — or deal with other common complaints like slow

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Prominent ophthalmologist Arthur Schwartz, M.D., will discuss the signs, symptoms, and treatments of glaucoma at a special "Glaucoma Month" presentation on Tuesday, January 23, at 1 p.m. at Sibley Memorial Hospital Ernst Auditorium, 5255 Loughboro Road, N.W., Washington, DC. Dr. Schwartz's lecture will be followed by free glaucoma screenings from 2 to 4 p.m. This program, "Glaucoma - Protecting Peripheral Vision" is especially vital to those with age-related macular degeneration.

Glaucoma, often referred to as the "sneaky thief of sight," is a leading cause of irreversible vision loss in the United States and affects about three million Americans. It is estimated that up to one half of this number may be unaware they have the disease. The Society identifies high-risk groups as everyone over the age of 60, African-Americans over the age of 40, and people who have a family history of glaucoma. The Prevention of Blindness Society urges those at risk for glaucoma to get a dilated eye examination at least every two years.

Call 202-364-7602 to register for the program. For a free pamphlet on glaucoma, call the Prevention of Blindness Society at 202-234-1010. This program is being co-sponsored by the Prevention of Blindness Society of the Metropolitan Area and Sibley Memorial Hospital.

service. "I don't see a solution except a big influx of money. We're a sinking ship. We haven't done a good job of reaching out. We've got to change that, real quick.

Cafe Patrons

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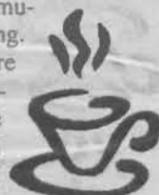
their 2-year-old son, Andrew. Gerry comes to the cafe with her grandson when he visits, because he likes it. She doesn't, because "I'm into meat and potatoes. Give me a steak sandwich! Still, I like to have the cafe here. I like to see the stores occupied, and young people appreciate California cuisine." David feels the cafe offers a "healthy alternative," and so does Leah, who is trying to limit her salt intake.

They hope the cafe isn't going to close, and David, who used to manage a restaurant, had a few suggestions. "The ordering system is confusing, and they're a bit chaotic about cleanliness and appearance. This could turn you off when you walk in. Maybe they could make it as just a coffeehouse with music. The selection's too big — they're trying to do everything. They need less overhead in food. All those bottled drinks and juices are very high priced."

Saturday Night

Around 11 at night, the place was packed as a band played up front. Lights were low, every seat was filled, and playgoers from the Greenbelt Arts Center production of "Fools" were trickling in to stand in back in the vain hope of coffee and dessert.

Few at the tables seemed to have food or drink in front of them, and nobody was circulating around taking orders or serving. That's what was needed, for nobody wanted to go up to the counter while the musicians were playing. Although there were 50 customers present, they were making no dent in the cafe's financial problems.



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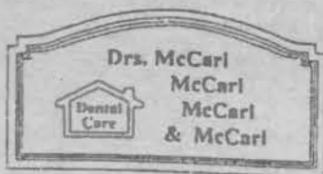
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