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Candidates Night participants talk to voters and answer questions in the Greenbriar Community Room. From left are incumbents Judith Davis, Thomas White, Alan Turnbull, Edward Putens and, standing, Rodney Roberts. On the far right are challengers Sylvia Lewis and Kelby Brick.

Candidates Tackle Bond Issues, Tax Credit, Ikea and Bike Lanes

by James Giese

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) once again sponsored a candidates night forum for Greenbelt City Council candidates at the Greenbriar Community Center. About 30 persons attended. Sheldon Goldberg, president of GEAC, served as moderator.

Once again, the candidates treated each other with respect and deference, and for the most

part agreed with each other throughout the evening. With few exceptions, differences were nuances, not divisions. The candidates were seated facing the audience at one long table in the order that their names will appear on the ballot, starting from the left with Judith Davis.

One spin-off from unanimity came over the issue of support for the proposed \$3.5 million bond issue that is up for approval at the same election. All candidates supported the proposal ex-

cept Rodney Roberts. He supported the need for all of the projects that are to be financed by the bond issue, but opposed using bonds to pay for them. Instead, he advocated paying off the existing city debt in four years and then using the money now budgeted to pay off debt to pay for these projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. In 15 years, he contended, the city would have \$10 million to spend on those

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Committee-of-the-Whole Okays Metro Sector Plan

by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince George's County Council, sitting as a committee-of-the-whole on September 19, voted six to one to recommend approval of the Greenbelt Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) with amendments opposed by the Greenbelt City Council. Councilman Walter Maloney cast the lone negative vote. A favorable recommendation was given by council members Ronald Russell, Dorothy Bailey, Isaac Gourdine, Audrey Scott, Thomas Hendershot and Marvin Wilson. Absent were Jim Estep and Peter Shapiro.

This action was taken at a worksession to discuss proposed amendments to Council Resolu-

tion 13 (CR-13), introduced on April 24, 2001. Apparently, by calling for a vote on the amendments, two of which had been revised earlier in the meeting, procedures were followed for county council's staff to prepare the required resolution that would allow the plan to come officially before the county council on Tuesday, October 16 for introduction and adoption of the Sector Plan and SMA with amendments.

The county council's blessing of the Sector Plan/SMA with amendments was not shared by the City of Greenbelt. The Greenbelt City Council and others had objected vigorously to three amendments proposed in CR-13 on the basis that they con-

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Legal Action On Metro Plan

by Betsy Likowski

Still pondering whether to take legal action in the Greenbelt station matter, the Greenbelt City Council met in an open meeting with the city's attorney on Monday, October 1. Councilmember Thomas White requested that City Solicitor Robert Manzi and Celia Craze, director of the Department of Planning and Community Development draw up a memo outlining the points that would be made if the city took the matter to court. The council will meet in executive session (closed to public and press) to go over these points and the probable costs of such a course of action on Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Greenbelt Station is a development proposal that would be built near the Greenbelt Metro station. The city council and staff have been interested in its ongoing process, concerned with the impact on the environment and local traffic and the encouragement of transportation by automobile.

Recently the conceptual plans and preliminary plan of subdivision of the Greenbelt Station were approved by the county council. The city council is pondering challenging these decisions in court. Responding to a question by White, Manzi stated that similar type cases have been successfully appealed. White asked if the position could be that the requirements of CB-47 were ignored. Yes, replied Craze, as were the requirements of subdivision.

Candidates Forum:

Their Policy for Holding Meetings Closed to Public

The issue for this week's candidates forum of the Greenbelt News Review is secret meetings, officially called executive sessions. Maryland state law prohibits public legislative bodies from holding meetings at which the public is not permitted to be present, but makes exception for certain kinds of meetings. The reason for such a meeting must be stated at a public meeting before the legislative body goes into executive session. The law provides a series of reasons for which executive sessions can be held. One of the reasons is pretty broad and permits meetings of legislative bodies with their legal counsel. During the past year, the Greenbelt City Council held fifteen executive sessions according to city staff. While it recognized the necessity for the city council to hold executive sessions for valid reasons, the News Review, on three occasions during the past year, criticized the city council for meeting and making decisions in executive session on matters which the paper felt should have been discussed in public.

The question that we posed to the candidates this week was: What will be your policy on holding such meetings and making decisions at them?

Here are their responses given in a randomly selected order:

Sylvia Lewis

There are good and legitimate reasons for conducting some council deliberations in private. These are defined by the Annotated Code of Maryland 10-508 1-14.

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A Letter to Our Readers

by Marat Moore

Shortly after we moved here this spring, I had the chance to read Cathy Knepper's new history of Greenbelt. What most struck me is how Greenbelt's quality of life and its commitment to maintaining a strong community came about because of volunteers who worked together, debated the issues, and achieved their goals.

This wasn't always an easy path. For the News Review—which Knepper called "crucial" to sustaining Greenbelt's traditions—it became a Herculean struggle in the 1960s, when a developer sued the paper for libel. One of the key issues was whether it was libelous for a News Review reporter at a public meeting to quote a resident who had used the term "blackmail" in reacting to the developer's actions. The case ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court, and ended in victory for the News Review—and for the First Amendment. The leaders of the News Review had the courage and the endurance to undertake an arduous path, backed by residents who donated to help defray legal expenses.

Reading Knepper's account, I was amazed that a small community paper could have such a significant impact on the national scene—and at the depth of commitment the action represented. I was amazed again when I first walked into the newspaper's office at the Community Center, where more than a dozen people were working around a large table, and at computers and a scanner, and learned that the pro-

cess unfolds over four days each week, sometimes until the wee hours—all with volunteers. This committed team ensures that the local news, letters to the editor on hot topics, and information about local events and services reach you each week.

To keep this newspaper alive and its staff sane, new people are needed. One of the advantages of a small paper is that, no matter who you are or what you like to do, there's likely a place for someone with your interests and skills. Knowing no one, I came to help type copy, and have since written a few stories and taken some pictures. It's been fun, and a great way to learn more about the community and meet some wonderful people.

Are you good with people, and do you have some daytime hours free? Consider being trained to sell ads to help the paper meet its rising production costs. If you have experience in accounting your skills are sorely needed. Or if you are, or if you know, a student or adult who is knowledgeable about computers, scanners, computer networking or web site development and would be willing to volunteer, don't even finish reading this issue—call now! Writers, editors, and photographers—you are needed, too, to bring readers the news and features they enjoy.

Without deep pockets, the News Review must rely on its human resources. The paper needs you now. Please call 301-474-4131 and leave a message. Someone will call you back, with thanks.

What Goes On

- Saturday, October 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., SchromFest, Schrom Hills Park
- 1 p.m., Chautauqua on the History of Greenbelt East, SchromFest.
- Monday, October 15, 7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center.
- 8 p.m., Council worksession on Neighborhood Schools, Municipal Bldg.
- Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., Candidates' Forum, Municipal Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m., Peace Study Circle, Community Center.
- Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center.
- Thursday, October 18, 7 p.m., Goddard Master Plan workshop, Goddard.
- 7:30 p.m., Peace Month celebration, Greenbelt Police will talk on community policing, Municipal Bldg.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, October 16, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, October 17, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, October 18, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, October 17, 2 p.m. Book Discussion on Edward Rinehan's "Lion's Pride: Theodore Roosevelt and His Family in Peace and War."

Peace Month Talk - Community Policing

As part of Greenbelt's celebration of Peace Month, members of the Greenbelt Police Department will give a talk on community policing on Thursday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Spooky Stories and Well-Lit Pumpkins

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will have its annual pumpkin carving in front of the New Deal Café from 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, October 19. A limited number of pumpkins will be available. Carvers must bring their own carving tools (or precarved jack o'lanterns); candles will be provided.

The jack o'lanterns will be displayed the next evening along Northway Extended, where the committee has its children's pumpkin walk. Children are invited to come hear a ghost story at dusk ("Goat Man Meets the Blair Witch!") before the pumpkin walk begins at dark.

For information call Paul at 301-474-6708.

Farewell Planned For Cousins

Members of Mowatt United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Rd., invite people to a farewell open house for Al and Mary Ellen Cousin. Both have been pillars in church for many years. Al led Boy Scout Troop 746 for decades and was Greenbelt's first Outstanding Citizen. The event will be held at the church on Saturday, October 20, 1 to 4 p.m. Y'all come!

FOGL to Meet

Friends of the Greenbelt Library will meet Monday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the library to discuss the Saturday, Nov. 3, used-book sale. Anyone interested may attend. For more information, leave a message for Eileen Peterson at 301-441-8249.

News Review Annual Meeting Scheduled

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt News Review will take place on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. For details, contact 301-441-2662.

Community Events

Explore History Of English

The English language belongs to the Indo-European Group of languages - a very large group including the classical languages of Italy and Greece. Although English belongs to the Germanic branch of Indo-European, a majority of English words come directly or indirectly from both Latin and Greek. On Friday, October 19, John Cahill, from Prince George's Community College, Continuing Education Dept., will be the Explorations Unlimited presenter.

Cahill will discuss the classical etymological heritage and development of the English language over several periods of history - from the Roman conquest of Britain through the Renaissance to the development of modern English. He will begin with a focus on the influence of Latin on political, social, scientific, and medical terminology through the examination of word roots, prefixes, and suffixes. Then he will concentrate on Greek influence, primarily in the areas of science, technology, and medicine.

Cahill holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees, and has been teaching Latin and Greek for more than six years in Adult Continuing Education programs in several county public school systems and community colleges in Maryland. From this interest in classical languages, he has also taught classes in etymology and classical mythology in the arts.

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

Dog Show Benefits Fire Department

To benefit the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, an AKC Canine Good Citizen Test will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, Oct. 20 from noon to 4 p.m.

The event is open to all dogs, mixed breeds welcome, with county registration and proof of rabies shots. The Fire Department is located at 125 Crescent Road. There is a fee.

Volunteer to Help Greenbelt Park

Come help the Greenbelt Park. Make a difference by painting picnic tables, spreading wood chips and other projects. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, October 13 at 9 a.m. For directions or more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Annual Co-op Meeting To Be Held Oct. 27

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 27 at 10:15 a.m. in the multipurpose room of the Community Center.

At the annual meeting, reports on the Co-op's past year will be presented by the store manager, Bob Davis, and treasurer Joe Timer. Elections will take place for two positions on the board of directors. Both Joe Timer and Tom Lammons are at the end of their current terms.

This year the board will also present the members with a proposed change in the Co-op's by-laws aimed at clarifying the difference between a subscribing and a voting member. The amendment makes a distinction between a voting member of the Co-op, i.e., any person over 18 who has filled out an application form and has paid at least \$100 into the member's account; and a subscribing member, someone who has less than \$100 in his or her member account.

All members and others interested in the workings of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative are encouraged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

La Leche League

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, October 16, at 10 a.m. at 33-P Ridge Road. The topic of the meeting is "The Normal Course of Breastfeeding." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information, call Mary at 301-345-4589.

2nd Meeting Held For the New Year

Plans are coming along for the biggest winter party in town - Greenbelt's New Year celebration. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Volunteers are still needed to help with this fun-filled event. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 or come to the meeting.

Greenbelt East Topic Of Chautauqua

In cooperation with the City of Greenbelt's Millennium Task Force, the Greenbelt Museum will sponsor a Chautauqua on the history of Greenbelt East on Saturday, October 13, 1 p.m., at the SchromFest, Schrom Hills Park. This program is part of the neighborhood theme suggested by the White House Millennium Council. It is the last in the series of Chautauquas held throughout the city during the past year.

It's a *MAJOR* event!

**Richard & Ann Castaldi
and
Gil & Micki Weidenfeld
Invite you to join us in
welcoming to Greenbelt**

**Major Riddick
Candidate for County Executive
Prince George's County**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
AT THE WEIDENFELD HOME
110 RIDGE ROAD, GREENBELT
301-345-2327**

Everybody Welcome!

City of Greenbelt - Recreation Department
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-397-2200



SchromFest 2001

October 13

11:00am - 3:00pm

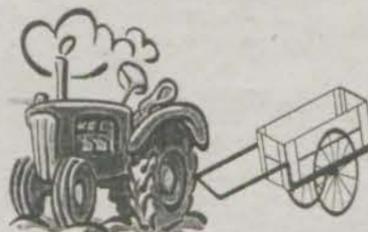
Schrom Hills Park at 6915 Hanover Parkway



Come and enjoy the annual SchromFest, a millennium passport event, and celebrate Greenbelt's 64th year along with Mayor and City Council!

Featuring:

- Hayrides•Face Painting•Amusements & Games•
- Singer/Guitar•Caricatures•Food•
- Public Works, Police and Fire Departments•
- Millennium Tree Planting Dedications•
- GEAC Memorial Benches Dedication•
- Greenbelt East Chautauqua•



Channel B-10 Schedule

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30pm

"Candidates Night" live sponsored by the Greenbelt Greens
Thursday, October 18

6:00pm "Senior Forum"

7:30pm "Replay of Candidates' Night"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, October 17 & 19

7:00pm "Dr. Faustus"

9:30pm "Channel Zero News"... A Local News Spoof

Council Continues School Worksession

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a worksession on problems and concerns about Greenbelt area schools on Monday, October 15, in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m. This worksession will be a follow-up to the one held in August on school issues, where the prime concern was about overcrowding in Greenbelt's schools, specifically at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Area school principals have been invited to attend, or to send a representative. James Henderson, Greenbelt's representative to the Prince George's County School Board, has also been invited to attend.

Clothing Requested For Tornado Victims

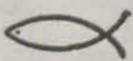
In an effort to assist some of those affected by the tornado that struck nearby communities last week, the Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team, in conjunction with the Red Cross, has identified two Laurel families who have been completely displaced from their homes. Donations of clothes for a woman are especially needed. The items requested are: pants/slacks/jeans size 18; shirts/blouses size large; shoes size 7 1/2, medium width; underpants size 8; and bras size 36B.

Designated donation drop off points are City Hall, 25 Crescent Road, second floor, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, October 13 at the rear of 25 Crescent Road between 9 a.m. and noon.

For more information call Renée Landen at the City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development, 301-345-5417. Those wishing to contribute are asked not to donate torn, tattered or soiled clothing.

City Notes

The Parks crew removed various pieces of playground equipment and painted playground equipment; chipped branches, collected trash in city parks, and picked up litter from streets; fertilized, over-seeded ball fields, lined and prepared ball fields for play, and aerated and added soil amendments to center of field.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Gathering to Pray for International Unity

"World peace is not only possible but inevitable. It is the next stage in the evolution of our planet."

Saturday, October 13 at 8PM
Greenbelt Community Center
Multi-purpose

-The public is welcome -
- No donations accepted -

Baha'i Faith
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.bahai.org/>

GVFD Ladies Auxiliary News

Congratulations are in order for Teresa Crisman of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) for being newly elected to the office of vice president of the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Department (PGCVFD) Ladies Auxiliary; and to Teri Heinicke, who was elected guard. The annual convention was held in September at Upper Marlboro.

A very prestigious honor was presented to a surprised recipient, Nancy Remenick. Nancy was inducted into the PGCVFD Ladies Auxiliary Hall of Fame. This honor is awarded to a person who has devoted many years to the good of the auxiliary. Congratulations, Nancy.

Doug Love Teaches Internet Basics

Looking for the ramp onto the information superhighway? Doug Love can help with his demonstration on the basics of using the Internet. This free lesson on Internet basics is planned for Monday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the senior classroom of the Community Center.

The demonstration is sponsored by Greenbelt Internet Access Co-op (GIAC). To reserve a copy of the handouts, call 301-419-8044 before October 19.

Pet Adoption Open House

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, October 14, noon to 3 p.m., at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall.

The public is invited to come meet wonderful 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.

Call 301-262-5625 or check the website at www.pgspca.org for more information.

Our Neighbors

Adam Boldt, of Greenbelt, has been accepted as a member of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Class of 2005. There are 157 students in the entering class.

Edheni Hamid, daughter of Ibrahim Hussein of Greenbelt, has enrolled in Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., as a member of the class of 2005. She is a 2001 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Navy Seaman Roberto Fernandez, son of Kathleen M. Fernandez of Hillside Road, is on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean while assigned to the fast combat support ship USS Arctic, based in Earle, N.J.

The ship is the Navy's largest combat logistics vessel. It carries oil, ammunition, dry stores and refrigerated stores to replenish carrier battle groups.

Fernandez is a 1996 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

It's a girl. Emily Kathryn Palmerton was born September 20, 2001, at 8:44 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. The happy parents are Matthew and Sandy Palmerton, formerly of Greenbelt. The extremely proud, first-time grandmother is Kathryn (Kathy) Reynolds, a long-time resident of Greenbelt. The proudly displayed "It's a Girl" sign is still hanging from grandma's door. Congratulations to Matthew, Sandy, and grandma!

Laura L. Kressler, DVM, of Greenbelt, recently returned from New York City where she had been deployed as a Veterinary Medical Officer under the National Disaster Medical System's Veterinary Medical Assistance Team (VMAT). She provided medical care for the Urban Search and Rescue dogs. Dr. Kressler grew up in Greenbelt and practices at Lynn Animal Hospital in Riverdale.

Exhibit on Childhood Closes Oct. 31

The Greenbelt Museum's exhibition, "Planned Play: Childhood in Greenbelt," at the Greenbelt Community Center will be closing October 31. The museum's next exhibition, "Picturing Victims and Patriots: Photographs

from the Depression and World War II," will have its grand opening on November 16. The new exhibition is funded in part by the Maryland Humanities Council with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 15th
7:00 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
October 14, 10:00 a.m.

The "Suppose" Node by
Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister
with Leo Jones, worship associate

Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers



PRAY FOR PEACE

You are invited to a
FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE
for
AL AND MARY ELLEN COUSIN
at
MOWATT METHODIST CHURCH
40 RIDGE ROAD
OCTOBER 20, 2001
1 - 4 P.M.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY
Children and Adults
Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
SERMON: "Wherever We Go"

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
Part Time Ministry

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

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

101 GREENHILL ROAD
301-474-4212
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"



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Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted

Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am



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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sundays
Worship: 8:30 a.m.
Education Hour: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Wednesdays
Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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projects and others.

Edward Putens spoke for the other incumbent councilmembers when he, as the first respondent to the question, said "Absolutely yes, I don't want to wait to get these projects done." Putens held up a printed brochure that he said the city was issuing to explain the bond issue. The council intends to allocate \$2 million for expansion of the city public works facility next to Attick Park on Crescent Road; \$750,000 to go towards the cost of a \$1.5 million addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center; \$250,000 for improvements to the Greenbelt Theatre if the city succeeds in buying it; and \$500,000 for pedestrian, bicycle, traffic safety and playground improvements in Greenbelt East, including improvements to Hanover Parkway as determined by a study now underway.

Challengers Sylvia Lewis and Kelby Brick, while giving their support, were somewhat critical of the council. Lewis wished there was a "little more specificity in the spending list." Brick advocated the need for a plan, a long term vision to go along with the money. While supporting taxes, he noted that they have been increased each of the past seven years and asked what if there is a downturn in the city's economy. The plan needs to protect city services and surplus funds.

Davis contended that the city has a plan, but it is a flexible one and keeps changing. She, too, felt the city could not wait four more years for some of these projects. She particularly noted the need to provide for a computer lab as part of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center addition to help the children in that section of the city and felt that it was important to have funds available for traffic calming improvements in Greenbelt East, not just "piddling things." Thomas White said that he had pushed the council to get everything done that needed to be done to get the bond proposal on the ballot and to get funds for Greenbelt East projects. Alan Turnbull also justified each of the projects proposed. Although the Greenbelt East projects were not defined, they will be outlined by the city's current Hanover Parkway study.

Vision for Greenbelt

The candidates were asked about their vision for the city. Davis, answering first, said that her vision was similar to that held in 1937 when the city was first built. Her vision is people-oriented with city services for the people. She wants Greenbelt Station to become more transit oriented and for Hanover Parkway to be safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

White spoke of opportunities and challenges, citing a State Highway Administration Neighborhood Conservation Program for Greenbelt Road and the Hanover Parkway study as important opportunities for the city to improve pedestrian safety. Development at the Greenbelt Metro Station posed the most significant challenge to the city with the proposed master plan for Goddard Space Flight Center being another challenge.

Turnbull's vision was to have others see the city that he sees, one of beauty and trees. To many others, their impression of Greenbelt is of a Beltway Plaza

parking lot. He wants people who read the real estate section of the newspaper to share his vision of Greenbelt.

Putens said that he wanted to keep the city's environment safe, its children safe, and to protect its quality of life. The city has to make the right decisions and not go backwards.

"My vision is to never forget the basic things that everyone really wants in a community," Roberts responded. He advocated protecting the city's neighborhoods, maintaining city services and protecting the city's environment to make Greenbelt a good place for kids to play.

To Lewis, the biggest challenge the city will ever face is the development at the Metro station. She advocated unifying the three sectors of the city before the development comes into place so that Greenbelt would not become the "Nightmare of Tyson's Corner."

Brick said that it was easy to have a vision for Greenbelt. The need, however, was to do something about it and to have those who make decisions for Greenbelt, such as the county council, NASA, developers and the school board, share that vision.

Tax Credit?

The next question posed by Goldberg related to unequal treatment for Greenbelt East. He cited leaf collection, playground maintenance and the cost of providing private policing in parts of Greenbriar as examples. Can we get a tax credit, he asked?

Turnbull had the first opportunity to respond. He said Greenbelt East would grow into the need for the city to pick up

leaves. He felt that the city could do more for maintaining playgrounds there. He noted that he was opposed to the city maintaining driveway aprons, something that would benefit the single-family homes. Putens said he was opposed to tax differentials for sectors of the community. He felt that that would be divisive. He said that throughout the city there were communities with different needs.

Roberts said that when he was first elected that he advocated the need for equal distribution of city services and tax dollars. He continues to push for the issue.

A distinction was made by Lewis who said she didn't favor equal distribution of services but rather equitable distribution. She favors the city maintaining all playgrounds. As to policing, she expressed concern that the safety she felt walking in old Greenbelt at night is not the case in some other parts of the city.

Agreeing with Lewis, Brick also called for equitable services. He said that the leaders need to get out of parochialism and serve the needs of all the community. Davis said that the people are not always aware of the services available. The city needs to be fair in those services. She agreed that playground services are not equitable.

White was the only one to address the police service issue. He said that he previously had, and continues, to support Greenbriar in providing a supplemental police service

Maglev Train

Doug Love posed the first audience question. He reported articles about maglev (a train that

glides over tracks at high speeds due to magnetic levity) coming to the state, "some say right down the Parkway." The candidates, while saying that they needed to know more about the proposal, were skeptical. Davis said she thought it was a good idea until she realized it would disrupt existing communities and not stop at them. White didn't think the Baltimore-Washington corridor was suited for it, preferring that it run between Los Angeles and Las Vegas. Turnbull called it a million dollar solution to a thousand dollar problem. He advocated expanding Metroliner service instead. Putens and Lewis also said no to the idea. Roberts said that he would be for it if it reduced traffic and did not take trees in the median of the Parkway. Brick said he needed more information, as there was a need to get more cars off the road.

Ikea

Gordon Pickering asked the candidates what they thought about the furniture store, Ikea, building on a site in College Park next to the Beltway. Putens wished it would have located in Beltway Plaza. Davis said that each community had its own idea of what's good and bad and its own needs and that College Park wants this business. White noted that it would be the second shopping center at that intersection of the Beltway with US 1 and that the interchange is a candidate to become a "malfunction junction." He criticized the county for not realizing that US 1 can't take much more traffic. "They never see a development that they don't like," he said. Because it is to be located outside of Greenbelt,

the city couldn't comment on it, Turnbull responded, but he did see good in it in that it would generate traffic during non-rush hours and will enable thousands of students who furnish their dorm rooms with furniture from Ikea from having to travel to Virginia or White Marsh where stores are now located.

Bike Lanes

George Schroeder, who immigrated from Holland 35 years ago, asked the last question. He noted the many ways in which Holland accommodated bicycles and asked what can the city council do to be able to get rights-of-way for bicycle lanes along city streets. Roberts noted his advocacy for bicycle facilities and that Greenbelt had the first bicycle lanes in the state on city streets. Putens said because of Greenbelt's advocacy, the state now requires highway planners to give consideration to bike lanes. He is proud of Greenbelt's involvement and initiation. Turnbull sarcastically thanked the city staff for getting him involved in city government by resisting his proposals as president of the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition to build bicycle lanes on city streets to the Metro station. White noted that both the Hanover Parkway study and the neighborhood conservation study for Greenbelt Road will consider bicycle lanes. Davis said that Greenbelt will shortly have available a bicycle trail map showing where the bicycle routes are located. Brick supported building bicycle lanes and Lewis advocated the need for a grants writer to seek out the funds available for such projects.



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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Assault

Greenway Shopping Center, September 28, 12:52 p.m., a woman was walking to the rear of the shopping center when a man approached and sprayed an unknown substance in her face and eyes. He then fled. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'10", thin build, wearing a red shirt and blue jeans.

Sexual Assault

6100 block Springhill Terrace, September 28, 11:42 p.m., the victims were at a friend's residence when they answered a knock at the door. The man at the door mentioned something about the safety of the neighborhood and produced a knife, after which he ordered both victims into a bedroom, where he sexually assaulted them. He then fled. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30, 5'10", 170 lbs., clean shaven with a dark complexion, wearing a blue pin-stripe suit, light blue shirt and grey tie.

Robbery

7900 Good Luck Road, October 1, 11:17 p.m., two men entered the Seven-Eleven store. One who was armed with a silver handgun approached the cashier and demanded money, while the other held open the door. Money was obtained from the cashier and the men fled on foot. The suspects are described as a white male in his twenties, 5'8", 150 lbs., wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt, white tennis shoes and a black face mask, and armed with a silver handgun, and a black male in his twenties, 5'8", 150 lbs., wearing a black sweatshirt and white tennis shoes.

8000 block Mandan Road, October 5, 12:56 a.m., a man got out of his vehicle and was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by two men. One of the two demanded money and struck the victim in the head with a black handgun. After obtaining money, the suspects fled the scene on foot. The victim refused treatment for minor injuries to his head and knee. The suspects are described as a black male, 18 to 20, 5'10", medium build, light complexion, wearing a grey or black jacket with a hood, and a black male in his teens, dark complexion, wearing a black tee shirt.

9100 block Edmonston Court, October 3, 11:47 a.m., a pizza delivery person was in an apartment hallway about to make a delivery when he was approached by two men. They pushed the delivery man to the ground and removed money from his pockets before fleeing into an unknown apartment. The suspects are described as two black males, 20 to 25, 5'8" tall.

Area of Ridge Road and Eastway, October 3, 12:14 a.m., a man got out of his vehicle and was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by two men who forced him to the ground, kicked him several times, and then removed a cellular telephone from his shirt pocket. The assailants fled the scene on foot and were last seen running toward the Spellman

Overpass. The suspects are described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", 150 lbs., wearing dark clothing and a hooded jacket, and a black male in his twenties, 5'10", 200 lbs., wearing dark clothing with a multi-colored knit hat.

Indecent Exposure

Area of Mandan Road and Mandan Court, October 4, 6:05 p.m., a woman was walking her dog when she saw the suspect in a wooded area, exposing himself to her. He then fled. The man is described as a black male, 20 to 30, 5'8", 160 lbs., close-cropped hair, medium complexion and medium build, wearing a dark blue pullover and blue jeans.

5500 block Cherrywood Lane, September 29, time not available, police responded to a report of an indecent exposure and saw the suspect sitting in a vehicle. Witnesses advised that the man had exposed himself to several people. As police approached, he fled on foot. The man is described as a black male, late twenties, 6', 160 lbs., wearing an orange jacket and blue jeans.

Burglary

100 block Centerway, October 3, 9:43 a.m., someone broke into a storage room. Automobile parts were taken.

7000 block Megan Lane, October 4, 10:21 p.m., someone attempted to break into a residence by cutting a screen to the front porch.

Theft

6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, October 2, 6:57 a.m., someone took tires from a trailer at a construction site.

6300 block Ivy Lane, October 1, 12:43 p.m., a wallet was taken from a purse in an office suite.

Beltway Plaza, October 1, 4:38 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from a counter at the Gold and Diamonds jewelry store.

Vandalism

Roosevelt Center, October 1, 9:39 a.m., someone vandalized a table at the Center.

6000 block Springhill Drive, October 4, 4:21 p.m., someone broke out the glass front door of an apartment building, possibly with a BB gun.

7300 block Frankfort Drive, September 30, 2:52 p.m., someone broke out the sliding glass door of a residence, possibly with a pellet gun.

7700 block Ora Court, October 4, 10:30 a.m., someone broke out a basement window of a townhouse residence.

Disorderly Conduct

Roosevelt Center, September 28, 12:28 p.m., a Branchville resident, 22, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed screaming and yelling in the Center, causing a group of onlookers to gather. He was arrested after he entered his vehicle and tried to drive away. A passenger in the vehicle, a Greenbelt resident, 15, was also arrested, for possession of marijuana. Both were released on citation pending trial.

6460 Capitol Drive, September 28, 10:20 p.m., a 22-year-old Hyattsville resident was arrested and charged with disorderly con-

duct after he left the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant without paying his bill. He became disorderly, yelling and shouting profanities. He was released on citation pending trial.

Drug Arrests

Arrests of three non-residents for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of paraphernalia were made in incidents occurring on September 27 at 5:41 p.m., in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, another at the same location occurring on October 1 at 3 a.m., and the third on September 27 at 11:55 p.m., in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive. All three suspects were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner. A Greenbelt resident, 24, was also arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia on October 2 at 4:03 p.m., in the area of Frankfort Court. Drug paraphernalia was located in his vehicle, and a computer check revealed also that the man's driver's license was suspended. He was released on citation pending trial.

Domestic Assault

9100 block Springhill Lane, September 30, 9:24 p.m., a woman and her husband were involved in a verbal dispute when the husband pushed the wife to the ground and allegedly struck her several times. The woman was taken by ambulance to Doctors Hospital. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Threatening

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, October 1, 1 p.m., a 17-year-old resident was arrested for threatening a school administrator and disruption of school activities, and a 16-year-old Landover resident was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school property. The School Resource Officer located the two at the rear of the high school smoking. The 16-year-old was found to be in possession of a knife and both young people were taken to the main office. There, the 17-year-old began threatening school administrators. Both were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white 2000 Honda Civic two-door, Md. tags HWL703, October 2, from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a green 1993 Honda Accord two-door, Md. tags ASP871, October 3, from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; a red 1988 Ford van, Md. tags 211377M, October 3, from the 10 court Southway.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block Springhill Drive, 7900 block Mandan Road, 6400 block Ivy Lane (two incidents), Beltway Plaza, 9200 block Springhill Lane, and 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

Five stolen vehicles were recovered; no arrests were involved.



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The incumbents know what was discussed at the 15 executive sessions held during the past year. As a challenger all I know is the subject given for each of the meetings. On the face of it topics discussed at 13 of the 15 meetings meet the criteria for a closed meeting. The purpose given for the other two sessions I believe to be questionable. At the November 30 meeting GAVA was given as a subject and at the May 1 meeting the compensation study was given as the subject. Although compensation of individuals may qualify for executive session, the study of ranges and overall classifications would not. It may be that the content of these discussions warranted closed sessions. If so the subject should be more accurately and specifically described.

The News Review is to be commended for challenging the holding of executive sessions. It is fulfilling the watchdog role of a responsible newspaper.

If I am elected I plan to be diligent in requiring that closed sessions be held only for clear, acceptable reasons that are covered by the Annotated Code of Maryland. If discussion at a closed meeting covers subjects beyond the allowable purpose I will bring this to the attention of the council. If such discussion continues, I will place my objections in the minutes. Decisions made in executive session should be brought to open session for a vote, unless for legal reasons this is inappropriate. The citizens of Greenbelt must be confident that there are no "behind closed doors" deals being made and that there are no hidden agendas being promoted.

Rodney Roberts

It seems that this question is about two things, honesty and trust. To be an effective community leader, you must have the trust of the citizens, and to have the trust of the citizens, you must be honest. That is why I have always been completely honest and open about what I stand for, what I support, and what I don't support. If you know my position on an issue when I go into a closed session, then there is in fact, no "secret meeting." It wouldn't bother me if there were no closed meetings, but the fact is, there are times when it is necessary. It has been and will continue to be my policy to participate in closed meetings only when absolutely necessary and in accordance with state laws that govern closed meetings.

Alan Turnbull

As I trust all candidates and most voters can agree, certain topics requiring council action or for which the council needs to be kept informed are inappropriate for public airing. For these, council can act responsibly only by meeting in closed session, and that is why state law permits closed sessions for specific types of council business. For instance, discussing specific personnel issues in public would violate employee privacy. Also, in cases involving legal action y or against

the city, Greenbelt's interests would be undermined if its legal strategies were revealed to other litigants by being discussed in an open meeting.

My policy on this will continue to be conformance with the letter and spirit of the applicable state laws governing open public meetings. I expect any meeting scheduled as an executive session to cover a subject clearly warranting confidentiality as defined by law. On several occasions when council members or the city manager have proposed executive sessions lacking such clarity, I have made a point of publicly discussing and clarifying the purpose and justification before agreeing to their scheduling.

Finally, I am thankful that there is almost always someone present from the public or the News Review at all times when council is meeting. If no one chooses to attend (no matter how dry the subject seems!), we would have de facto closed sessions, a condition that can be as undesirable as abuse of executive sessions.

Kelby Brick

I am in complete agreement with the Open Meetings Act under Maryland state law that "the conduct of public business in open meetings increases the faith of the public in government and enhances the effectiveness of the public in fulfilling its role in a democratic society."

State law allows for 14 reasons where the city council can meet secretly, most of which are related to property acquisition, employment issues or legal issues. The council is required to notify the public in advance of the executive sessions and then have the rationale and votes in favor of holding the sessions be made public.

A review of the votes seems to show that most, if not all, of the executive sessions had the unanimous consent of the councilmembers. Without knowing what was actually discussed in those meetings, it is difficult to criticize the council for holding so many secret meetings.

But since so many of the seemingly monthly secret meetings seem to [be] about the redundant issues (for example, there have been 8 different secret meetings on the acquisition [of] Greenbelt Theatre in the past year), it would seem that there exists an element of indecisiveness.

If elected, I will be able to bring my legal background to council deliberations. This may reduce the need for secret meetings. Nevertheless, I will do everything I can do to promote public dialogue on all the issues. That means I will insist that our meetings be as open as possible. Public access to information is fundamental to democracy.

If the council has any doubts on whether an issue would require a secret meeting, the council should stand on the side of an open and democratic government. As a council member, that principle would guide my votes on whether secret meetings should be held.

Edward Putens

Executive sessions are limited by state law, specifically the Open Meetings Law. The law lists very specific subjects which can be discussed in executive sessions, and prohibits such meetings in all other circumstances, so there is little room for interpretation. The whole purpose of the law is to keep as much as possible of the public's business public. I completely support the law and its purposes.

I checked the record carefully. It shows there were 15 executive sessions in the past year, which were called for 25 specific purposes (as some meetings had more than one subject). All of these readily met the criteria in the law. Eleven involved discussion of lawsuits or consultations with the city attorney; nine involved property acquisition (most for the Greenbelt Theatre); only three dealt with personnel matters. The public interest dictates that some things be discussed in executive session. For example, would you want property owners whose property the city is trying to acquire to know what the city's negotiating strategy is? Would you want the city's legal strategies for a court case to be printed in a newspaper?

The fact that the News Review staff, or certain individuals thereon, criticized the mayor for holding executive sessions, does not in itself prove anything. The only meaningful question is whether the meetings in question meet the criteria in the law. All Council members voted for all of the executive sessions in question. Obviously, we did not believe there was any legal issue with



them.

Speaking for myself, I would never vote for an executive session if I did not think it legal and necessary to do so.

Judith Davis

The Maryland Open Meetings Act is quite specific. A council meeting must be open if public business is being conducted, if there is a quorum, and if the topic being discussed is not excluded by the act. State Code Article 10-508(a) sets fourteen specific circumstances under which a meeting may be closed. Executive sessions must be announced, stating the reason for closing. The city council abides by this law. (I have suggested the News Review print those fourteen exceptions.)

This past year the council actually held fifteen executive sessions, six having two or more topics. Four dealt with the USDA lawsuit, nine discussed property acquisition (the Greenbelt Theatre and the U.S. Postal Service property), and one focused on Greenbelt Station options. The remaining sessions were about per-



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VOTE!



OFFICIAL NOTICE of MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2001

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on

Tuesday November 6, 2001.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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For more information: www.greenbelt.com/sylvia or 301-474-3635. By authority of Tom Jones, Treasurer.

Portrait by Andy Carruthers (301-345-7045).

VOTE!

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sonnel and litigation.

At executive sessions, information is given and discussed; direction is offered by the council to the city manager and legal counsel. Worksessions are held for public input. Most importantly, council must make all official decisions at an open council meeting.

In order to do business, a council must, at times, hold executive sessions, especially when dealing with personnel or lawsuits. Having fifteen executive sessions out of a total of more than 90 meetings last year is not an inordinate number considering proposed property acquisition and our major lawsuit against the USDA. All those closed meetings, except those pertaining to individual employees, were followed by open discussion at worksessions and regular council meetings.

As a council member, it is my responsibility to follow the state law exactly. Decisions necessitated by executive sessions will continue to be made at regular council meetings, after being properly announced as agenda items. Misuse of closed meetings will not occur as long as I remain on council.

Thomas White

My policy will continue to be that executive sessions should be scheduled only for topics of a sensitive nature; and that such



closed meetings be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Maryland's Open Meetings law. That law enumerates specific types of topics that may be considered by council in executive session. A city staff analysis of fifteen executive sessions held during the past year notes that the majority (14), at various times covered: negotiations for City acquisition of the Greenbelt Theatre; the USDA wetlands lawsuit; personnel issues and negotiations associated with the U.S. Postal Service's acquisition of land on Hanover Parkway.

Although I believe that the current city council has complied with the Greenbelt Code and the State laws in this regard, I appreciate the criticisms lodged by the Greenbelt News Review in its editorials. Scheduling of executive sessions should be done prudently and with due consideration of the specific topic to be discussed. Council should also continue its practice of providing as much public information as is appropriate on a given topic at its open sessions, so that the public is made aware of the existence, context and at least the status of a given sensitive topic.

My philosophy in this area was reflected in a recent position that I took, namely, that council discussion of the city's planned actions regarding the potential opportunity for public acquisition of the Jaeger tract adjacent to the Greenbelt Park was not appropriate for closed session.

Speaking as a citizen, one can only applaud the sunshine basis for the News Review editorials. As we strive for and maintain good government in Greenbelt, the News Review's role in monitoring and commenting upon how council adheres to its procedures, the City Charter and the laws of Maryland is essential.

Statutory Authority to Close Session

State Government Article Sect. 10-508(a)

1. To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction; or
Any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals.
2. To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals with respect to a matter that is not related to public business.
3. To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.
4. To consider a preliminary matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State.
5. To consider the investment of public funds.
6. To consider the marketing of public securities.
7. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.
8. To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigations.
9. To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations.
10. To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussions would constitute a risk to the public or public security, including:
The deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
The development and implementation of emergency plans.
11. To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination.
12. To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct.
13. To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.
14. Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiation strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.



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WHEREAS, the City of Greenbelt has worked for many years to promote peace and non-violence in our City through the Community Relations Advisory Board, the Community Mediation Board, community policing, CARES youth and family counseling, recreation programs, and other City programs and plans to continue these efforts; and

WHEREAS, other groups, such as the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Character Education Program, the Greenbelt Library, and the Greenbelt Arts Center have joined with the City to aid in this cause; and

WHEREAS, to highlight these activities and foster peace and non-violence in our community, the City has developed an informational brochure and is sponsoring a month-long series of activities during the month of October 2001, including study circles, lectures, a concert, and other events.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation declaring October 2001 to be

PEACE MONTH

in Greenbelt, Maryland, and encourage all our citizens to participate in activities which promote peace and non-violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2001.

JUDITH F. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

Thomas X. White



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Tom White

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- ◆ Continue prudent fiscal management and budget decisions to assure availability of essential City services and adequate reserves for necessary capital and infrastructure projects.
- ◆ Strengthen neighborhood/community association/stakeholder relationships with City Council/City Government
- ◆ Maintain high Quality of Life standard for Greenbelt; and take advantage of available opportunities and resources to enhance city services for our citizens.

VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001

**SELECT Thomas X. White
ON THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT**

Auth: Charles Hatcher, Treasurer

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flicted with the recommendations of the Sector Plan/SMA and would undermine the intent of the plan and the Development District Overlay Zone (DDOZ) as well as of the Development District Standards (DDS), the planning tools intended to guide growth in the sector plan area.

Amendment 1 originally stipulated that "Regardless of its date," a conceptual site plan, preliminary plan of subdivision and detailed site plan filed with the planning board in accordance with county council legislation for a Metro Planned Community, CB-47-2000, "is not subject to the Development District Standards in the Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment."

In her September 21 memorandum to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Terri Hruby, community planner, explained that at the September 19 meeting, Amendment 1 was revised "so that Conceptual Site Plans, Preliminary Plans of Subdivision and associated Detailed Site Plans filed" in accordance with CB-47-2000, but filed "after the approval of the Sector Plan/SMA, are subject to the Development District Standards." She noted that the unanimously revised amendment "will still allow all Detailed Site Plans associated with the Metroland project to proceed without being subject to the Development District Standards" since Metroland's conceptual site and preliminary plan of subdivision had already been approved.

Hruby also noted that a second amendment dealing with retaining the existing zone of Springhill Lake (SHL) was also revised. Language was added requiring that the existing density of SHL should be retained.

The city had also objected unsuccessfully to an amendment that passed unanimously on Sep-

tember 19 that allows Beltway Plaza to make major additions (less than or equal to about 150,000 square feet) without having to seek site plan approval. In an April 6 memorandum Hruby said, "Staff believes the amendment undermines the intent of the DDOZ and takes away the one mechanism that was available to ensure that the future development/redevelopment of Beltway Plaza conforms to the Sector Plan development guidelines."

The county council approved another amendment opposed by Greenbelt. It provides for a maximum height of 25 feet for freestanding monument signs within the Beltway Plaza/Greenbelt Road Corridor. The proposed district standards in the sector plan for this corridor restricts freestanding monument signs to a maximum height of 15 feet along Greenbelt Road and 10 feet elsewhere along the commercial corridor. Greenbelt's goal has been a six foot height minimum for all freestanding signs

within the city.

The Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan area is bordered by Rhode Island Avenue on the west, Sunnyside Avenue and Edmonston Road on the north, Kenilworth Avenue on the east and Greenbelt Road on the south. The area includes all commercially zoned property on both sides of Greenbelt Road between the CSX/Metro tracks and Kenilworth Avenue and encompasses parts of the town of Berwyn Heights and the cities of College Park and Greenbelt.

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Tuesday, November 6, 2001

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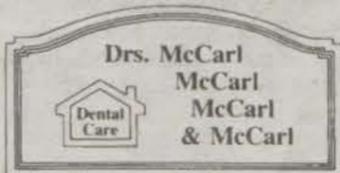
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Metro Incident Raises Questions

An unidentified man who did not pay his fare was arrested for disorderly conduct a little after 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 9 at the Southern Avenue Metro station as he pushed his way onto the Green Line train.

After he sprayed an unknown liquid inside a train car, he was wrestled to the ground by police officers. He then pulled out a gun and fired it, narrowly missing a police officer. The car was sealed to preserve evidence, passengers put on another car, and the station closed for several hours.

Not realizing that Metro could have been under chemical or biological attack, the train was permitted to pick up and discharge passengers at five more stations. Then all passengers were evacuated and the empty train went on to Greenbelt and was parked in an isolated spot. A HAZMAT team was then called in. One question that officials will be studying is whether the train should have been moved from the Southern Avenue station after the potentially serious incident.

Forum on Terrorism at New Deal Café

David Schuman, a Greenbelt resident who grew up in New York City, was deeply affected by the events of Sept. 11, losing two classmates in the Twin Towers, one from high school and one from college. The community has responded in a number of ways to these tragic events, by raising funds for victims' families and by organizing events led by religious leaders. Many members of the community have deep feelings about the events and possible U.S. policy.

In order to provide a public forum to discuss these feelings, a spirited public discussion will be held at the New Deal Café on Saturday morning, October 20, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Following opening remarks and a short debate, members of the

community are invited to make brief public comments on the following topics, or any others: personal experiences on September 11, root causes of terrorism, U.S. political and military responses, geographical and cultural aspects, aviation security, civil liberties, and lasting effects on American life.

A microphone will be provided and, depending on the weather, comments broadcast via speaker in the Roosevelt Center outside the Café. The intent is to prepare a transcript of the forum. The transcript should provide an interesting and lasting historical perspective on recent events. For suggestions or further information call Schuman at 301-513-9322.

Greenbelt CARES

On Tuesday, October 2, Judge Hering began the fall semester GED course for students who need more academic help. They were placed in GED I. Students

with more advanced skills were placed in GED II. Both courses meet every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks, ending on December 6. Twelve students enrolled in the course.

Other staff members consulted with personnel at local schools to develop student discussion groups and how best to meet students' counseling needs.

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Citizens are invited to sign Greenbelt's Community Pledge (below), which has been printed on the top of a 4' by 5' poster. The pledge, approved by the city council, will be available for signing at various functions during Peace Month.

The pledge, written by the city's Community Relations Advisory Board in 1997 after a racial incident, was re-written by the present board with a positive focus to reflect the values of the community.

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