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Council and Citizens Endorse New Skateboard Site Near Outdoor Pool

by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt City Council made a long-awaited decision at its February 10 meeting and chose a site next to the Youth Center service road for the city's skateboard park. This location, designated as site B, won the approval of residents, young and old, as well as a majority of council members. The site would provide a space 50 by 100 feet alongside the road that runs from the outdoor pool to the Youth Center.

Joe McNeal, assistant director of recreation facilities and operations, presented the city staff recommendation of this site, comparing it favorably to two others — one close to the playground next to the Community Center, the other at the outdoor basketball court/rebound wall area behind the swimming pool.

Following council's direction at its January 27 meeting, staff had assessed three other possible locations for the proposed skateboard park. In this process, McNeal had met with representatives of the Greenbelt Nursery School, who opposed the site closest to the school. Earlier the tennis association had opposed the tennis court location and other groups and individuals spoke in favor or against various other sites in the city. The nurs-

ery school, the Skate Park Coalition and the recreation department support the Youth Center service road location. McNeal summarized its advantages: close to existing recreation facilities, nearby public parking and limited impact on residential areas.

These attributes convinced Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers Thomas White, Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts to vote in favor of the service road site. White urged council to move ahead. "Let's just choose the site." He emphasized that other decisions will have to be made regarding design, construction and landscaping, but that this decision gets the planning going.

Davis wanted reassurance that those plans will come back to council, "before any digging is done." She also felt that a certain amount of "nudging" or minor modifications to the exact location could still take place. Roberts suggested using the same site but turning the court by 90 degrees.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull remained unconvinced. He agreed that a decision should be made quickly, "but tonight is not the night," he said. He thought it was precipitous to choose a site that had just been presented to

council. He said with snow on the ground it's impossible to get a good idea of how the skateboard park would fit into the area. He also thought that this location significantly impacted the landscaping of the area and its selection deserved more expert and citizen input. He agreed to a general area near the recreation complex but thought that experts should help pick the best site, not just advise how to use a given site.

There are down sides to the location of the skate park by the service road. It would cost an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 to level and prepare the area for construction, bringing overall costs including equipment to about \$100,000. Davis thought that phasing in purchase of the equipment might reduce costs and that the Skate Park Coalition, whose members had indicated a willingness to raise funds for the park, might help.

It would also probably be necessary to remove two old trees in that area. Although one of the trees has been damaged, one resident spoke against a location that would cause the loss of trees. She was also opposed to spending open space money for recreational facilities.

Most speakers, however, favored this location and moving ahead with construction of the skate park. Thelma Sweeney spoke on behalf of Greenbelt's youth and especially those involved in the skate park. She said they were a good group and didn't deserve the negative impression which had been generated by recent news coverage of the skate park debate.

Another speaker praised Greenbelt's diversity and the

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What Goes On

Monday, February 17 City offices and GHI offices closed for Presidents' Day holiday

Tuesday, February 18
7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Open Forum on Safety Issues in Historic Greenbelt, Community Center

Wednesday, February 19
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting on Detailed Site Plan for daycare center, Belle Pointe Office Development, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Introduction to CARES for County Executive, Municipal Building

8 p.m., Council Stakeholders Meeting with the County Executive, Municipal Building

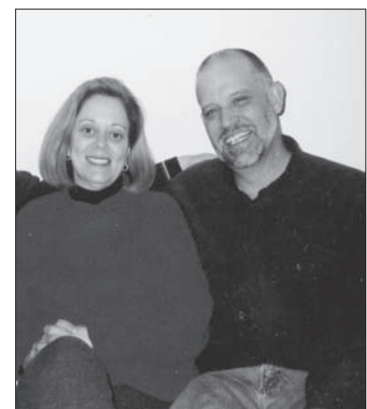
Greenhills Meets Greenbelt And Romance Flourishes

by Anne Sucher

What are the odds? Who knew when Joan Collum, born and bred in Greenbelt and Steve Hoskins, born and bred in Greenhills, Ohio, locked eyes in a Cincinnati music club more than 23 years ago, that one day they'd make planned community history? At that time they were both married to other people. They had children. Neither one knew about the other's New Deal roots.

But maybe they recognized something in each other. Something around the eyes. A kind of liberalism in the blood. A halo of working-class idealism. An aura of grassroots activism. Over the years the families maintained a friendship. Both loved and supported the arts and they kept seeing each other at events. Steve had a band that Joan's family would go to hear.

Maybe it seemed an unlikely match. Steve, now a tall, well-groomed professional in his fifties, notes that his family of origin were "hillbillies from Kentucky and Joan's parents were Jewish from New York." But both Joan and Steve laugh about the fact that they both had parents who were "Democrats with a capital 'D'." Strongly idealistic Democratic attitudes are part of what originally brought families to these communities, despite their diverse backgrounds. In fact at the opening of Greenbelt



Native Greenbelter Joan Collum and Steve Hoskins, who grew up in Greenhills, Ohio, plan to wed.

the feds screened potential residents very carefully.

When I interviewed Joan and Steve at the home of Joan's brother, Brian York — a lifetime Greenbelt resident — I learned that their father first came down from New York to visit Greenbelt when he was in the army during World War II. Joan remembers him walking through the city in his uniform. "Dad took tremendous pride in the fact that it was Eleanor Roosevelt's community. Roosevelt was godly in stature at the time," she said. "And Dad loved the trees and greenery. They didn't have much of that where he came from in Brooklyn."

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City Calls Golden Triangle Plans Not Green Enough

by Barbara Hopkins

Two related issues on forest conservation and development were considered by Greenbelt City Council when it met for a regular meeting on January 27. Councilmember Rodney Roberts requested that council consider appealing the recent decision of the Prince George's County Planning Board to permit Atlantic Realty Company to conserve only one-half acre of forest in its office building site plan and to mitigate additional acreage off-site at an area agreed to by the City of Greenbelt. The developer's original plan was to preserve only 0.15 of the 7.18 acres of woodlands on its property in the Golden Triangle when building two new office buildings. Arguing that reducing the parking lot ratio proposed to that of similar offices nearby would allow additional trees to be salvaged, the city asked the developer to revise the plan. This request was denied. However, in approving the site plan the County Planning Board required the developer to preserve one-half acre onsite with additional acreage, estimated by city planning staff to be around three

acres, at an off-site location. This mitigation should take place somewhere in Greenbelt if a suitable site could be found. If no such site could be found, the mitigation could be accomplished by reforesting another site within the Anacostia River watershed, to be selected by the county.

Roberts complained that because of the speculative nature of the project the developers lacked community interest and had not been willing to work with the city, wanting instead to follow their own standards. He wanted an appeal to require the plan to preserve the minimum 1.4 acres of woodlands covered in this instance by the county's Woodland Conservation Ordinance adopted in 1989. City staff did not recommend filing an appeal, believing that the District Council might not support a change since the approved plan met woodland preservation guidelines. There was some concern that the city could lose ground it had gained by filing an appeal.

After discussion, council

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City Agrees on Advocate; Now Back to New Search

by Barbara Hopkins

After considerable discussion at its meeting on January 27, members of the Greenbelt City Council approved a draft agreement developed by staff to use Collington Care Services (CCS) as the city's community resource advocate for senior citizens. The agreement was initiated after CCS submitted a proposal to the city in September to take on the role.

Unfortunately, however, CCS withdrew their participation late in the afternoon of February 5, according to Assistant to the City Manager David Moran. Gail Kohn, CEO of CCS, told the News Review that the CCS Board of Directors was aware of the project, but after studying details of the agreement and the compensation the city would provide to CCS, the board decided that its focus should be kept within the Collington community. Kohn added that each member of the board was excited about the model presented by the agreement with Greenbelt, but they were not prepared at this time to expand services to the wider community.

The proposed one-year agreement would have included a 24-

hour-a-day hotline to provide citizens with guidance to an appropriate resource for meeting their needs. A CCS employee would be available part-time in the Greenbelt Municipal Building addressing the needs of seniors and working on fund-raising.

With a goal of creating publicity to educate citizens about programs and services that enable aging people to remain in their homes as long as feasible (such as transportation resources, financial assistance, jobs for seniors, health tips and other aspects of senior life), CCS and city staff would assemble information on the city's web site and/or in an informational booklet to be handed out.

The on-site employee and CCS would assist the city and the needs assessment vendor it has contracted in completing a needs assessment of Greenbelt's elderly citizens. Following this assessment, CCS would work with the city to determine how additional funds now available could best be used to develop programs supporting assistance in

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Letters to the Editor

Alternatives?

Greenbelt City Council is to be commended for adding its voice to the growing number of municipalities (now over 70) across the US who support alternatives to armed conflict in Iraq. This letter of support encourages the United Nations in its efforts to find peaceful solutions so as to avoid loss of life among Iraqi citizens as well as our own men and women in uniform.

Bob Snyder

Wind Power In Greenbelt

Did you know that you can select zero-emission wind power instead of PEPCO's dirty power? I didn't find out about this until an environmental organization, Shomrei Adamah, emailed me with this website from Washington Gas Energy Services: <http://www.wgeswindpower.com>. It's not cheap, at a premium of 2.5 cents per kilowatt-hour above a base rate equal to or slightly less than PEPCO's, but they will give you the first 5% of your power without the premium. You can sign up for just 5% wind power (meaning no increase in your rate) or elect any percentage of wind power up to 100%. The Public Service Commission is responsible for overseeing the Electric Choice program in this era of deregulated power generation, but once again they seem to be protecting PEPCO by doing nothing to make sure that power customers are informed about other choices presently available. Buried on the PSC web page is information about other electric suppliers, but this only went up in the past month and still (as of February 2, 2003) does not contain information about the availability of wind power in our area.

Stephen Jascourt

Commitment to Pets

I applaud Ms. Brengel for being a caring and concerned animal lover. I wish that everyone cared as much.

All animals need the basics such as food, water, shelter and vet care. Domestic animals are quite often unable to find shelter and should not have to, that is their owners' responsibility. Animal ears and paws are quite sensitive to the cold. Dogs and cats can and do develop hypothermia.

Also people need to contain their animals for their safety and the safety of others. Allowing an animal to roam puts them at risk. Some of these risks include attack by another animal, abuse at the hands of a human, being hit by a car or being stuck somewhere that they cannot get home. Also not everyone is happy to have your dog or cat in their yard leaving feces and messing up their flowers and shrubs. Any animal that is allowed to roam could be considered a stray and may be picked up by a concerned person or by Animal Control.

Please remember that caring for an animal is a commitment and a choice. They do not deserve to be dumped outside when caring for them becomes too much trouble.

Think about whether an animal is right for your lifestyle. If you find that you no longer wish

to give an animal the care it needs, then the humane thing to do is to call Greenbelt Animal Control or the Prince George's County shelter and they can advise you of your options. There may be someone out there looking for a pet such as yours.

Having pets can be a lot of work but they can be worth the time and trouble.

Joy Edwards

An Appreciation

Being one of the original 13 families that moved to Greenbelt in 1937, I was present when Eleanor Roosevelt visited our town. She came several times. All the children at the time flocked to hear and see her. Over the years I saved some items that were attributed to her. Here are some of the things she wrote:

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

"Anger is only one letter short of Danger."

"He who loses money, loses much. He who loses a friend, loses much more. He who loses faith, loses all."

Here's my favorite:

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature but beautiful old people are works of art."

And finally: "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift."

I thought you'd like to know what Eleanor Roosevelt was really like. My fourth grade class sat at her feet in the gymnasium and she talked to us like family. To my classmates and me, she was one of the nicest people we knew, outside of our parents.

Ray Bochert

Robins Arrival Heralds Spring

Forget Punxsutawney Phil and his prediction of another six weeks of winter. What does a ground hog know? My experience this morning, February 8, tells me he's wrong.

It happened quickly. I thought I heard something going on in the huge cedar tree outside the bedroom window. As I hopped up on my perch, there was the flapping of wings and a massive evacuation of what appeared to be robins. Rushing from window to window and room to room, I finally settled on my perch directly in front of the magnificent holly tree. Yes! No doubt about it. Robin red breast. There they were - robins - at least eight or 10 of them. In my holly tree. My first robin(s) of spring. You should be seeing yours soon.

Pumpkin & Sue Krofchik

Commends Council

The letter from Shalom Fisher, opposing the city council's letter to George W. Bush, contains misinformation about the relationship between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda. Fisher assumes that Hussein is helping Al Qaeda terrorists when no such evidence has yet been provided. The fact is that Hussein and Al Qaeda are on very unfriendly terms (for example, Al Qaeda hates him for having killed Islamic fundamentalists; Hussein is a secular ruler and sees religious fundamentalism as a threat to his power). The only circumstances under which Hussein might want to help Al Qaeda is if Hussein were attacked by the U.S. It is misleading for Fisher to perpetuate the unsubstantiated charge of a link between Hussein and Al Qaeda. There are other countries far more friendly to Al Qaeda than Iraq; most of the 9/11 hijackers were Saudi Arabians.

Fisher alleges that those who oppose attacking Iraq are placing Americans at a "terrible risk." On the contrary, the terrible risk is to launch an unprovoked attack on a country (Iraq) who has never attacked us, while being distracted from the real enemy, which is Al Qaeda. Bush's own CIA has stated that Hussein would be most likely to attack the U.S. (and Israel) only if he were attacked. Thus it is Bush who is placing the American people at a terrible risk, pushing Hussein closer to Al Qaeda with every irresponsible rattle of his saber.

No one denies that Hussein is a vicious tyrant (who, I might add, was nevertheless given weapons by previous U.S. administrations to use against Iran; hence the outrageous hypocrisy of people like Donald Rumsfeld, once a Hussein coddler, who now cries crocodile tears over his savagery). But nothing is solved and much can be made worse by launching a violent attack on the people of Iraq. I commend council for their letter, which simply advocates finding a peaceful resolution to the problem of disarming Hussein, consistent with international law and basic human rights.

Ruth Kastner

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The Old Curmudgeon

Cartoonist Izzy Parker, creator of "The Old Curmudgeon," has taken a medical leave of absence. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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living for seniors.

Several councilmembers had initial reservations about the agreement, including concerns over the shortened hours of the position and additional fees that could be charged for grant-writing and exceeding a threshold of hot-line calls. Moran told council at the meeting that a recent ad in The Washington Post had not attracted an adequate pool of candidates, which he attributed to the low salary and temporary nature of the position.

He said he was aware that the city would be giving up certain

things by using CCS, but he also felt that much would be gained from the arrangement. Kohn also spoke to council on issues of concern. After hearing from Moran and Kohn, the entire council agreed that entering into the contract would be beneficial to the citizens of the city and the motion to accept the agreement passed unanimously.

When interviewed by the News Review, Moran expressed disappointment that the agreement had fallen through. He said the city would soon be advertising the position again.

Springhill Lake Clubhouse
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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Ages 13 - 18
 Friday, Feb. 28
 Friday, March 14
 Friday, April 4

Drop in to talk,
 play cards or
 games, eat snacks,
 or just hang out.

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is sponsoring a
Free Lacrosse Clinic
Sunday, February 23rd
2:00-Boys/3:15-Girls
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 New players wanted, no experience necessary.
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Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club business meeting on February 5 was opened by President Ellie Rimar, after which the members exchanged greetings. Guests Esther Richardson and Dorothy Walsh were welcomed. The greeter of the day was Pauline Bordas.

Sunshine committee co-chairs Pearl and Ken Keeney are in sunny Florida so Ellie Rimar sent cards to Pat Cantwell and Elsie Forbes. We were glad to hear that Bill Hand was doing well at home.

Travel committee chair John Taylor stated that there will be a trip to the National Gallery on February 24. There are still some openings on the trip to see Charlie Proze on March 27.

The 50/50 winners were Ruth Swoben and Bud Hinson.

We are proud of Arbie Dobbin who attends an education class and had her book sent to President Bush with a picture of Arbie and her husband, James, as Mr. and Mrs. Santa. She received a letter of thanks.

Hope to see you at the birth-day luncheon on February 19.

Washington's Birthday Marathon

The 42nd running of the Washington's Birthday Marathon will begin on Northway at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 16. There is also a three-person relay. The finish line is on the trail near the intersection of Northway and Crescent. Race Day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 9 a.m. There is a fee.

For more information visit www.dcroadrnners.org or call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

Nutrition Program Scheduled March 7

Due to inclement weather, the Explorations Unlimited topic, "Know Your Nutrition" scheduled for Friday, February 7 was rescheduled. This topic will be presented on Friday, March 7 at 1 p.m. in the Community Center. Call 301-397-2208 to register or for more information.

Explore Electric Vehicles Feb. 21

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Kateri Callahan, president of the Electric Vehicle Association of the Americas, on Friday, February 21. Callahan will explore the industry and government efforts to advance the use of battery, hybrid and fuel cell electric vehicles with a focus on hybrid electric vehicles that are in the market today, as well as future plans.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the 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.

Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. A spontaneous writing workshop will be featured at the meeting. In addition, open readings will be held. All interested in writing are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Upcoming events at the New Deal Café are: Friday, February 14, 8 p.m., David Moreale sings of life and love; Saturday, February 15, 8 p.m., Iris Hirsch and Joe Spatarella perform traditional folk music; Sunday, February 16, 5 p.m., Drummer's Circle open to all.

ERHS Team Wins "It's Academic"

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) "It's Academic" team won the competition against Springbrook High School and Northwestern High School last weekend. They will compete in the quarterfinals of the show in the spring. The pep band, under the direction of Paul Dembowski, played selections during the show. Principal Sylvester Conyers and team sponsors Gerry Greenbaum and Mike Samordic were also recognized.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Monday, February 17 - Libraries closed - Presidents' Day.

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, February 19, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, February 20, 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, February 19, 2 p.m. Book Discussion. Laura Hillenbrand's "Sea Biscuit."

Simplicity Group Rescheduled

Interested in simplifying life? Tired of running on empty and want to discuss ways to deepen the meaning of life? A new "Voluntary Simplicity Group" is forming in Greenbelt. Join others at the New Deal Café Wednesday, February 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. This meeting is rescheduled from January, when the weather deterred many people from coming.

This is an organization meeting to learn more about Simplicity Study Circles to help in deciding whether or not to join the group. The actual group will include eight to 12 members. The group will run for eight sessions, which will meet in private homes. No need to RSVP. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal at 301-570-7557 or SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com.

Greenbriar to Host Financial Seminar

Greenbriar will host a financial planning seminar on Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be David J. Thayer with Metropolitan Life Financial Services. Topics of discussion will be "Retirement Planning," "How to Protect Your Assets in a Down Market" and "Long Term Care."

For more information or to register for this free seminar, call Tina by Monday, February 17 at 301-441-1096 ext. 4.

Volunteer Sign Up At Greenbriar

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks residents are invited to enjoy cookies and punch in the Terrace Room on Saturday, February 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. Residents will be able to review the 2003 calendar of events and volunteer to assist the activities director in an upcoming event. The 2003 calendar of events is posted on bulletin boards in all the buildings and is also in the last issue of the "Crier." Review the calendar prior to coming to decide which event to sign up for. To learn more, call Tina at 301-441-1096 ext. 4.

Running Club To Hold Race

The Prince George's Running Club's Springburst 8-K road race will be held Saturday, March 8 at 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Park. The course (just under five miles), two loops over moderate hills on paved park roads, is certified by USA Track & Field, the regulating body for running sports. Register before February 22 and receive a discount in the fee. All registrants receive long-sleeved T-shirts and post-race refreshments. There will be awards given to the top three male and female finishers, the top three masters (age 40 and over) finishers and the top three finishers in each 10-year age group. All runners will also be eligible to receive random merchandise prizes.

There will be a special 1-K fun run for young children following the 8-K race.

For an entry form, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to 7525 Creighton Dr., College Park, MD 20740. For more information call 301-486-0041 or visit web site www.pgrc.org.

ERHS PTSA Will Meet

The next Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. in the school's media center. Principal Sylvester Conyers will present an update on the school. In addition, several guests from the school board and county council are expected to be present to discuss education issues.

Nursery School Holds Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School announces its annual Open House, to be held on Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration for September 2003 begins at the Open House. Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the Open House, meet the director and staff, and view the classrooms.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a parent co-operative. The school offers classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4. Full-day educational programs are available. Greenbelt Nursery School is accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The school is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Greenbelt Community Center. For information call the school at 301-474-5570 or visit its website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsc.



Taylor and Morgana D'Ottavi check out a neighboring snowman while visiting grandparents Helen and Tom White of Woodland Way. Taylor and Morgana and their parents Chris and Marco are currently living in New Delhi, India where they do not see snow.



Congratulations to Hazel Parent on receiving a plaque for her four years as vice president and one year as president of the Green Ridge House residents association.

Longtime Greenbelter Irene Hensel moved into Sunrise of

Silver Spring. She would love to see or hear from her Greenbelt friends. Her new address is 11621 New Hampshire Ave., Room 109-A, Silver Spring, MD 20904-2731. Her telephone number is 301-622-5993.

Rotary Club of Greenbelt

You Are Invited to Join Us –
Every Thursday 7:45 a.m. for Breakfast!
At the Marriott Hotel on Ivy Lane
For Lots of Fun, Food and Fellowship

*Please join us at our second annual Silent Auction
Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott
Advertise your business by donating an auction item!*

**Call Jennifer Jones (301) 441-4770
for details**

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Register at the following locations:
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Thurs., Feb. 13, 7-8pm
Thurs., Feb. 20, 7-8pm

If you are new to the club, please bring: small picture, proof of residency, birth certificate or passport, sports fee of \$65 payable by cash, check or money order. Don't forget to ask about family discounts.

For more information, call our 24 hour voicemail at 301-794-0100. **COACHES ARE NEEDED!** Please call to have an application mailed to you.

Obituaries

William R. Phillips

The Washington Post has reported the death of former Greenbelt City Councilmember William Robert Phillips, 80, after suffering a stroke. Phillips, of Rockville, was a resident of Greenbelt in the late 1950s and early 1960s. He was elected to the city council for one term in September 1961 but was defeated for re-election along with three other members of the council. He and his family moved to Chevy Chase, D.C., shortly thereafter.

Phillips was an insurance executive who owned and operated his own agency in Washington for 30 years. Born in Stillwater, N.J., he attended Boston College and Maryknoll Seminary for undergraduate study. He received a master's degree in education in guidance from Boston College. During the Korean War he served in the Air Force. In 1957, he moved to Greenbelt as an Air Force intelligence officer stationed at Fort Meade. He retired on disability in 1958.

Upon retirement, he entered the insurance business as an agent. Later he became a broker and founded his own company, the Phillips Insurance Agency in Washington. Prior to his being elected to the city council, Phillips had also taught foreign languages and journalism for four years.

While in Greenbelt, he attended St. Hugh's Church and was a member of the Holy Name Society, the Greenbelt Lions Club, the Greenbelt American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. His wife Barbara was once a teacher at the old North End School (now the site of Greenbelt Elementary School).

In 1974, Phillips was the Republican nominee for D.C. delegate to Congress. He did volunteer work with the Friendship Lions Club and was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Rockville, according to the Post.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Roche Phillips of Rockville, and seven children, Caroline Rhodes of St. Paul, Minn., Mike Phillips of San Francisco, Calif.; Mary Phillips Anders of Rockville; Catherine Walrod of Baldwin, Md.; Matthew Phillips of Gaithersburg; Susan Fitzpatrick of Potomac and Greg Phillips of Takoma Park. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren.

Remembering When Phillips Was on the City Council

by James Giese

Bill Phillips was on the city council that hired me 40 years ago. It was a divided council, split three to two. It was a contentious time. Fortunately (or you may think unfortunately), I was not aware of all the stuff that was going on in Greenbelt, or I might not have accepted the job offer.

Phillips was a newcomer to the city council as was Francis (Will) White who, as top vote-getter in the election, served as mayor. A third member, Dave Champion, was elected in 1961 for his second term. They represented a new political force in town, the war veteran who was just entering private life after completing a college education under the GI Bill and starting to raise a family. They were also newcomers to Greenbelt and did not see the town in the idealistic eyes of the original residents.

The other two councilmembers had been longtime activists in the town. Ben Goldfaden had already served four terms and part of another when he was elected. He had been an early recreation director of the town. Tom Canning was in his eighth consecutive term on the council and had previously served as mayor for three terms – a record for service at the time. Canning Terrace in Windsor Green was named in honor of him.

High Taxes

With the federal government selling Greenbelt in 1953, the city no longer received federal funds to operate its budget and had to raise revenue from property taxes. In order to pay for the kind of services that Greenbelt had become accustomed to, the city had to levy what was the highest property tax rate in the state. This did not go over well with the newly arrived veterans struggling to finish their education and raise families. Nor were the few residents who had bought their first freestanding homes in Greenbelt in Woodland Hills, original Lakeside or Lakewood happy about their very high property tax bills.

To lower taxes the council either had to cut services or bring in more development to help pay the bills. At that time, the potential for development was great. Large chunks of land within the city limits had been sold by the government at auc-

tion to the highest bidder. Then GHI, whose members didn't want to pay taxes on vacant land, decided to sell off its vacant land as well. Land speculation in Greenbelt was rampant, and properties were sold and resold, each time for a profit. The Golden Triangle got its name because of the profit that each owner had made upon its resale. The owners lobbied the county vigorously for rezoning to dense categories for even greater profit.

White, Phillips and Goldfaden formed the majority on the council. White told me that the difference was between the conservatives and the liberals. Coming from working in a conservative Republican community, I had difficulty telling who was the conservative and who the liberal, as they all seemed to be pretty liberal in comparison.

Also, the alliance was not tight knit and individual councilmembers often went their own way. Still, the majority conservatives were perceived as being more favorable to new development than the other two.

Building Boom

In that term, Greenbelt was experiencing the start of a building boom. Charles Bresler began building the extension of Lakeside in 1962 and had announced plans for building Boxwood Village, both subdivisions too close for comfort to existing GHI homes and causing considerable controversy. Bresler was also representing the owners of nearly all the land GHI had sold off and proposing major developments for them. Springhill Lake had also begun construction and was planned to be the largest apartment complex on the east coast. A fight for zoning approval was taking place for the next regional shopping center to be built in the county, with three sites vying for the honor, Beltway Plaza, Golden Triangle and the vacant land next to Boxwood Village now mostly a city park.

With rezoning proposals pending for most vacant land in Greenbelt, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission revealed the Greenbelt Master Plan, which called for apartments and commercial facilities just about everywhere with high-rise apartments along the shores of Greenbelt Lake and in a large cluster next to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. At the time, the city had no legal role in the planning and zoning process, which was all in the hands of the county planning board and board of county commissioners.

When Tom Canning resigned from council to move to a new large home in College Park, the majority appeared to strengthen their position on the council by appointing Richard Pilski to the vacancy just a few months before the next election. However, the election changed everything.

Voters Upset

Greenbelt voters were aroused and upset by the master plan and by all the intense zoning being pushed for the city. Even though none of the council supported the master plan, voters appeared to hold the council majority to blame for being too friendly to the developers. Other city issues also caused turmoil among the voters.

In 1963, all the incumbents ran for reelection, as did many challengers. White, Goldfaden and Phillips ran together. Champion and others organized an opposition slate consisting of the chair and a member of the Advisory Planning Board, the chair of the city's Personnel Advisory Board and Champion. Some dubbed them the "Green Knights." Pilski and City Solicitor and former councilmember Ed Smith ran as independents, as did others. At a Lion's Club


sponsored debate, the charges made were fast and furious. Phillips, for example, charged Champion, who had run as a Republican the previous year against Louis Goldstein for State Comptroller, with accepting tickets to President Kennedy's inaugural and a campaign contribution from Beltway Plaza owner Sydney Brown.

Turnover

At the election, Greenbelt voters sided with the Green Knights and the ever-popular Ed Smith and turned out every incumbent but Champion. It was the biggest upheaval that has taken place in city politics.

After the election, Phillips dropped out of city affairs. Not too long thereafter, he and his family moved to Chevy Chase, D.C.

Long-time Lions Club member and once president, Bill Hand tells of the personal legacy Phillips left while on the council. Campaigning for reelection, Phillips knocked on Hand's door. Hand said he gave Phillips an earful for 15 minutes on what was wrong with the city. When he had finished, Phillips told Hand that he was just the kind of person that was needed in the Lions Club. He persuaded Hand to join and Hand has been an active participant in all the club's community activities ever since.



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voted four to one (with Roberts voting against the motion) not to file an appeal.

Mitigation

Council then reviewed and discussed recommendations by city planning staff on sites within the city limits for mitigation of woodlands required by the county planning board.

The site recommended by staff is a 6.07 acre vacant site known as the Springhill Lake Golf Course, with a potential mitigation area of 3.69 acres, well over the area estimated to be mandated when the developer submits final plans. Staff considered this site to provide the most environmental benefits to the city because it would permit the establishment of a real woodland, not just additional landscaping, as would be true for several other sites suggested. It would also leave unencumbered other sites that the city might wish to develop later or keep as active open space.

In response to questions, City Manager Michael McLaughlin told council that he was confident that the county officials would involve the city in further plans for the mitigation, even though the work would be the responsibility of Atlantic Realty. Councilmembers wanted city staff to suggest trees for planting.

Kristen Ward, a Greenbelt community planner, explained that the Woodland Conservation Ordinance allowed the city to manage the woodlands. She assured council that a path under consideration from Springhill Lake to the Metro would not be in jeopardy by utilizing this site.

Roberts wanted to know what guarantees are in place to prohibit the new woodlands from being destroyed later for development purposes, saying that if the woodlands were left intact on the Golden Triangle development site they would be protected. Davis reminded him that the city is working on a policy that would provide such protection.

The motion was made to mitigate the woodlands within the city and passed four to one. Roberts said he would not vote for mitigation anywhere because he felt the developers should leave the trees on the original site. His also was the only dissenting vote on the motion to recommend the Springhill Lake Golf Course site to the county for mitigation purposes.

GHI Notes

GHI offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in honor of Presidents Day. For emergency maintenance that day, call 301-474-6011.

February 19 at 7:30 p.m. the Pet Subcommittee will meet in the Board Room and the Nominations & Elections Committee will meet in the Conference Room.

February 20 the Investment Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, followed by the Finance Committee at 7:30 p.m.

The next board of directors meeting will be February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meetings.



City Information

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

City Offices will be closed Monday, February 17th.

REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Week of February 17th

Monday Route-Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route-Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route-Collected Thursday

Thursday Route-Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 21st.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, February 17th.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Community

Relations Advisory Board

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

CITY JOB OPENINGS

Community Resource Advocate: (\$35-45,000) Grant funded, one-year position. To develop and coordinate an assistance in living (at home) program. Provide information, referral and advocacy services, for the City's senior citizen population. Bachelor's Degree, strong interpersonal skills and experience working with seniors desired.

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MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 17-21

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee Open Forum on Safety Issues in Historic Greenbelt, Community Center.

Wednesday, February 19, 8:00pm, Stakeholders Meeting with the County Executive, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, February 19, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Detailed Site Plan for Daycare Center, Belle Point Office Development, Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM

Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

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GREENBELT ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, 2/18 & 2/20, 6pm AAA Children's Safety Videos: "Froggy and Dodo", "Lands of Pans", and "Free to Be" 6:25pm "Kids and Airbags" 6:30pm "Reading is Fundamental" "Brain Research and Early Literacy" 7:30pm "Music and Memories"

Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, 2/19 & 2/21, 7pm "Love Foundation" 7:45pm

Public Safety Today "Victim's Rights and the Media", **8:15pm** Greenbelt Arts Center presents "I Remember Mama" **Sunday, 2/6** 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

USED VEHICLE SALE

The City of Greenbelt will be accepting sealed bids for sale of the following vehicles. Interested bidders may view vehicles/equipment the week of February 24-28, 2003, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Greenbelt Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. For questions regarding the condition of the vehicles, contact the City Mechanical Shop at 301-474-0426.

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the City of Greenbelt, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2003. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description, including the serial number. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles/equipment from the Public Works Yard. The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

Vehicles

Unit #800	1994 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL52P4RR178597,	Odometer 117,874
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Unit #822	1994 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL52P0RR201907,	Odometer 95,488
Unit #148	1991 Ford Econoline Van,	Ser.#1FTFE24N1MHA51835,	Odometer 94,953
Unit #300	1990 Chevrolet Cavalier,	Ser.#1G1JC54G3LJ279693,	Odometer 64,916
Unit #455	1988 Dodge Pickup,	Ser.#1B7JW24Y4JS799639,	Odometer 76,383
Unit #447	1986 Chevrolet Pickup,	Ser.#1GCGK24MXGJ154222,	Odometer 119,026
Unit #711	1991 Chevrolet Caprice,	Ser.#1G1BL5375MW256068,	Odometer 159,310

Equipment

1983 Grimmer Schmidt Air Compressor, Ser. #1257193, Hours 1952
Parker Vacuum, Ser. #146535
Skid Steer Sweeper Attachment, Ser. #935653
Jacobson Greens Mower, Ser. #6220816292

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Spring Session at the pool for Adult Classes and Children's Swim Lessons

Session Dates:

March 3 to April 26

Registration Dates:

Passholders and Residents:

February 17 & 18

Non-Residents:

February 19 - 21

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Tuesday, February 25
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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.

Robbery

6100 block Breezewood Court, January 31, 5:52 p.m., a man was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by two suspects. One of them displayed a handgun while the other forced the victim to the ground. After taking the victim's wallet, both men got into a vehicle and fled. The vehicle was described as a dark green SUV four-door, possibly a Ford. The suspects are described as a black male about 30, 6'1", 150 lbs., dark complexion, wearing dark clothing, and a second suspect described only as wearing dark clothing.

Shell Food Mart, Cherrywood Lane, February 3, 9:10 p.m., a man entered the store and approached the cashier as if to pay for merchandise, then displayed a large weapon (possibly a rifle or shotgun) and demanded money. After obtaining money, he robbed a customer inside the store and fled on foot toward Breezewood Drive. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10", medium build, wearing a black ski mask, black coat and dark pants.

Assault

Target department store, January 31, 10:10 a.m., a man entered the store and removed merchandise without paying. A store loss prevention officer followed the suspect out to the parking lot, where a second man was waiting in a vehicle. As the store employee tried to apprehend the suspect, the other man tried to hit him with his vehicle. The first suspect then got into the vehicle and both suspects fled. The victim was not injured. The suspects are described as (1) a white male, 30 to 35, 5'9" to 5'11", 200 lbs., grey hair, wearing a white and green jacket and blue jeans and (2) a white male, 20 to 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown hair, wearing a navy blue shirt. The vehicle is described as a red 1989 Toyota Camry.

Drugs

Beltway Plaza, January 31, 9:55 p.m., after a traffic stop, a 40-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest crack cocaine. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of an outstanding arrest warrant.

Beltway Plaza, February 3, 9:31 p.m., a 17-year-old resident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and intent to distribute. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, February 4, 8:48 a.m., a 17-year-old resident was arrested by the School Resource Officer for possession of marijuana. He was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

200 block Lastner Lane, February 1, 4:33 p.m., someone broke into a storage shed and removed a red Honda Aero motor scooter.

Forestway, February 5, 7:45 a.m., someone entered a home under construction and removed a chainsaw, electric handsaw and a drill.

8900 block Edmonston Road, February 6, 4:40 a.m., someone forced open the door of an office suite and took a stereo/CD player.

7500 block Golden Triangle Drive, February 6, 8:12 a.m., someone tried to force open the doors to an office suite, but entry was not gained.

Trespassing

Jasper's restaurant, January 31, 11:07 p.m., two nonresidents, 27 and 40 years old, were arrested after refusing to leave the property and interfering with police officers. Both suspects were released on citation pending trial.

9200 block Springhill Lane, February 4, 4:37 p.m., a nonresident, 25, was arrested after he refused to leave the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. He was released on citation pending trial.

T.G.I.Friday restaurant, February 1, 2:03 a.m., a nonresident, 24, was arrested and charged with trespassing after he refused several orders to leave at closing time. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

Parkway, February 2, 3:23 a.m., someone threw a brick through the window of an apartment residence.

Vehicle Crime

7800 block Mandan Road, February 3, a nonresident, 20, was arrested and charged with two counts of theft after officers responding to a report of auto tampering in progress found the man nearby in possession of tools commonly used to break into vehicles. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6100 block Breezewood Court, February 2, a nonresident, 18, was arrested and charged with theft of a motor vehicle and drug and firearm offenses, the vehicle having been reported stolen to Montgomery County police.

Recovered at the scene was a loaded revolver. Two suspects in the car fled on foot; one was captured and taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The second suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 20, 5'10", 150 lbs., wearing dark clothing.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1996 Honda Accord four-door, Md. tags JST987, January 31, from Beltway Plaza; a 1994 Honda Accord four-door, January 31, from the 8000 block Mandan Road, which was recovered February 3 by county police in Hyattsville; a 1997 Nissan 200SX two-door, February 4,

Police and ERHS Win on Seat Belts

A Maryland Pacesetters award was recently given to Eleanor Roosevelt High School representatives and the Greenbelt Police Department for exemplary seat belt use in 2002.

The awards ceremony, which took place January 30 at the BWI Airport Marriott, featured special recognition of businesses and agencies after at least 85 percent of their employee/students were observed wearing seatbelts.

To qualify for the Maryland Pacesetters award MPO Scott Kaiser, the Greenbelt Police Department traffic officer, conducted two observational seat belt surveys in the parking lots of both the police department and the high school during regular business hours. The surveys were conducted according to guidelines provided by the Maryland Highway Safety Office at the State Highway Administration.

The Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Campaign and the Maryland Pacesetters Program have assisted Maryland in achieving one of the highest seat belt use rates in the country, with nearly 86 percent of Maryland motorists buckling up.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School was recognized with a certificate for demonstrating a 90 percent usage rate and the Greenbelt Police Department was recognized with a certificate for demonstrating a 100 percent usage rate.

from the 9100 block Edmonston Road, which was recovered the next day by county police in College Park; a 1997 Mazda 626 four-door, February 4, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Court, which was recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police in D.C.; a green 1998 Chevrolet Ventura van, February 5, from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive, Md. tags A029043.

Eight vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Springhill Court; 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 6300 and 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive (three incidents); 7800 block Greenbrook Drive; 8000 block Mandan Road; Beltway Plaza; unit block Parkway; 6400 block Ivy Lane (three incidents); 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 6900 block Hanover Parkway.



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ERHS Students Score Well In School Assessment Tests

by Mary Moien

The results of the 2002 High School Assessments for the state, county and individual schools have been released. Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) scored extremely well in all testing areas. Of special interest is the fact that the scores were computed and released for all students in the school who took the test, as well as for Science and Tech students and comprehensive students separately. The comprehensive students scored significantly higher than the county averages on all tests and equal to or better than the state averages on all but one test. In fact it was reported that ERHS Science & Tech students had the highest scores in the county; the ERHS students as a whole had the second highest scores in the county.

The state has mandated that high school assessment tests be given to all graduating seniors in five areas: biology, algebra,

geometry, government and English. The testing began last year and these are the scores that have been released. Students in the included subjects are now taking tests for 2003. However, the class of 2007 is the first class for which the test results will count toward graduation. That is the freshman class that begins next fall. Until that time the assessments will be scored but not used toward graduation. The scores give the schools an indication of how their students are faring.

Looking at algebra, for example, the table shows that the state score was 50 and the county score was 28. The ERHS overall school score was 74; the comprehensive student score was 61 and the Science and Tech student score was 92. The average scores for comprehensive and Science and Tech students were substantially above the county averages.

	Biology	Algebra	Geometry	Government	English
Maryland	50	50	50	50	50
Prince George's	31	28	25	32	34
ERHS	65	74	66	65	68
ERHS compr.	46	61	51	50	51
ERHS S&T	91	92	89	92	90

Daffodil Days Support ACS

Brighten someone's day with a gift of fresh cut daffodils or potted bulbs while at the same time supporting the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services. Reserve daffodils by Friday, February 21. For further information and cost call the American Cancer Society at 301-933-9350.

Deliver Daffodils

Join the fight against cancer and donate a few hours of time to help deliver daffodils for the American Cancer Society. Volunteer drivers are needed on March 12 to deliver daffodil bouquets and bulbs to businesses and residents in the Washington, D. C. and Maryland areas. Call 301-933-9350.

Booster Seats Vital For Children 4 to 8

While most infants and toddlers ride in the right child safety seat, less than 10 percent of the children who should be in booster seats use one. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recommends that children who have outgrown child safety seats be properly restrained in booster seats in the back seat until they are at least eight years old unless they are 4' 9" tall. A booster seat lifts a child up so a safety belt can fit correctly. Without a booster seat, in a crash, a small child can be ejected from a vehicle.

During Child Passenger Safety Week 2003, February 9 to 15, child safety advocates will be reaching out to child care providers to educate them about child passenger safety issues, including the use of booster seats, and to encourage the providers to take the message to parents. Throughout the year child care providers will be attending classes on "Moving Kids Safely in Child Care," a curriculum developed by NHTSA and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Securing your child in the right restraint at the right time is one of the most important things you can do to protect your child," said MPO Scott Kaiser, traffic officer for the Greenbelt Police Department. "Booster seats – the often-overlooked step – are as important as any of the other steps and can save lives."

For more information about child passenger safety or to have a child safety seat inspected contact Officer Kaiser at 301-507-6547 or by visiting the website www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

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city's willingness to provide services and programs for those of all ages but thought that it was time for that inclusiveness to extend to the city's teenagers. The final decision, when announced, received an enthusiastic round of applause from a packed council room. If plans move ahead the skateboard park could be built by summer.

Other Business

On behalf of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club, Julia Eichhorst presented the city a check for \$500 in support of the lakeside improvement work at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park. She said the club plans donations to Greenbelt Elementary School and Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School.

Chris Shuman of Gardenway presented a petition to council requesting that the city better maintain the park area by the underpass near the Mobil station. He said that he has been working on this problem for several years and has seen some progress, but that there is still much to be done. Petitions are not discussed

at first presentation but addressed at later council meetings.

Council agreed to send a letter to County Executive Jack Johnson citing long-term problems and urging renovation of Greenbelt Middle School. City Manager Michael McLaughlin mentioned a number of contacts with Johnson and his staff and opportunities for effective collaboration. He said the newly elected county executive had asked to meet with councilmembers and thought this upcoming meeting would be a very positive start.

Council also agreed to notify the city's state delegation concerning its opposition to proposed legislation that would prohibit the use of red light cameras.

In a final action council approved a regional emergency coordination plan and communications system developed by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The program would enable communities to communicate swiftly about emergencies throughout the regions.

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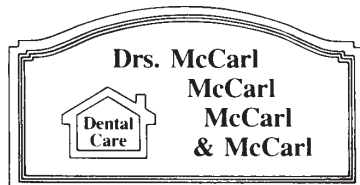
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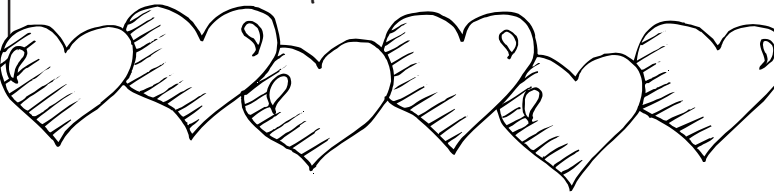
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Love Tommy, Ronnie, Dottie, Katrina, Gerry



LOVE NOTES



Mom and Dad, you're the best! Our love has passed the test. Let's start anew on this quest. Remember the good and forget the rest!!
Love Tom

Tommy Foerter ☺
My personal Superman, you're a great single parent, give back to the community, a good person, a good friend, liked by many including our animals. Loved by me especially. My Mr. Happy Face, My Valentino – for today and every day, my sweet Valentine and a real cool-cat on the harmonica.
Love, Ronica ♥

To Mary, with love
Happy Valentine's Day
Big Al

YOU: Playing with three cats in your Hillside Road yard.
ME: Walking by on a sunny day.
BE MINE!!

I want you to know how great you are
You outshine the sun by far
I love you Kristel and Billy
You're both so smart and silly
I know we've been through a lot
Let's always remember
what we've still got.
Love Dad

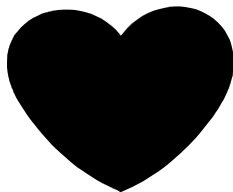
To Izzy:
We are dizzy without our Izzy!
The Tuesday gang misses you.



Ronica, my love for you is real
From the start my heart you did steal!
The only thing better than you
by my side
Is when you're on a bronco ride!!
I know my feelings are true
Because when we're apart
My heart is blue
You were sent from God above
So it must really be True Love!!
I love you Dew –
You know I'll be true!
Tommy

To Six-pack:
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Lose the goatee
I might think about you.
Curlers

Dear Ladybird:
There is no place like home
Thanks to you!
I am happiest when I am with you
Love, J



I'm a little Peapod short and stout.
Lift me up and toss me about.
Give me a hug, a squeeze and a kiss
Or you don't know just
what you'll miss
I'm so adorable, so cute, so sweet
And I'm so lucky that me you'll keep.
I'll love you forever and ever, always.
And you'll love me all your days.
Grammy loves you,
darling little Peapod.

To my Valentine:
When you roar by on your Yamaha
I have to look and smile
But old car or new
I still love you
So we'll be together for quite a while.
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My Sweet Baboo
You are my
Forever Valentine,
Feets

After 22 years
You still make my heart beat faster
And my knees weak -
Or is it just old age?
Be mine.

For 15 years I missed my deadline
To ask you if you would be mine
This year for all to see
I've printed what you mean to me
I couldn't find a mate more fine
Won't you be my Valentine
Love, Steven

Barb,
Thanks for the best times of my life.
The boys and I love you.
Tim, Sean & Kevin

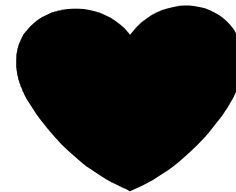
Hondas are red
Rich pipes are blue
Happy Valentine's Darlin
I love you
Love, Benzina

YOU: Repairing your truck in a
Research Road Court.
ME: Wondering if you're the one

To the bathrobe walkers on Lakeside:
you make my heart beat faster. May I
join you in the hot tub?

A Valentine candy to Paul Sanchez for
all the good movies he brings.

During Valentine's Week
there's work and a laugh
When you are part of the
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Happy Valentine's Day
to my GNR friends.
-M.M.



To Rose and Mary
Patty and John
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our hearts you've won
We love you all,
and that is why
We're very glad
you live close by
We hear your laughter
as you play
Your smiles make bright
a gloomy day.
So chase our winter
blues away
And be our
Valentines today.
The Ubers

For my mother...
"Blessed it is to know that neither
distance nor death can truly
separate those who love."
Happy Valentine's Day, Mom

Ken -
Roses are red
Violets are blue
I'm the lucky gal
Who landed you.
Lots of love,
Lou

Candy may be dandy
and liquor might be quicker
but if we are to be svelte mates
we must skip the carbohydrates.
So no sweets for you, dear
as we slim down this year.
The only gift I can import
is just all of my heart.
Be mine, anyway
On Valentine's Day
XCM

ROMANCE continued from page 1

The 21 Court of Ridge Road is classic old-town Greenbelt: 16 row houses arranged in two lines facing one another. Each house has a square of chain-link fence or a clipped hedge surrounding a patch of yard for each resident to call his own. There's a row of garages painted chocolate brown, one allotted per house and a sheet of smooth, clean new asphalt down the middle. This is where Joan and her brother grew up.

The Yorks' front yard is littered with every variety of non-motorized vehicle on wheels you can think of - tricycles, bicycles, skateboards - because today there are two energetic kids living here, the children of Brian York and his wife Renata. The Yorks recently bought the house from Joan and Brian's mother, who moved into a retirement home.

This evening I am meeting Joan, her fiancé Steve from Greenhills, Brian and Renata, all at one shot. Renata talks about what she likes about Greenbelt. "First time I came here it was the trees. But also, when I went downtown with Brian we couldn't go three feet before people would come up to him. It was like a homecoming. Also, it's cool, the continuity. As a child I moved around a lot but here people have known each other from generations ago. You don't find that much anymore. That's what I love about Greenbelt. It's a real gem."

We sit in the living room savoring Brian's excellent homemade cheesecake. Joan, vibrant and trim at 53, wearing a red sweater and lipstick to match, re-

gales me with memories of growing up in Greenbelt. She went to the local schools - Center School, Greenbelt Junior High and High Point. As a girl she tried her hand at being a major-ette, which she gave up when practicing twirling was no longer fun.

She remembers being friends with Ruthie, the daughter of the late Abe Chasanow, the Greenbelt lawyer accused of being a Communist during the McCarthy era. A movie called "Three Brave Men" was based on the case. The biggest impression Joan came away with was that the girls couldn't eat in the Chasanow household because there were threats of poisoning.

During that stormy episode in American history Greenbelt came down staunchly in support of Chasanow. Brian says, "Our dad was very proud of Greenbelt's community spirit, proud as a peacock about how the city rallied around Chasanow."

While Joan was growing up in Greenbelt Steve Hoskins was coming of age 500 miles away in Greenhills, Ohio, 12 miles north of Cincinnati. Greenhills is Greenbelt's sister city, the second of three greenbelt federal projects built during the Roosevelt administration in the 1930s. Today Greenhills has fewer than 5,000 inhabitants. Many of them are third and fourth generation descendants from the original "pioneers." That's the kind of loyalty the town fostered.

Greenhills is encircled by a county park, so problems of development and rampant suburban

growth have been fewer than in Greenbelt. The city has a natural protective barrier and crime rates have remained low, "because criminals can't escape," jokes Steve.

Joan left Greenbelt and moved to Cincinnati in the '70s. She describes visiting Greenhills as an "eerie experience. Everything was the same and yet it wasn't. It's as if they took a bunch of Greenbelt houses and plopped them down in a different configuration." Like Greenbelt, Greenhills has a man-made lake and an outdoor pool house that looks almost exactly like the original Greenbelt pool, for those who remember it. Greenhills had two elementary schools, but because of the dwindling child population, one of them was turned into an Alzheimer's home. Steve remembers enthusiastically having to walk only half a mile to get to school.

He adds, "There's not a lot of turnover in Greenhills. People stay for life. There's a great sense of community. When I was growing up folks would live and die with the high school sports team. When we lost that (10 years ago when the schools merged with other Cincinnati school districts) the town lost something significant."

Today Steve owns a production company that creates music and videos for advertising, industry and gospel. He is also a composer and arranger for Cincinnati Broadway productions. Joan works as the human resources manager for a high-tech company. Steve gently jokes that her real job description should be "keeper of the zoo."

The vibrant human resources manager brags about her good

looking husband-to-be, "He's a talented musician. In his early years he was a crooner on local TV." Steve grimaces a bit with embarrassment. "Local TV was a much better deal at that time and place than it is here and now."

Joan says, "When I wanted help with a corporate video for my company, I was given Steve's name. They told me he was the best in town. Even though I knew him I didn't feel I could ask for his help. We couldn't afford him!"

I ask how Joan and Steve finally got together. Joan says,

"My son Travis wanted to go hear Steve's band, so we went." This was the first time in all those years that Joan and Steve had seen each other when one or the other of them wasn't either married or involved with someone else. Sparks flew. Their wedding is planned for May, 2004. Will it be in Greenbelt or Greenhills? They look at each other, chuckling. "Location is still undetermined." But with the collective support of two famous planned communities behind them planning a wedding should be no problem.

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