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A Crowd Gathers to Celebrate Tom White's 30 Years on Council

by James Giese

Over 150 friends, politicians and family members attended a celebration on Sunday, February 8 at Martin's Crosswinds to commemorate Thomas X. White's retirement from the Greenbelt City Council. White had stepped down at the end of his term in November upon the election of the new city council. The celebration included much socializing, a plentiful buffet dinner and a long list of presentations to White. Newly elected City Councilmember Konrad Herling served as the master of ceremonies.

Mayor Judith Davis led off the presentations, joined by other councilmembers past and present, by reading a proclamation. White, she read, had played a leadership role in a multitude of city projects and, first and foremost, had fought to preserve the character of Greenbelt by controlling the scale of development, safeguarding open space, protecting the environment and maintaining a high standard for the quality of life expected by Greenbelt residents. The proclamation declared the mayor's expectation that White would continue to serve as the council's historical

consultant, conscience and friend. Davis noted that this was the first time a proclamation had been done with a green tree, the emblem on the city flag, made a part of it. A portion of the text of the resolution, the part that listed the many accomplishments of the council in which he took an active part, was formatted in the shape of the tree. Davis said that it was fitting that White should be the first recipient.

Gifts

Davis also presented White with two gifts from the members of the council, a Mother and Child statuette and a framed photograph of White speaking at a council meeting. Davis noted that it was a photo of White doing what he did best, "telling us what we're doing wrong."

Senator Leo Green presented White with citations from Governor Robert Ehrlich, the Maryland Senate signed by Green and Senate President Mike Miller and from the Maryland General Assembly signed by Speaker Mike Bush and the delegates from the 23rd District. For many years, until 2002, Green and the del-



Mayor Judith Davis reads the city's proclamation to City Councilman Retired Thomas X. White.

egates of the 23rd District represented Greenbelt. Green said that he had never met a finer public official than Tom White and that White had made such a positive influence wherever he's served. Green also called White a gentleman who makes politics the best there is because he always has been the best there is.

Delegate Justin Ross of the 22nd Legislative District presented citations to White on behalf of the senator and delegates of that district. Greenbelt is now a part of the 22nd District.

County Councilmember Doug Peters announced that he did not

intend to "reproclaimate," having already presented White with a proclamation at a city council meeting. He did, however, present a citation on behalf of County Executive Jack Johnson. Listed on the program as a councilman, Peters noted that the title had been officially declared recently to be "council-member."

More Mayors

Three mayors from other communities made presentations.

New Carrollton Mayor Andrew Hanko and Mayor Fred Robinson of Bowie saluted White with proclamations on behalf of their communities. Robinson noted that in Greenbelt he was known as the mayor of Greenbelt - Far East. Mark Fraser, mayor of North Beach, appeared on behalf of the Maryland Municipal League (MML) of which he is president. White's influence extends beyond Greenbelt to the state through the league and the country through the National League of Cities. White has served on the board of directors of both organizations. He noted

that White had already been inducted into the league's Hall of Fame in 1997. He presented White with a certificate, a MML coffee cup and a picture taken of White speaking at the league's last conference.

David Robertson, the executive director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments also spoke. He thanked White for his many years of service to that organization on committees and as a member of its board of directors. White responded that he got back more in return than he gave to these organizations.

FOP

President Craig Rich and Past President John Rogers of the Greenbelt Fraternal of Police commended White with a plaque noting that he was a member of the council that first officially recognized the organization 30 years ago. President Robert Zugby of Greenbelt Access Television presented White with a certificate of appreciation for his 17 years of service to that group as its city council liaison. Bill Hunt, president of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, gave White a letter of appreciation. White, he

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New Bowl Design Is in the Works For the City's Skateboard Park

by Al Geiger

At a work session at the Community Center on February 4, councilmembers discussed a proposed new design for the already approved and partially budgeted skate board park. About 20 citizens, including members of the Greenbelt Skate Park Coalition (GSPC) were present.

The site selected for the park, between the Community Center and the Youth Center, is sloping and does not lend itself readily to a "flat" park. A flat park would also require the removal of a large tree. The new design consists of a concrete in-ground "bowl" approximately 6,000

square feet in area. The design proposed by California Skateparks (CS) of Upland, Calif., has been approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Committee and could be built with the tree left in place. California Skateparks has designed and built skate parks in Charles County and Arlington County, Va.

Cost

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that CS quoted a cost of \$25 to \$30 per square foot for these structures, depending upon design requirements and site conditions. This means that \$180,000 would have to be budgeted although the final cost

could be lower. This doubles the \$90,000 that is presently budgeted. The flat park would cost about \$125,000. Council discussed the possibility of getting additional funds from Program Open Space.

Council unanimously approved the proposed new design but needs a fairly firm estimate

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 14
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking lot between city offices and the Community Center

Monday, February 16 - City offices and GHI offices closed in observance of Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 18
7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Public Hearing on Application filed by Chipotle Mexican Grill for Departure of Sign Design Standards, Planning and Community Development Conference Room, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Work-session, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum Report, Community Center



A "bowl" shaped skate park is now under consideration by council.



Rabbi Jonathan Cohen and his wife Mona repeat the oath of citizenship while son Reuben looks on. Judge Deborah Chasanow officiates.

Mishkan Torah Celebrates Cohens Becoming Citizens

by Rhea Cohen

On Saturday evening, February 7, the Mishkan Torah Congregation hosted a celebration in honor of their religious leader, Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, and his wife Dr. Mona Baumgarten on the occasion of their becoming naturalized citizens of the United States of America. It was an emotionally charged event leavened with laughter.

The highlight of the evening was the ceremony conducted by Judge Deborah Chasanow, who re-administered the oath of citizenship to the couple. As their son Reuben, who will be nine years old next month, was born

in Philadelphia, he is an American citizen. Judge Chasanow included him in the ceremony by asking him to read the citizenship oath that is usually recited by children who are being naturalized. Reuben's clear voice driving home what it means to be a citizen was the most poignant part of the ceremony.

Originally Canadians, the rabbi came to Philadelphia in 1992 to attend the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College there and his wife Mona joined him the next year, hired by the University of

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PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Editorial

Forest Task Force Needs Benefit of Expert Advice

The Greenbelt City Council is about to appoint the members of the Forest Preserve Task Force. This task force is charged with establishing the maintenance and trails program for the newly established forest preserve and with advising council whether other tracts, such as those near Boxwood Village and Belle Point, should also be turned into preserves.

The existing preserve is located east of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property and west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on both sides of the gravel extension to Northway. This 214-acre woodland tract has been left pretty much to its own since the mid-1930s when the federal government acquired it.

We urge council to appoint a committee with a broad range of expertise and viewpoint – the task force should not be drawn solely from woodland activists. First, the committee needs at least one member with professional experience and training in forestry management, ecology or a related field. To date, too many decisions relating to the use and management of the city's woodlands have been made without benefit of expert guidance.

In order to receive state funds for woodland preservation through the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to purchase 102 acres of this designated forest preserve, the city agreed in 1990 to establish a forest management plan prepared in cooperation with the city by a licensed forester with the Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service for at least 58 acres of the land. This was never done. We believe that now is the time to do so and to seek a forester's advice for all the designated forest preserve.

An expert assessment of the property is necessary to determine what problems exist that may threaten the future well being of the land. One of many concerns that we have is the encroachment of invasive plant species. Not only are portions of the woodland immediately adjacent to homes that may have in their yards unwanted species that could, and may have already, spread into the woodlands, but invasive plants also are capable of proliferating well beyond neighboring land, driving out native plants. Another concern is invasive, destructive wildlife such as the Gypsy Moth. There may also be overgrazing by deer.

The many paths created by animals and humans have also created erosion concerns. Runoff from housing on both sides of the Parkway may be causing stream pollution that could seriously affect the large wetland area in the northeast corner of this woodland.

Fire safety is still another issue requiring consideration. We understand that as woodlands mature, dead wood accumulates, presenting a fire risk. Nature's way of handling this situation is for frequent small burns that begin with lightning strikes. But such a solution in a woodlot bounded by residences is unacceptable.

The task force and council need to devise an acceptable program of use for the woodland that assures its preservation while making this public land accessible for passive enjoyment by all residents.

In addition to developing a maintenance program for the existing preserves, the task force is also charged with evaluating other properties for potential conversion to forest preserves. The restrictions on permitted uses of land in a preserve, are strict – no picnic structures, no bridges, ballfields, no playgrounds. Until the maintenance program is established, it is not clear whether new trails will be permitted. Before additional land is put into a preserve, there needs to be a review of all of the recreational needs of the city to determine the best use of the land. In order for the task force's recommendations to have any credibility, the task force needs to have a mix of viewpoints, ensuring that these competing needs are considered. We treasure the city's woodlands. But, we also believe that sometimes a park bench, a picnic shelter or a playground can add to, not subtract from, the value of the land.

We look forward to the council appointing a task force whose membership reflects the community as a whole and urge the council to provide the task force with the expertise it needs.

St. Hugh's Catholic School 2004-5 Registration

will take place on Sat., Feb. 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please call 301-474-4071.

Letters

Sunday Was "Delicious Icing"

My family and I were simply overwhelmed by the celebration Sunday, February 8, 2004 honoring my years of service on the Greenbelt City Council. Heartfelt thanks to Mayor "J" Davis and her planning committee for organizing the event at Martin's Crosswinds. Thanks also to Konrad Herling for his master of ceremonies role on the program.

The proclamations, accolades and best wishes from my municipal government colleagues, county and state officials were especially appreciated because they reflected the many friendships Helen and I have made during my years of service on the Greenbelt council and with municipal organizations such as the Prince George's County Municipal Association, the Maryland Municipal League, Washington Metro Council of Governments and the National League of Cities.

Most importantly, we were gratified by the attendance of so many of our friends and neighbors who were able to join the celebration, those who were unable to attend but sent cards of appreciation and best wishes and those who made generous contributions to the Greenbelt Museum in my honor.

Without a doubt, being able to serve for the past 30 years on the Greenbelt City Council was reward enough. The Sunday celebration was like delicious icing on the cake.

Thomas X. White

City's Objection Is Well Founded

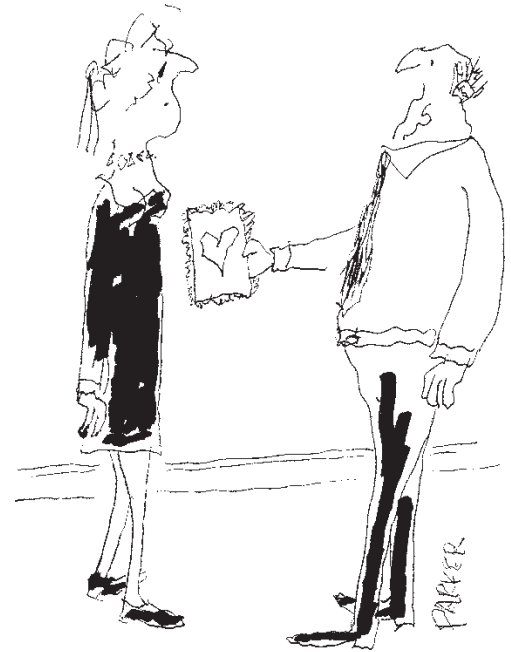
I am writing to support Mayor Davis' and the City Council's, opposition to the creation of new access ramps to the Greenbelt metro station. Along with Mayor Davis, I have concerns that the proposed construction of the access ramps will create negative consequences for Greenbelt. The project's cost, environmental impact and the negative effect it will have on our residents' quality of life is just too great.

One of my primary concerns of this proposal is that it will demand over \$50 million of Transportation Trust Funds while projects that require more immediate attention, such as Cherrywood Lane, will go unmet. The money it would cost the taxpayers to create these new ramps outweighs its benefits.

Second, the construction of this ramp will cause serious environmental consequences. This project would cost the Greenbelt area over two acres of wetlands and over four acres of woodlands. Although I am in favor of progress, this project's impact on the environment of Greenbelt would be too great.

One more concern is that the creation of the metro ramp would create a substantial increase of the number of cars that will further the strain on Greenbelt's already overburdened road network. This increase in gridlock, along with the added confusion of a ramp that does not meet federal guidelines for interstate highways, will create an unnecessary safety hazard in the Greenbelt area. It would be one thing if this project was the pedestrian centric project it was billed as. Unfortunately,

The Old Curmudgeon



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"It's a politically correct valentine . . . a lot of promises, but no commitment!"

however, nothing I have seen in the plans for the Metroland development leads me to conclude that this is in fact the case. Instead, it seems to be that this will only serve to increase the volume of automobile traffic in Greenbelt.

Mayor Davis's objection to the new exit ramp is well-founded and responsible. I applaud the City Council's consideration of the many negative impacts of this project and give them my full support on this issue. I urge the State Highway Administration to reconsider this project as it will prove to be a detriment to the quality of life of thousands of Greenbelt residents.

Delegate Justin Ross
22nd District

THANKS

I am a senior citizen and an original resident of Boxwood. The Osbornes are my neighbors and are also original residents. I have the most wonderful and caring neighbors. After a snowfall when I look out the first volunteer I see shoveling my driveway and dusting off my car is Ed Osborne. Joining him are my younger neighbors, the Willies, and also my next-door neighbor Steve.

I am grateful and thankful for such wonderful neighbors.

Margaret Smith

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

At the Library

Monday, February 16, libraries closed for Presidents' Day.

Children's Programs

Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 18 months with caregiver.

Wednesday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time for ages 18 to 36 months with caregiver.

Thursday, February 19, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, February 18, 2 p.m. Book Discussion, Gail Tsukiyama's "The Samurai's Garden."

Writers' Group To Critique Queries

The next Greenbelt Writers' Group meeting will be Friday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. There will be open readings and a presentation on preparing cover letters and queries led by Amy Hansen. Hansen will go over the basics of what cover letters and queries should contain, talk about deciding where to send manuscripts and how to tailor the writing to a particular market. Interested participants can bring a draft of a query or cover letter that the audience can then (kindly) critique.

The March meeting is set to be a critique session. People should bring about 10 copies of a short manuscript that they would like to be critiqued to the February meeting so it can be distributed for reading before the March meeting. For additional information contact Hansen at amy.hansen@nasw.org.

Clinic for Spring Season Lacrosse

On Sunday, February 15, a free lacrosse clinic will be held for Greenbelt girls at Greenbelt Middle School. Girls from fourth through eighth grade are welcome to come out and try throwing, catching, shooting and playing defense. Experienced coaches will demonstrate the proper techniques and loaner sticks will be available. No prior experience is necessary or expected.

Interested girls can also register to play on one of two teams: fifth and sixth grade or seventh and eighth grade. Home games will be played on Sundays at Greenbelt Middle and practices will start in late February. The clinic will start at 1 p.m. and will last until 2:15. Come out and give it a try! Call 301-927-7943 for more information or email jpulwick@aol.com.

At 2:30 p.m. a similar clinic for boys will be held. Both clinics are led by Prince George's Lacrosse coaches and high school players. Scrimmages for experienced players with equipment will follow the clinics.

Prince George's lacrosse supports teams for boys from grades three to nine in the Southern Maryland Youth Lacrosse Association. Practices and games will begin in late February for this fast-growing and fast-action sport. Registration will take place during the clinic with rental equipment available at low cost. Participants will need their own sticks and cleats. Check out the website at www.pglacrosse.com or contact Carolyn Fink at 240-603-8322 for more information. For information on girls lacrosse call Jim Ulwick, 301-927-7943.

Community Events

ACE Reading Club Contest Deadline

Time is running out for students to enter the ACE Reading Club Youth Writing Contest. All entries must be received by February 23. This is a great opportunity for high school students to build college resumes, win prizes and present the work to the community. Participants are encouraged to attend a literary showcase and may be asked to present their piece on cable television.

The contest is open to students in grades 6 to 12 who live or attend school in Greenbelt. Poetry and short fiction pieces are accepted.

For further information, guidelines and entry forms contact Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us. The ACE Reading Club web page can be accessed through the the City of Greenbelt's webpage at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club held its business meeting on February 4 with a good turnout. People were glad to get out after all the bad weather and visit with friends. Shirley Hibbs was greeter for the day.

Program Chair Harold Miller announced that Councilmember Leta Mach will speak at the February 25 meeting and Mayor Judith Davis has been rescheduled for March 31. February 18 is the birthday luncheon. Come out and enjoy good food and good conversation with friends.

The 50/50 winners were Lillian Greenbaum and Arlene Souser.

The club extends sympathy to John Henry Jones on the death of his sister.

The anniversary luncheon committee, chaired by Bunny Fitzgerald, is working on plans for the luncheon in April. Remember, dues must be paid before that affair.

Painting Class For Homeschoolers

The Greenbelt Home Learning Co-op, which sponsors programs for homeschooled children, is starting an after-school painting class open to any child five to nine years old. The classes will be offered on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. beginning February 24 and will run for eight weeks. Classes are held at the Greenbelt Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church at 40 Ridge Road and will be taught by Barbara Simon, who has taught art to children in Greenbelt for over 15 years. For more information, call 301-474-2192.

Open House Feb. 21 At Nursery School

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold an open house on Saturday, February 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The school accepts applications for school year 2004 to 2005 starting at the open house.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a parent co-operative. It 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.

Families seeking pre-school programs are invited to attend the open house, meet the director and teachers, view the classrooms and get information about the programs.

The school is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information call the school at 301-474-5570 or visit its web site at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk.

Pet Expo Needs Kids with Their Pets

The Greenbelt Pet Expo, which will be held on Saturday, May 8, is looking for Greenbelt residents, ages 10 years or older, who have an unusual or interesting pet/companion animal that they would love to share with Expo attendees. Several Expo tables will be set aside so residents can bring their pet/companion animal to show and talk about to attendees. Participating residents must be knowledgeable about their animal and their animal must be accustomed to noise and crowds of people. Residents must also be comfortable answering questions from attendees who might be interested in getting a similar pet/companion animal.

Animals must be in good health, have had required shots and must be recognized as domestic animals by the State of Maryland. Responsible animal care is required in order to participate. Interested individuals should put their information (name, phone number and type of animal) on a piece of paper and deposit it in the box that is located in the Community Center by the main office and the gym.

Mamas, Papas Meet

The Greenbelt Mamas & Papas meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Theatrical Rehearsal Room on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. Meet other local parents while the children play. People can bring lunch if they wish. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721.

Explore Chaco Canyon Ruins

"Explorations Unlimited" will host a presentation by Howard B. Owens Science Center planetarium director Patty Seaton on Friday, February 20. Seaton will describe some of the astronomically aligned ruins of Chaco Canyon, New Mexico. Participants will appreciate the devotion the Anasazi people had for the heavens as they travel through the area using poetry and pictures. Come learn about "America's Stonehenge."

Seaton's interest in Chaco Canyon stems from an archaeoastronomy class she took at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is an enthusiast, not an expert, who looks forward to introducing the topic to others. Seaton's background is in astronomy and science education, curriculum and instruction. Working full time at the Howard B. Owens Science Center for Prince George's County Public Schools for four years, this is her third year as planetarium director. Previous to this appointment, Seaton spent two years as the science coordinator/resource teacher at Ardmore Elementary School in Springdale, Md. A native of Prince George's County, Seaton has lived here all but two years.

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.

Birthday Marathon On February 22

The 43rd running of the Washington's Birthday Marathon will begin on Northway at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 22. 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. Access the web at www.dcroadrunners.org or call the D.C. Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019 for information.

GIAC Holds Free Internet Class

The Internet, e-mail and webmail - what are they and how are they related? Mary Camp will answer these questions, give examples and show how Greenbelt.com's webmail works. This free program sponsored by Greenbelt Internet Access Co-op (GIAC) is Thursday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in Dining Room #2 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome.

To reserve a copy of the handouts, call GIAC's voice mail at 301-419-8044 by Tuesday, February 24.

GHI Notes

Events for the week of February 16 through 21 are:

February 16 - GHI Offices will be closed in honor of Presidents Day; for emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

February 17 - Member & Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

February 19 - Ad Hoc Education Committee, 4:15 p.m.; Finance Committee, 7 p.m.

February 21 - Pre-purchase Orientation 11 a.m.

All meetings are in the Board Room.

Blood Drive On Feb. 24

The Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, February 24 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. To make an appointment, call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

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Week of Feb. 13
IN AMERICA (PG-13)

Friday
 *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday and Sunday
 *3:00, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Monday
 *3:00, *5:15, 7:30

Tuesday - Thursday
 *5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Painting Classes for Kids 5-9!
Tues., 4:30-5:30 - 8 week session begins Feb. 24
Taught by Barbara Simon - \$40 fee
 Held at Greenbelt Mowatt Methodist Church
 Sponsored by Greenbelt Home Learning Co-Op
 Call (301)474-2192 for more information!

Prince George's County Lacrosse Club
 is sponsoring a
Free Lacrosse Clinic
Sunday, February 15
1:00-Girls/2:30-Boys
at Greenbelt Middle School
 New players wanted, no experience necessary
 Come and learn some new skills.
 For information, www.pglacrosse.com
 or contact Dennis Taylor, 301-345-5286

Open House
Saturday, February 21, 10 am - 1 pm
Registration for Fall 2004
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Classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4
Two, three, and five days a week. Low child-to-staff ratio
Full day educational programs available
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 15 Crescent Road in the Greenbelt Community Center
Telephone (301) 474-5570 www.greenbelt.com/gnsk

Obituaries

David A. Thomas

Former resident David Augustus Thomas, 78, died on Monday, February 2, 2004. He and his wife, Susan M. Thomas, now of Lake Ridge, Va., lived previously at 10 Maplewood Court.

Mr. Thomas served as a captain in the Marine Corps. during World War II and the Korean War. He was a longtime employee of the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, where he served as branch chief. Besides his wife, he is survived by two children, three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and a sister.

A memorial service will be held at a later time at Heritage Baptist Church in Mogadore, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Lombardi Cancer Center, Georgetown University Hospital, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington, D.C. 20007 or to the American Cancer Society.



Sonny Osborne

Sonny Osborne, 101 Periwinkle Court, died Tuesday, February 10 at Holy Cross Hospital. He had suffered a stroke.

The viewing will be held at Gasch's Funeral Home on Friday, February 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Saturday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville.

ERHS Needs Adults To Staff Kiosks

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is in desperate need of adult volunteers to staff the kiosk at the school's entrance during the school day. School visitors stop there to check in and get directions to classrooms and offices. People who are available during the school day and can help with this on a regular or occasional basis can contact the ERHS PTSA volunteer coordinator, Greg Gray at greggray@mris.com or 301-220-0930.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666) Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

February 15, 10 a.m. "Rumi to Music" by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister with Diana McFadden, cello, and Mary Turtle Rooker, percussion



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

Baha'i Faith

Devotional Gathering February 13, 6:30 PM

With potluck dinner Second Friday of each month Call 301-474-6749 for directions Greenbelt Baha'i Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-2918 301-220-3160 www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

Church to Sponsor Youth Ministry Here

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church is starting its weekly youth ministry. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. There will be devotion, creative service projects, programs and a deeper discussion of some controversial issues facing today's youth. Youth members will actively plan and execute the activities. Pizza, salad and drinks will be served.

The Council on Youth Empowerment, consisting of youth representatives, lay members and clergy, will sponsor the programs and will supervise the activities.

The church is located at 40 Ridge Road. All teenagers are welcome. Call Marilou Whaples, lay supervisor, at 301-441-9147. For more information call youth members of the Council, Amy Foster at 301-474-8557 and Penny Elizabeth Smith at 301-474-8690.

Help Grad Night At Three Brothers

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Grad Night committee is sponsoring a Grad Night fundraiser at Three Brothers in Beltway Plaza on Monday, February 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. Family and friends as well as the Greenbelt community can help out. Someone will be outside the restaurant handing out fliers. When patrons give them to the cashier and mention ERHS Grad Night as they order, ERHS will receive 20 percent of the receipts for the order.

Three Brothers has also agreed to donate 40 subs and some pizzas for the Grad Night party.

For information contact Rick Ulrich at rju5@comcast.net.



Lions Honor Hill

On Tuesday, February 24, the Greenbelt Lions Club will honor Darryl Hill, a former halfback and receiver for the University of Maryland who was the first black football player to compete in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

On November 16, 1963, Hill entered Clemson University's football stadium and faced 30,000 die-hard fans. Many vowed to keep him off the field. When Hill's mother showed her ticket at the stadium gates, she was refused entrance. Hill rushed to help her, but he was refused too. Mrs. Hill was only admitted when Clemson president Robert Edwards arrived and invited her into the president's box to watch her son catch 10 passes during the game, a Maryland record.

When the game ended, Maryland coach Tom Nugent was concerned about a confrontation and ordered his players to skip their showers and board the bus in their uniforms.

The event will begin at 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Greenbelt Road. For more details and reservations, call 301-474-5156. Reservations should be made before February 20.

St. Hugh's School Registration Feb. 21

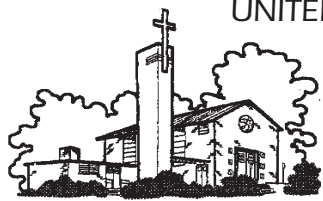
Registration and testing will be held on Saturday, February 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Hugh's School, 145 Crescent Road for grades K through 8.

Testing will be held for grades 2 through 8 between 9 and 11 a.m. Testing for kindergarten and first grade will be at a later date.

Parents of prospective students are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, report card and test scores. If the child is Catholic, the parent should bring their baptism certificate.

For additional information call 301-474-4071.

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Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

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Dems Celebrate Two City Employees

The February meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 20.

This is the club's Annual Sweethearts Night which recognizes city employees. This year's speakers and honorees will be Susie Hall, the city's animal control officer and Joe McNeal, assistant director of the Recreation Department.

After a short business agenda and the speakers, there will be a social hour. Members are asked to bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be supplied. Call President Bill Hunt for information at 301-982-0111.

The group's March meeting will be the annual Social Night Out on Friday, March 19 with dinner at the Beijing Restaurant at 6 p.m. and an evening in the Greenbelt Arts Center at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available shortly. Call Bob or Lyn Doyle at 301-441-2585.

Marietta House Museum Tours

Throughout February a collection of oil paintings by local Greenbelt artist Dr. Elizabeth Barber will be on display in Marietta's lower level exhibit room. For information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.



Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of former Maplewood Court resident David Augustus Thomas.

Congratulations to Greenbelters K. Neil Spicer and Betty Stehman, CIA, CPA who were presented Fellow designation of the Maryland Society of Accountants in recognition of their dedication to continuing professional education.

Glad to hear that News Review staffer Meta Lagerwerff, who has been recuperating from a broken hip, is now much better and at home. Get well soon, Meta.

It's a new grandson for Neil and Patti McLeod of Plateau Place. Seventh grandchild, Colin Henry McLeod, born to Scott and Betsy McLeod put in his appearance on February 5, 2004.



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To find out more about the teachings of Islam, e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.

ERHS Grad Night Group Needs Help

The Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night Committee invites the support of all friends of the ERHS Senior Class to organize an After-Graduation celebration so that their graduating seniors can be together one last time in a safe environment free of drugs and alcohol.

Grad Night, now in its 12th year, reflects a growing trend in high schools across the nation to provide an alternative to what has become for some students a tradition of dangerous drinking, driving and tragedy. At Eleanor Roosevelt High School, parents, teachers, community leaders and students are again working to provide a memorable and entertaining evening of alcohol-free and drug-free fun after graduation. This special event sends a clear message to students that the community cares about their safety, while celebrating their achievement.

The committee's goal is to raise \$25,000 to cover the cost of prizes, food, dancing, carnival games, sports and more.

Donations of cash, give-away items, gifts and gift certificates are needed for door prizes and activity prizes. Monetary contributions will be used to purchase prizes, games, activities and food. All donations and contributions are tax-deductible. The committee can arrange to pick up donations. Contact co-chairs, Rick Ulrich at ruju5@comcast.net or 301-459-5768 (home) or 202-415-7390 (office); Ruth Harab at rharab@yahoo.com or 301-490-9112 (home) or 301-996-9113 (cell); or Pamela Sikowitz at psikowitz@comcast.net or 301-805-1578.

Checks should be made payable to "ERHS Grad Night 2004."

The success of Grad Night 2004 depends on the whole community's working together for the community's high school graduates.

Greenbelter Sings "Die Fledermaus"

Greenbelter and News Review staffer Helen Sydavar will be singing in the chorus of a production of Die Fledermaus, a comic operetta by Johann Strauss. The plot features mistaken identities, a bumbling lawyer, a Russian prince, champagne and waltzing.

Performances will take place on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Eldbrooke United Methodist Church, 4100 River Road, Washington, D.C. Parking is scarce, so consider the Metro, Tenleytown stop. For tickets call 202-966-4975.

NARFE Meets

NARFE Chapter 2146 will hold its February monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Morton C. Tuckman, a financial planner with MCT Associates and a chapter member will discuss financial and tax affairs. The public is invited. For information call 301-577-4968.

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 16-20

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Planning and Community Development Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order; II. Approval of Agenda; III. Public Hearing – DSDS Application for Chipotle Restaurant; IV. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision – Patriot Office Park in Golden Triangle; V. Discussion of Future Planning Topics/Projects; VI. Adjourn.

Wednesday, February 18, 8:00pm, Council Work Session, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Open Forum Report, Community Center.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 18, 2004 at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center (Department of Planning and Community Development Conference Room), 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Chipotle Mexican Grill for consideration of a request for a **Departure from Sign Design Standards** for premises located at 5600 G Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The applicant is requesting permission to place signs on awnings that are located 6.5 feet behind the street line, rather than the 10 feet required.

The Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt Recreation Department present

HOMeward BOUND

An original musical by Chris Cherry, performed by Greenbelt's young actors.



February 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21 All shows are at 7:00pm Greenbelt Arts Center

Homeward Bound tells the story of Odysseus and Penelope, two devoted and delightfully clever people who are separated by fate and must outwit adversaries and overcome adversity to be reunited. Funny, touching, and suspenseful, the show will enthrall everyone in the family. The story features a heroic quest, a besieged heroine, assorted monsters, enchantresses, cannibals, and ghosts, as well as magic food, minor divinities, scheming suitors, a whirlpool, and a shipwreck! What more could you want in an evening? *Homeward Bound* is performed by a talented cast of young actors ages 12 to 15, with piano accompaniment by Steve Brodd.

Tickets for *Homeward Bound* are on sale Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Community Center business office. You can charge your tickets by phone by calling 301-397-2208.

Recognition and Contribution Groups

Applications are now available to Greenbelt community organizations seeking financial and/or in-kind support for their arts, sports, recreation and service programs during the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Contact Anne Marie Belton at 301-474-8000 or belton@ci.greenbelt.md.us to request application materials, or download forms at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. Applications are due February 23.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, February 17th & 19th: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Whole Grain Nutrition" **6:40pm** "Greenbelt in Motion" **7:00pm** "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary" **7:30pm** "Univeristy of Maryland Recital"

PUBLIC ACCESS: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 18th & 20th: 7:00pm "A Tribute to Tom White" **8:30pm** "Dr Cook's Garden"

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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 20th.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

**Advisory Committee on Education
 Park and Recreation Advisory Board
 Public Safety Advisory Committee**

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

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

The GAFC will be closed Monday, March 1st through Saturday, March 6th. We will be conducting various maintenance projects throughout the facility. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

SPRING SESSION: March 8-May 1

Residents and Passholders may register February 23 & 24
 Non-Residents register February 25 through 27.
 All may register thereafter until classes are filled.

LIFEGUARD CLASSES

The GAFC will be holding a Lifeguarding Class from March 9th through the 27th on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-9:30pm and Saturday from 11am-6pm

There will be a mandatory pre-test on Monday, March 8th from 8-9:30pm.

Cost is \$125.00. Registration begins February 23rd. To register or for more information call 301-397-2204.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, February 14th
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center.

The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.



BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004
 2:00-8:00PM
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If you would like to make an appointment, please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212

Studio Space Available

Applications are now available for artists interested in studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. New residencies will run from July 2004 through June 2005. Contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208 or ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us to request an application, or download information at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Applications are due April 9.

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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

Greenway Shopping Center, January 31, 7:55 p.m., police responded to a report of shoplifting at the Gap store. A cashier reported that a man approached the counter with merchandise, but then advised that he did not have the money to pay for it. The cashier placed the bagged merchandise behind the counter and the man left the store. He returned to the store a short time later, walked behind the counter and began to leave with the merchandise. When approached by an employee, the man produced an unknown sharp object, possibly a hypodermic syringe, and threatened the employee. He then exited the store with the merchandise and fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 6'1" with a medium build, black hair, brown eyes, a light beard and a mustache, wearing a black parka, blue jeans and a blue hat.

Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, February 2, 5:31 a.m., a man reported that he was waiting at a bus stop when a vehicle described as a dark gray 2-door sports car pulled up and two men got out, one armed with what appeared to be a shotgun. They demanded money from the victim and fled the scene in the vehicle after obtaining the victim's wallet. They are described as two black males, one short with a thin build, wearing a black hooded jacket and the other, short with a stocky build, wearing a black hooded jacket.

6100 block Breezewood Drive, February 3, 1:30 a.m., a man reported that he was walking into an apartment building when he was approached by a woman who asked the victim for one of the beers he was carrying. A man then approached the victim with a handgun and demanded the beers. After getting the beers both suspects fled the scene on foot. They are described as a black male 30 to 35 years of age, 5'9", 150 pounds with black hair, wearing a blue coat and a white T-shirt and a black female 25 to 30 years, 5', 130 pounds with a light complexion and black hair in braids, wearing a blue coat and blue jeans.

DWI

Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, January 24, 3:02 a.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and other citations after being stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

Beltway Plaza Mall, February 3, 10 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after he was stopped for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. He was observed throwing a baggie of suspected marijuana onto the floorboard as he exited the vehicle. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

7700 block Lakecrest Drive, February 4, 6:14 a.m., a resident man was arrested and charged

with possession of paraphernalia when police responded to a report of a suspicious person in a laundry room. That person was located inside the laundry room holding a pipe commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

6007 Springhill Drive, January 30, 9:26 a.m., unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. Jewelry and a wristwatch were taken.

8100 block Mandan Terrace, January 30, 4:49 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing open a rear door. Video games, a video game player, DVDs and money were taken.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, February 3, 4:35 p.m., unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. Clothing and a wristwatch were taken.

Theft

7600 block Greenbelt Road, January 30, a man reported that he had left his 2000 Lexus 4-door unlocked and running in the parking lot when he observed two men enter the vehicle and drive it away. The victim was familiar with the suspects and went to the 7000 block of Hanover Parkway, where he believed they lived. He located his vehicle with the suspects still inside. Upon seeing him both suspects exited the vehicle and ran from the scene. They are described as two black males in their twenties. One of them was tall with a thin build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black jacket.

Beltway Plaza Mall, February 1, 3:50 p.m., a resident youth was arrested for theft, credit card theft and trespass after he allegedly used a stolen credit card in an attempt to purchase merchandise from the Target Department Store. He had also previously been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass

Beltway Plaza Mall, January 30, 5:49 p.m., a resident youth was arrested for trespass when he returned to the mall after having previously been banned by agents of the property. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Forgery

February 5, in reference to the uttering of personal checks reported December 26 at the Greenway Liquor Store, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a woman (address unknown) with two counts of forgery, two counts of uttering, two counts of theft and attempted theft.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 2002 Honda Accord 4-door, January 30, from Greendale Place, returned to the same location the next day by unknown person(s), no arrests; a 2004 Hummer H2, January 30, from the 6500 block Capitol Drive, recovered the next day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a 2002 Lexus 4-door, January 31, from the 7700 block Greenbelt Road, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a green 1995 Ford Bronco, Maryland tags M770426, February 1, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a 1991 Jeep Cherokee, February 2, from the 8100 block Mandan Terrace, recovered February 4 by the Metropolitan Police Department, two adult arrests were made; a gold 1996 Chrysler Cirrus 4-door, Maryland tags KGM610, February 3, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a dark green 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, D.C. tags BF2501, February 4, from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; and a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, February 4, from the 55 Court Ridge Road, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests.

Greenbelt police recovered a 1993 Honda Accord 4-door, a 1998 Honda Civic station wagon and a 2002 Dodge Stratus 4-door with no arrests in any of the recoveries. A 1989 Toyota Camry 4-door was recovered by Prince George's County police with no arrests.

Thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Springhill Drive, 6000 block Breezewood Drive, 100 block Westway, 7600 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Mandan Road (two incidents) and 7800 block Emily's Way.

Greenbelt CARES




The week of February 2, Greenbelt CARES' Men's Support Group, moderated by Andre Peri, crisis intervention counselor, had its first meeting. The group hopes to have more men join in the future.

The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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of the cost for approval/disapproval at a regular council meeting in March.

Several members of the audience, including GSPC, were dismayed that they had been promised a skate park more than two years ago and nothing has been done. Mayor Judith Davis explained that much has been done including the many negotiations and public meetings needed to select the site. She noted that



The picture above shows another view of the bowl design for the skate park which is being considered.

\$90,000 has been earmarked and committed for the park. GSPC requested that they be kept informed.

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Helen and Tom White

noted, had been a member since the group was first formed in 1977 and had been its second president. He had also served on the Democratic Central Committee and been its secretary.

Davis concluded the presentations by reading some from persons not at the meeting: Mayor George D. Denny, Jr. of Brentwood on behalf of the Prince George's Municipal Association, a Certificate of Honor from the Prince George's Board of Education, a letter from former City Manager Daniel Hobbs, now city manager of Fresno, California and an email from Marie and Larry White (the other Whites).

Museum Donation

Davis then presented White with a check for \$1,150 which he in turn turned over to Sandra Lange and Mary Linstrom who accepted on behalf of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM). Davis noted that the contribution, raised from among those saluting White was more than enough to name him a member of the Founders Club. Davis noted that "we're not finished yet" in receiving contributions on behalf of White. Lange noted that the Greenbelt Museum was one of 10 in the country to receive a matching grant of \$100,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

FOGM will need to raise \$40,000 by the end of July to secure the first portion of the grant.

Herling

Emcee Herling concluded the program with his personal tribute. "As a member of council, he constantly made council aware of the impact of decisions they made, or might fail to make, would have on our budget, our environment, the arts, our recreational programming and every aspect of our city's operation. In short, he truly was concerned about Greenbelt's credibility as a planned community in a world that has an inadequate knowledge and appreciation of planning. His goals, and I realize I'm simplifying things here, were to make sure that our planning tool, our budget, yielded for each of us as individuals and together, as a community, the biggest bang for a buck. His questioning of every department and city official was intended to make sure that 'we got it right,' and his record keeping and his keen memory made sure that actions our city took were in line with what our rules, codes and ordinances allowed. There were numerous times when the city was about to take an action out of line with a past decision, when he would whip out an ordinance, maybe an ordinance going as far back as 1977, pointing out how the city was about to make a mistake. He was, and believe you me, if you've gone to any of the work sessions or regular council meetings he now attends, he

continues to be, a man of process, of method, of constantly asking for our mission to be defined. He is a man of great definition. Thank you for your service to our community, Tom White."

After a standing ovation, White responded, "This is just overwhelming. I can't believe I deserve everything that was said about me. But I'll take it." He gave thanks to the planning committee for the event: J Davis, J. Eichorst, B. Havekost, C. Hatcher, A. Marques, D. Moran, J. Poholsky, H. White, D. and B. Zugby.

White continued that he had learned early on that it takes three votes to get things done. "Often times I didn't get these three votes. But often times I did get three votes." He thanked his wife, Helen, noting that between raising seven children, working and participating in community activities they had found it necessary to set forth a division of labor with Helen assuming family and home responsibilities while he dealt with the "big things" like fighting the Intercounty Connector and seeking peace in the Middle East.

"I've had a great ride," he concluded. "I have enjoyed serving you for 30 years."



Table 10 features (from left) Mary Linstrom, Barbara Havekost, Trudy Conrad, Ginny and Wayne Williams.

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Pennsylvania as a faculty member.

Ordained as a rabbi in 1998, Cohen moved his family, now including Reuben, to Greenbelt where the congregation of the Mishkan Torah Synagogue engaged him as their religious leader. His wife became a tenured professor of epidemiology at the Medical School of the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus.

The festivities on February 7, attended by about 150 guests included a reception followed by a program that included brief statements by elected officials and local clergy. Present were all five members of the Greenbelt City Council and three former council members, including two congregants, Rhea Cohen and former mayor Gilbert Weidenfeld and recently retired Thomas X. White. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling both spoke on behalf of the community and the mayor humorously provided voter registration forms to the new Americans.

State Delegate for the 22nd district Anne Healey asked the congregation to continue praying for their elected officials, who, she said, certainly need all the help they can get. Although Congressman Steny Hoyer could not be there, he sent a letter of congratulation and will send the Cohen family a U.S. flag that has been flown over the Capitol Building.

Two representatives of Greenbelt's Catholic community, Trudy Conrad and Mary Linstrom, were among the guests. Reverend Daniel Hamlin, pastor of the Greenbelt Community Church, provided an amusing commentary on the difference between Canada and America and, along the same theme, the synagogue's cantor Phil Greenfield, read some light verse that he wrote for the occasion. The

entertainment was concluded by congregant Leonard Cohen, who read some "words of wisdom" about the U.S. government written by humorist Art Buchwald. Following the swearing-in ceremony, the program was capped by a rousing patriotic sing-along led by vocalist-pianist Nadine Wobus.

The Cohens' experience of living in Greenbelt was a major factor in their desire to become American citizens because, the rabbi said, "The warmth and caring that the members of the congregation express toward their immediate community and their nation show America at its best. There is a decency and thirst for community in America that are not usually shown by the news media, but are quite evident here in Greenbelt."

"Being rabbi at Mishkan Torah means to me being part of an emotionally open and intellectually questing community. I hope that I have been able to teach my congregants half as much about Torah as I have learned from them about courage, caring and common sense."

Further, he said, "It was very moving, we were very touched by the way people reached out to each other during the September 11, 2001 tragedies. We felt that we wanted to be constructive members of this particular society and to be able to vote. In many ways, the United States is a model to the world, yet America is a work in progress. Being U.S. citizens means to Mona and me that we should play a full role in helping to shape the future of our country and bridge the gap between the promise and the reality of America."

(Rhea Cohen, both a longtime Greenbelt resident and congregant of Mishkan Torah, is not related to the rabbi.)

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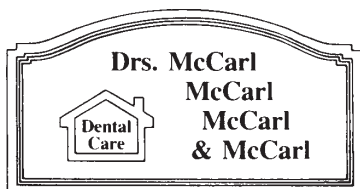
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