

Tom White Recalls Early Days, Mentors and Old Controversies

by Dorothy Sucher

At the testimonial dinner honoring Tom White last Sunday the speeches went on for hours, not because they were long but because there were so many of them. And just about everyone who spoke presented him with a plaque or a proclamation, sometimes more than one. The words "dedicated public servant" were heard a lot, and there was much praise for his 30 years on the Greenbelt City Council, for his hard work and his integrity.

Given the occasion, the plaudits were deserved but predictable. Generic, almost. They didn't really convey a sense of the man – his keen mind; his often unruly temper, which over the years he has learned to control; his shrewdness at sizing people up; his quick wit; and his capacity for kindness and warmth, sometimes surprising in a person with such a strong drive to win.

Tom himself seemed to feel something was being left out of the picture, something more human and less official. When his turn came at the microphone, he spoke not only of the official

Thomas X. White but of "Tommy," as he is known to his large family, and "Tipper," as his friends call him, almost as if they were three separate personalities.

I found myself remembering the days we used to carpool together a quarter-century ago, the side streets we took into Washington when traffic was blocked and the arguments we had. Tom loved to win and I hated to lose, which made for some lively discussions, all of them now forgotten except that I'm pretty sure some of them had to do with Women's Lib. At the time I was a bit of a crusader while he believed such notions went against the natural order of things. We both wanted the last word and he usually got it. This irked me, yet I always liked and respected him.

Two years ago I interviewed Tom for a book I was writing and probably won't finish. He



Thomas X. White

was in a relaxed and reminiscent mood, and his comments, which have never been published, throw some interesting lights on his own development as well as on politics in Greenbelt during Tom's record-breaking 30 years on the city council.

The Firebrand

"My nature was to be a firebrand," he said to me with a laugh. "I was sort of like a Taliban." Of course this was before 9/11 and the term hadn't yet acquired its present connotations. "It was my way or no way. I was the force for good and right, and if you didn't agree you were the forces of evil. I did a lot of fierce letter writing and incendiary things. A lot of people would tell me, Tom, tone it down, tone it down. They liked the way I thought, but not the way I presented it to the community – throwing

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City Receives Pilot Program Money for Center Merchants

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council breezed through its agenda for the regular meeting on February 9. A new loan program for Roosevelt Center merchants, possible road repairs, approval of a woodland mitigation site and discussion of pending state legislation were all part of the meeting's varied agenda. Councilmember Edward Putens was the only member not present.

Merchants' Loan Fund

In 2001 the city requested \$15,000 for a pilot program under the state's Community Legacy Program to provide low-interest, short-term loans to merchants in Roosevelt Center for assistance in upgrading their business locations.

Problems in getting state approval for this program have been resolved, according to council's agenda notes. Kristen Ward, community planner, told council that each merchant in Roosevelt Center had received by hand delivery a cover letter about the program and an application packet. Ward said she "hopes to have people knocking down the door" for the money. The deadline for returning completed applications to the city's Planning and Community Development Department is next Wednesday, February 25 by 5 p.m.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin told council he was pleased to have the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union agree to process and manage the loans. Their fees will be lower than those of other processing agencies and McLaughlin thought it appropriate to have the credit union, which is itself located in the Center, cooperate in this program, even though this type of loan processing is not part of their normal course of business.

Woodland Mitigation

Ward also addressed council about the plan for off-site woodland mitigation for Hilton Garden Inn. At a previous council meeting, council saw plans for the suggested mitigation site off Hanover Parkway between the dog park and the entrance to Hunting Ridge Condominiums. At that meeting councilmembers asked staff to assure that the plan would not disrupt informal use by children in the area of the site as a soccer field. Council also requested more details on the plan.

Since that earlier meeting staff has addressed council's concerns and reported back that the Hunting Ridge Condominium Association reviewed the engineer's draft and supported the mitigation plan. The plan provides for 1.4 acres of off-site mitigation,

an amount estimated to meet county requirements. It also designates a play area for the informal soccer games that is just one quarter short of being a regulation-sized soccer field.

Before council approved sending a letter of support for the plan, Ward assured Councilmember Rodney Roberts that native species were part of the plan. Council also suggested that the Advisory Committee on Trees be consulted for recommendations on plantings.

Road Resurfacing

After discussion, council agreed to have staff submit a request to the county for redirecting \$150,000 awarded from the Community Development Block Grant for renovation of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Since owners of Springhill Lake are discussing other alternatives for redevelopment of that entire complex, staff is concerned that the city may not be able to meet the county's requirement for spending the money by June 30 of this year. The procedure is for the city to spend the money and then seek reimbursement from the county.

As an alternative, staff suggested asking the county to reprogram the funds toward recon-

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City Objects "Vehemently" To Possible Gambling Sites

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council wasted no time in responding to a news report that two properties in Greenbelt were among nearly 200 possible sites mentioned for "large-scale gambling operations" in Maryland. According to the February 13 issue of the Washington Post, the sites named but not ranked according to preference were included in a report released recently to legislators by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (MDBED).

According to the Post article on the report, the tracts listed had to be "at least 10 acres within five miles of Interstate 95 and largely undeveloped." The criteria is consistent with Governor Robert L. Ehrlich's proposed slot machine legislation. The governor proposes to use revenues from gambling operations to help offset the budget deficit and to support education funding plans in the Thornton bill

passed by the Maryland legislature two years ago.

Among the 115 state-owned sites listed in the MDBED report as potentially suitable for large-scale gambling facilities is the large acreage of undeveloped environmentally sensitive land located adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro, according to the Post. The state acquired this property three years ago.

The report also identified 73 privately-owned properties that met the criteria for slot operations in Maryland, according to the Post. To council's dismay, private land listed in the state report includes a site located next to the U.S. District Courthouse on Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt.

In its February 13 press release (see box below) the city "vehemently opposed" inclusion of the two Greenbelt sites in the state report.

City Statement Opposing Slot Sites in Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt is vehemently opposed to the recently released report by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development which lists sites that are owned by the State of Maryland, or that are privately owned and close to Interstate 95, that could be used for slots. The report includes two sites which are in Greenbelt, Md.

The first site is a 75-acre tract that was acquired by the State just three years ago as an environmentally sensitive tract of land. The tract is one of the last remaining undisturbed natural areas of the Indian Creek Branch stream, which flows into the Anacostia River and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay. This tract was specifically acquired by the State in order to preserve it as part of the mixed-use development being proposed at the Greenbelt Metro Station. Mayor Judith F. Davis of Greenbelt stated, "It is totally inappropriate for the State to consider using land specifically acquired to protect the environment and help restore the Chesapeake Bay for any type of development, much less for slot machines. The study was not to include State parkland and preserves, and this site was acquired to be a preserve."

The other site located in Greenbelt in the report is right next to the U. S. Federal Court on Cherrywood Lane. This site is undeveloped, but is part of future development in the Capital Office Park, the premiere office park in Prince George's County. Mayor Davis notes, "There is great irony, and a lack of forethought by Governor Ehrlich's administration, in placing an activity that is illegal in most of this great nation right next to a federal courthouse."

The City Council of Greenbelt believes that slots are not the answer to solving Maryland's fiscal situation. The shortsightedness of this study to identify sites, without any consideration of their appropriateness, further confirms the failure of this approach.

What Goes On

Monday, February 23

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, February 24

2 to 8 p.m., Blood Drive, Municipal Building

Monday, February 23 and Tuesday, February 24

Registration for residents and passholders for spring session, Aquatic and Fitness Center

Wednesday, February 25 through Friday, February 27

Registration for nonresidents until classes are filled, Aquatics and Fitness Center

Thursday, February 26

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Board Room

Letters

A Protest

This morning, Tuesday February 17, a Washington Post front-page article by Caryle Murphy and William Booth discusses the movie "The Passion of the Christ." I quote the following paragraph: "According to people who have seen the movie, Gibson (who funded and directed it and co-wrote its screenplay) has chosen to focus on the role of the high priests at the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in indicting Christ and calling for his execution. The Jewish leader Caiaphas is insistent that Jesus die, while the Roman governor Pontius Pilate is portrayed as a sympathetic character who only reluctantly gives in to the mob's bloodlust."

On Sunday, February 15, Richard Leiby in the Washington Post's "Reliable Source" wrote: "The Avalon Theatre's Jill Bernstein is usually happy to land a big-buzz film at her independent D.C. movie house, but when bookers offered "The Passion of the Christ," her reaction, she says, was, "Uh-oh."

"I am Jewish and, absolutely, this movie gives me a lot of pause, a lot of concern," says Bernstein, referring to allegations of anti-Semitism that have swirled around the Mel Gibson-directed project. When the movie opens nationwide Feb. 25 (Ash Wednesday), don't expect the multiplexes to use it as a teachable moment. But as executive director of the nonprofit Avalon Theatre Project, which runs the 1920s theater, Bernstein intends to confront the controversy by staging a teach-in. "We're reaching out to Jewish groups for a discussion on opening night," she says. "We're trying to show it in a more constructive and educational context, and we can do that because we're a community theater." She also says free "viewing guides" produced by religious groups will be made available.

It seems that the very least that could be done in Greenbelt is to follow the Avalon Theatre example.

Having lived in Nazi-occupied territory during World War II, I am unfortunately only too aware of what the possible horrendous consequences of anti-semitism can be. Personally, I would rather that the picture not be shown.

Leonie Penney

Collected Treasures Make Valentine Memories Glow

by Elaine D. Jones

They have a name for people like me: pack rat. I prefer to think of myself as a family archivist, a conservator of culture. Unpacking the valentine boxes hauled down from the attic gives me great pleasure. I read again the cards and messages from friends and family, living and dead, and pile them all together into a woven heart basket on the table. One favorite, Clementine's tiny pink footprints fashioned into a heart, lies on top, paired with a pink-ribboned valentine from a new Greenbelt girl, Mary Alyce.

My husband John Henry and I stopped buying valentines some years ago. We go through the ones we've given one another since our 1971 Valentine's Day engagement and choose a favorite, silly or mushy, to exchange.

One box is full of valentine makings - fabric scraps, diverse papers, feathers, lace - left over from the day I did artful afternoons at our kids' elementary schools. Each student used scissors, glue and imagination to fashion a valentine for a loved one.

I don't like red or pink, but in the bleak midwinter, I inject those absent colors into my everyday surroundings. The Snoopy-Woodstock banner hangs out on the porch. Paper Charlie Brown, Lucy and Linus are tacked to inside walls, along with '60s graphics from my single days: "When you love someone you love him as he is," (Charles Peguy) and e.e. cummings' "be of love a little more careful than of everything." I light all the red candles and those who stop by are both charmed and cheered.

Before hearts became ubiquitous, the heart was a symbol I used to identify church banners and artwork I created. For years everyone gave me hearts until I said, "Enough already. I have enough." I treasure those connected with memories - two halves of a fragile white shell, a stone found on a beach, a conglomeration from our children and Scandinavian straw hearts. I especially cherish unique heart necklaces and pins given to me by John Henry.

By Groundhog Day, John Henry is scanning ads for his "penny valentines." He-who-never-comparison-shops shows me with glee packs of Pooh,

Peanuts, Strawberry Shortcake and Loony Tunes that he's found for 99 cents. That actually makes them "three-penny valentines," which is pretty good, considering inflation. He asks for a red ink pen and heart stickers from my box.

On the 12th and 13th, heart bag in hand, Cupid-in-disguise flies off on his rounds - Co-op, bank, credit union, GHI, post and doctor's offices, sharing love. In return, he gets smiles, thanks, sweets, hugs, tears and posies, even confidences: "This is the only one I ever get" and "My husband never gives me one." A mother told John Henry she'd bought valentines for her kids to send before she found out such exchanges were banned at their school. "So now," she grinned, "I'm giving them out to my fellow faculty members."

Reread the story of St. Valentine and the legendary roots of this day. Write a love poem. Snail-mail a long-overdue letter. Refrain from wasting money on overpriced roses and give to others from your heart. (A little chocolate never hurts anyone, however.) For decades, I've refilled the same five lovely recycled heart boxes with each of our favorite sweets and last year the moved-out offspring got to keep their box. Grandchildren got goodie boxes. Cheers for the pack rat; she's actually moving some of this stuff!

A special gift to each of us this year was a tiny pop-open red and white yarn box with a Hershey Kiss inside. They were made by Aunt Piggy one Christmas to hang on our tree. She died last month, but in my box I found a handmade valentine from her to set next to her brother John Henry's chair.

Correction

The painting class for children ages five to nine at the Mowatt Methodist Church is open to all. The program is sponsored by the Greenbelt Homelearning Co-op. Last week's headline gave incorrect information. The News Review regrets the error.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Feb. 20

IN AMERICA (PG-13)
THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (R) Opens Wed.

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

Saturday
In America
*3:00, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday
In America
*3:00, *5:15, 7:30

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In America *5:15, 7:30

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St. Hugh's Junior National Leaders, from left Kyra Simon, Nydia Bryan-Green, Wesley Hilliard, Audrey Berard, Megan Shaffer.

St. Hugh's Students Named National Young Leaders

by Leslie Hilliard

St. Hugh's seventh grade students Audrey Berard, Nydia Bryant-Green, Wesley Hilliard, Megan Shaffer and Kara Simon recently returned from the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. The conference is sponsored by the Congressional National Youth Leadership Council. Students who are academic achievers and demonstrate leadership potential are invited to attend.

The theme of the conference was "The Legacy of American Leadership" and the curriculum led the students through the evolution of the United States, from the days of the original thirteen colonies, through Civil War and Civil Rights to the present.

Along with their course work, the students experienced life in the days of America's early struggles for freedom in Colonial Williamsburg and during a cool damp evening in Harper's Ferry, W.Va. they retraced the steps of abolitionist John Brown's rebellion at the U.S. Armory there. They also participated in a reception on Capitol Hill, where they not only got an "insider's tour" but also

met a variety of representatives from congressional offices.

In a special appearance, U.S. Senator James Jeffords of Vermont talked with the students about the environment. "I am concerned when it comes to matters of our environment because decisions made today will have impact throughout your lives," Jeffords said. In parting he offered his advice to the visiting future leaders, "You should never compromise on your ideals and values."

"The conference was a great experience!" said Nydia Bryan-Green, "By exploring different places and learning the history of what happened there, I understand where we are today." She was especially impressed with the visit to the Armory in Harper's Ferry where John Brown lost his life in a struggle over slavery. "I met a lot of really nice people at the conference, too." Bryan-Green continued, "There were kids there from Alaska and Hawaii. My roommates, from California, Massachusetts and New Jersey and I are still keeping in touch by email. The counselors and work teams were great, too. I learned a lot."

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

St. Hugh's Basket Bingo

Sunday, February 29, 2004

Grenoble Hall

135 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt

2 p.m. Doors Open/3 p.m. Games Begin

Ticket Cost: \$20

Food and Drink Available

To Benefit Primary Playground

Call 301-474-4071 to purchase

advance tickets for \$15.

This Basket Bingo is in no way affiliated or endorsed by the Longaberger Company, though the prizes to be won are genuine Longaberger Baskets!

At the Library

Tuesday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 18 months with caregiver.
 Wednesday, February 25, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time for ages 18 to 36 months with caregiver.
 4 p.m. BooKids for ages 8 to 12.
 Thursday, February 26, 10:30 a.m. Drop In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Pet Expo Seeking Owner-Exhibitors

The Greenbelt Pet Expo, to be held on Saturday, May 8, is looking for Greenbelt residents of all ages above 10 years old who have an unusual or interesting pet or companion animal that they would love to share with Expo attendees. Residents can bring their animal to show and talk about with attendees.

Participating residents must be knowledgeable about their animal and their animal must be accustomed to noise and crowds of people. The resident must also be comfortable answering questions from attendees who might be interested in getting a similar pet or companion animal.

Animals must be in good health and 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 located in the Community Center adjacent to the main office and the gym.

After-school Painting Class

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. for eight weeks beginning February 24. Classes are held at the Greenbelt Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church and will be taught by Barbara Simon, who has taught art to children in Greenbelt for over 15 years. For information call 301-474-2192.

Basket Bingo Fundraiser

A basket bingo featuring Longaberger Baskets will be held on Sunday, February 29 at 2 p.m. in St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall. Proceeds will be used to purchase playground equipment. For tickets and information contact Paula Beaver at 301-474-4071.

Community Events

Greenbelt CARES

The week of February 9, CARES hosted the Strengthening Families Program training. CARES staff, Springhill Lake Elementary School personnel and 20 graduate students from the University of Maryland attended the training. The training covered program content, training methods, ethical and legal problems, crisis management, referral sources, recruitment and retention strategies and role-play sessions.

This program will be offered at Springhill Lake Elementary in March and again in the fall. Families of children attending Springhill Lake Elementary will be invited to participate in the program. Both parents and children participate in the 14-week course. Parents will learn to increase desired behaviors in children by using attention and rewards, clear communication, effective discipline, substance use education, problem solving and limit setting. Children will learn effective communication, understanding of feelings, social skills, problem solving, resisting peer pressure, consequences of substance use and compliance with parental rules. During the second hour families will engage in structured family activities, practice therapeutic child play, conduct family meetings, learn communication skills, practice effective discipline, reinforce positive behaviors in each other and plan family activities together.

ACE Contest Deadline Monday

The ACE Reading Club Writing Contest deadline is Monday, February 23. Entries for the contest are due by 4:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt CARES office. For contest guidelines and entry forms call 301-345-6660 or email acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us, visit www.ci.greenbelt.md.us,

Mamas and Papas Meet Wednesday

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Theatrical Rehearsal Room on the 2nd floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. Meet other local parents while the children play. Bring a lunch if desired. For information contact Anne Gardner at annegrdr@aol.com or call 301-220-1721.

Explore Cooking From Café's Chef

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Deborah Taylor from the New Deal Café on Friday, February 27. Taylor will demonstrate quick and easy nutritious, delicious ways to prepare vegetables. Samples and recipes will be available. Special attention will also be given to the budget-conscious.

Taylor is a Greenbelt resident and has been cooking the in-house savory dishes for the New Deal Café for three and a half years. She enjoys sharing cooking skills with individuals. Little Friends for Peace and the Prince George's Community Café, which serves the hungry in Hyattsville, are recipients of her volunteer time.

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 Community Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Goddard Space Chat on Mar. 1

Come to NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Visitor Center March 1 at 7 p.m. and learn about Goddard's namesake. Part of the monthly "Space Chats" series, this free event will feature David A. Clary who will be discussing and signing "Rocket Man - Robert H. Goddard and the Birth of the Space Age." Registration is required at www.gsfc and click on "Space Chats" or call 301-286-8102.

Leta Mach Speaks To Golden Age Club

Councilmember Leta Mach will speak to the Greenbelt Golden Age Club on Wednesday, February 25 at 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. All are welcome.

GHI Notes

Events for the week of February 23 through 28:
 Feb. 23 - 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee.
 Feb. 25 - 7:30 p.m., Architecture and Environment Committee.
 Feb. 26 - 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting.
 All meetings will be held in the Board Room.

FONDCA Used Treasure Sale

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) has set Saturday, April 24 for its second spring "gently used treasures" sale. Monies from last year's sale funded four outdoor music festivals (one including multiple arts programs) in Roosevelt Center. See classified ad in this issue of the News Review for details.

Black History Month At Beltway Plaza

Beltway Plaza Mall will host a Community Talent Show which will feature local high school students. The students will use their talent of song and dance to celebrate Black History Month on February 21. The performances begin at 1 p.m. The winner of the talent show will receive a \$100 mall certificate.

Springhill Lake Elementary Dancers will dance at 2 p.m. on February 21. H.D. Woodson High School will entertain with their jazz combo on February 28 at 1 p.m. Ashe Moyubba, Afro-Cuban dance and drum, will close out the month-long program at 2 p.m..

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on March 2

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For information, call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 301-397-2208.

Undocumented Immigrants Issues

A discussion on issues facing undocumented immigrants in the Jewish and Latino communities will be held on Sunday, February 29 at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. The discussion at 11 a.m. will be chaired by Kim Propeack, advocacy director, CASA of Maryland and Stephen Jascourt, member of Mishkan Torah Congregation and Jews United for Justice.

Some of the questions to be included in the discussion are: Who are undocumented immigrants? Were our parents or grandparents or would they have been under today's immigration restrictions? Are they a threat to our physical or economic security? How have immigrants been treated in Maryland? Should undocumented people be eligible for in-state tuition and driver's licenses? (And a discussion of legislation currently under consideration that would confiscate the vehicles of people who allow an undocumented person to drive and other harsh laws.) What does Judaism say about how we treat the most vulnerable in society? What of the "stranger among us" or even who does the "stranger among us" refer to: What does it mean today to be a "stranger in a strange land"?

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is located at 11 Ridge Road at the corner of Westway and Ridge. For additional information contact Benton Parks at 301-474-8617 or benparks58@yahoo.com.

Bagels, omelets and coffee will be available for purchase. All interested persons are invited to join in and be prepared to ask tough questions.

URGENT NEED! GIVE BLOOD

Red Cross Drive in Greenbelt on February 24

PRELIMINARY AGENDA BOARD MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2004 GHI BOARD ROOM 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Drainage Issues
- Community Beautification Program - 2004
- Preventative Maintenance (PM) - Program for Electrical Components and Bathroom Tiles
- Annual Meeting Timeline

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Beltway Plaza Mall Celebrates BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, February 21
 1 p.m., Community Talent Show
 2 p.m., Springhill Lake Dancers

Children compete in song and dance to celebrate Black History Month. Winner to receive a \$100 Beltway Plaza Mall gift certificate.

Saturday, February 28
 1 p.m., H.D. Woodson High School Jazz Combo,
 2 p.m., Ashe Moyubba - Afro-Cuban dance and drums

BELTWAY PLAZA
 6000 Greenbelt Road
 301-345-1500

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Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

Spring Soccer REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, FEB. 21ST
 12noon - 1pm
Inside the Youth Center

IF NEW TO THE CLUB
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 Small Picture (we can keep)
 Proof of Greenbelt Residency
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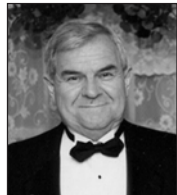
Contact **LUELLA TABOR** at: 301-794-0100 ext.5 or luellatabor@msn.com



Obituaries

Sonny Osborne

Sonny Osborne, age 75, died Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at Holy Cross Hospital following a stroke. Mr.



Osborne was born in Waterbury, Conn. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1936 with his parents and older sister when his father took a job at the Washington Navy Yard.

In 1948 Mr. Osborne began his career with commercial Overall Laundry (later CINTAS), in Brentwood as a driver. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Korean War and later served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He was a member of the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and enjoyed spending holidays under the shade of the trees in front of the post home.

Mr. Osborne met his Barbara in 1953. They were married in 1955. They settled for a time in Berwyn Heights and, as the family grew, they began looking for a larger home which they found in 1965 and moved to Periwinkle Court. They had already been members of the Greenbelt pool as "non-residents." He volunteered for Bingo at St. Hugh's in the '60s and '70s.

In 1968 he joined the Boys and Girls Club as a football coach. He provided emblems for the uniforms for the first cheerleading squad. He also coached basketball and softball for both the Boys and Girls Club and the Catholic Youth Organization. He also volunteered with Greenbelt's swim team.

He chaperoned for the St. Hugh's Team Club Sunday night dances and field trips, worked Labor Day booths for the Boxwood Civic Association's Zoo Dip and the Boys and Girls Club games of skill.

Mr. Osborne spent many happy hours transporting grandchildren from school to Chucks & Lassies, kids' kitchen and T-ball. He could be seen frequently on the bleachers at Braden Field and McDonald's Field watching children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling with his family, golf trips and the beach. Most recently he split his time between Bethany, Del. and Greenbelt.

Mr. Osborne is survived by his wife Barbara; sister Mildred Cady of Laurel; children Bill (Eileen) of Riverdale Park, Ed, Bridget, Beth, Cindy (Jeff) Donn of Beltsville; grandchildren Nicole, Jennifer, Vincent, Christy, Erin, Lisa, Kyle; and great-grandson "J" and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his children Patty Ann and Michael and by his granddaughter Tessa.



Mary Fogleman Ging

Former Greenbelter Mary Elizabeth Fogleman Ging, 85, died on February 13, 2004, at her daughter's home in Columbia, Md.

Mrs. Ging was born in Williamsport, Pa. where she attended St. Joseph's Catholic School. She married Francis Ging and, after the war, they came to Greenbelt in 1947. They lived on Eastway.

Mrs. Ging was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. A homemaker, she worked for a while at Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

She was preceded in death by her husband; brothers Paul, Carl and Eugene Fogleman; sisters Ann Jones and Evelyn Stewart.

Her survivors include daughter Kathleen Brock and son-in-law Gerald Brock; grandchildren Stephen and Karen Brock; great-grandchildren Amanda, Anthony, Andrew and Emily Brock; sisters Helen Ramsey, Fla. and Rita McCafferty, Pa.

Services were held in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Laurel on February 18, 2004. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Howard County, 5537 Twin Knolls Road, #433, Columbia, MD 21045.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@erols.com

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt_baptist@verizon.net
 Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

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

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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

SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:45 am
Talk & Listen (Coffee Hr.)	10:15 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Tues. Lectionary Study	7:00 am
Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night	7:30 pm

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
 Feb. 22, Last Sunday after the Epiphany
 Sermon: "When It Looks Different"
 Transfiguration Sunday

Children to Perform At Café Tzedakah

On Saturday evening, February 28 at 7:30 p.m., the second Café Tzedakah will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. Performers will be Mishkan Torah's Yeladim (children) who will perform a variety of musical entertainment. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Sylvia Hendel Center for Jewish Family Education. Admission is one non-perishable food item to be distributed to needy families in Prince George's County. For information call the synagogue office at 301-474-4223 or Benton Parks at 301-474-8617 or email benparks58@yahoo.com.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Greenbelt Community Church will have its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. The supper will be held in the Social Hall of the church and will feature pancakes, sausage, baked apples, beverages and a good time.

A traditional feast before Lent, a Shrove ("to confess") Tuesday dinner reminds people of the essential sweetness of life even while preparing to face life's shadows. The supper is open to the public. There is no charge but all free-will offerings will help to support the church's Help By Phone program which runs eight food pantries, a clothing bank and provides prescription medicines and transportation to medical appointments in Prince George's County. Call 301-474-6171 for more information.

Mardi Gras At Holy Cross

An evening of Mardi Gras will be celebrated at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 24, 6 to 8 p.m. A traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Special entertainment will be provided by the Eleanor Roosevelt Dixieland Band and the Roosevelt girls' a capella singing group, "The Suspenders." The program includes other local musical talent and special dance numbers. There is a fee. For information or to purchase tickets call 301-345-5111.

Hot Meals Available

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday, hot meal included, between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To get more information and cost per week, call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Congregation Mishkan Torah
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, 301-474-4223
 Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield
 A warm, comfortable and involved congregation

Pre-K to post-confirmation education program
 First year school FREE for one child
 Reconstructionist/Conservative affiliation
www.mishkantorah.org

Services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.
 Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

Greenbelt Community Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gcucc/
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church
 7010 Glenn Dale Road
 (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays:	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

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

February 22, 10 a.m.

"To Celebrate Things of Worth" by Barbara Wells, co-minister and Leo Jones, worship associate

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

Baha'i Faith

Classes for Children & Adults, Including interfaith devotions, Sunday, February 22 at 10 AM Springhill Lake Elementary School

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.
 Sunday, February 29, 2003

Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

What is Islam?

Islam is one of the world's three monotheistic religions and invites others to come together to foster peace and understanding.

"Say: 'O people of the book (those who received revelation): Come to common terms as between us and you that we worship none but God; that we associate no partners with Him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, lords and patrons other than God.' If then they turn back, say ye: 'Bear witness that we are Muslims (those who submit to God).'"
 -The Holy Quran 3:64

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

Our Neighbors

Our condolences to Barbara Osborne and family on the death of her husband Sonny.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Mary Elizabeth Fogleman Ging who had lived in Greenbelt 56 years.

Friends, acquaintances and co-workers were saddened to hear of the death of the husband of Lillie Fortune. She has worked on the front desk at the Aquatic Center for more than three years. Albert Fortune, Jr., died on February 12, 2004. He is survived by his wife and large family, which includes seven children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lillie and Albert were married 47 years.

Greenbelters who happened to watch WJLA (Channel 7) evening news on February 16 were able to get a glimpse of retired Greenbelt Police Officer Doug Sappington in a news clip about the dangers faced by an Iraqi police bomb squad that lacks equipment to disarm bombs. As an advisor to the Iraqi police force, Sappington told of the small rewards he was

able to personally give the men who risked their lives to disarm bombs from vehicles and elsewhere.

Air Force Airman Joseph J. Jaganathan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Jaganathan is the son of Maria Joseph D. Jaganathan of Springhill Drive. He is a 2003 graduate of High Point High School in Beltsville.



The very best wishes to Victor Kirk, Public Works Special Operations supervisor, who retired February 1 after more than 21 years with the city.

Congratulations to the Recreation Department's Celeste May and husband Craig on the birth of their son Joshua Andrew, who weighed in at 9 lbs., 7 oz. Mom and baby are both doing fine.

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

Nat'l Alliance for the Mentally Ill Of Prince George's County announces...
A free, comprehensive 12-week course designed specifically for relatives or friends of persons with major depression, bi-polar illness, or schizophrenia.
Offering:
* Information * Coping skills
* Self care * Emotional support
* Recent research results
Early spring classes in College Park area. Attendance limited to 16. For information call Dorie Arbach at 301-490-0609

Celebrate Black History Month
February 29, 2004 2:30 pm
Voice recital featuring Terry Eberhardt
Baritone
Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal
Organ and Piano
Free will offering
Berwyn Presbyterian Church
6301 Greenbelt Rd. 301-474-7573
(next to McDonald's near Beltway Plaza)

Lenten Soup and Lecture Series
Wednesdays 6:30 - 8PM
March 3 - 31
All are welcome to join a light soup supper followed by a wonderful Bible study led by Dr. Todd Beall from Washinton Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham. The topic is the prophecies of the Messiah found in the Old Testament. Child care is provided. Lecture is free and open to the public.
Berwyn Presbyterian Church
6301 Greenbelt Rd. 301-474-7573
(next to McDonald's near Beltway Plaza)



City Information

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building, Council Room,
Monday, February 23, 2004, 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION
A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Resolution Number 910 to Adopt Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Lights at McDonald Field
- Preliminary Plan of Subdivision-Patriot Office Park
- Application for Transfer of Liquor License-Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Pending State Legislation
- Selection of Audit Services
- Four Cities Letter to the Governor-Raised Median for Route 1
- Review of Proposed Newspaper Vending Box Agreement
- * Resignation from Advisory Group
- * Reappointments to Advisory Group

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

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.

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

ACE READING CLUB
Greenbelt Youth Writing Contest
Students in grades 6 -12 who live in or attend school in Greenbelt are eligible to enter, win prizes and be on Greenbelt Municipal Access TV!
Deadline: February 23, 2004 in the Greenbelt CARES office, 25 Crescent Road.
For more details or to request an entry form 301-345-6660, or visit www.ci.greenbelt.md.us, or e-mail acereadingclub@ci.greenbelt.md.us

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS
301-474-8000: Monday, February 23 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live"
Tuesday & Thursday, February 24th & 26th: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Whole Grain Nutrition" 6:40pm
"Greenbelt in Motion" 7:00pm
"Council of Governments Annual Report" 7:30pm
"ACE Reading Club-Springhill Lake Elementary" 8:15pm
"Replay of Council Meeting"
PUBLIC ACCESS: 301-507-6581: Wednesdays & Fridays. Call for Schedule

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.

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 20, and 21 at 7:00pm
Greenbelt Arts Center
Tickets info - call 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 abelton@ci.greenbelt.md.us to request application materials, or download forms at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. Applications are due February 23.

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

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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

Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, February 7, 7:46 p.m., a victim reported to police that he was walking on Hanover Parkway in the area of Ora Glen Drive when he saw a man loitering ahead. After walking past the man, the man asked the victim for money. He produced a handgun and ordered the victim to turn around. A second man appeared and removed the victim's wallet from his pants pocket. Both men then fled the scene on foot. One robber is described as a black male 20 to 22 years of age, 6', 190 pounds with black hair in chin length braids and a full beard and wearing a black winter coat with fur on the hood and blue jeans. The other robber is described as a black male, 17 to 22 years of age, 5'10", 160 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a white and blue design and a black ski mask.

7500 block Mandan Road, February 12, 10:38 p.m., a victim reported that he was walking to his residence from the parking lot when he was approached from behind by two men, one armed with what appeared to be a shotgun. The other man punched the victim and removed his cellular telephone and wallet from his pockets and took his groceries. The men fled the scene on foot. They are described as black males wearing all black clothing and black coats with hoods. One man also wore a mask.

9100 block Edmonston Road, February 12, 10:46 p.m., the victim reported to police that she was walking to her residence when she was approached from behind by two men, one armed with what appeared to be a shotgun. They demanded the victim's purse and fled the scene on foot. One man is described as a black male, 18 to 19 years of age, with a slim build and a medium complexion, wearing a puffy black coat, black pants and a black hood. There is no description for the other man.

Assault

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, February 9, 12:45 p.m., a 17-year old Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault and disruption of school activities. A School Resource Officer was patrolling a hallway inside the school when he saw a student running down the hallway toward the officer dragging another student behind him. The officer stuck out his hand to avoid the student, at which time the youth struck the officer's arm with his hand and told the officer not to touch him. The youth was released to the school administrators pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

7500 block Greenway Center Drive, February 11, 3:36 p.m., a commercial burglary was reported. 7300 block Morrison Drive, February 11, 6:32 p.m. police received a report that unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of a sliding glass door. Computer equipment, a video game player and video games were taken.

9300 block Edmonston Road, February 11, 8:44 p.m., police received a report that unknown

person(s) entered the residence by unknown means and removed jewelry.

9100 block Edmonston Road, February 11, 10:05 p.m., a woman reported to police that she came home and upon trying to enter her apartment found the chain lock had been put on. She then saw a man inside her apartment. The burglar fled the apartment through the back door. Jewelry was taken. The man is described as a black male, 5'10" with a heavy build, wearing a large green parka type coat.

Vehicle Crimes

6200 block Breezewood Drive, February 10, a Laurel man and a Laurel youth were arrested and charged with theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle following a traffic stop for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department. A computer check revealed that the man had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was also charged with giving a false statement to the police. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the open warrant. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1995 Chrysler Cirrus 4-door sedan from the Beltway Plaza on February 6 and recovered February 11 by the Metropolitan Police Department without arrests; a 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door sedan from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace on February 6 and recovered February 13 by the Prince George's County Police Department in Hyattsville without arrests; a red 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door sedan, Maryland tags LYV227, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane on February 6; a 1989 Oldsmobile Sierra 4-door sedan from Greenway Center on February 6 and recovered February 9 by the Maryland State Police in Bowie without arrests; a burgundy 1989 Toyota Camry 4-door sedan, Maryland tags JNM853, from the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace on February 7; a 1988 Toyota Camry 4-door sedan from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace on February 10 and recovered the same date by the Metropolitan Police Department without arrests; a silver 2004 Chrysler Sebring 4-door sedan, Pennsylvania tags FDP7903 from the 7200 block of Hanover Drive on February 11; a 1994 Plymouth Grand Voyager from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace on February 11 and recovered the same day after a citizen reported to police that he had observed the vehicle being erratically driven at the Greenbelt Metro Station parking lot and had followed the vehicle to the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace where three youths fled from it; a dark blue 1995 Chrysler Century 4-door, Maryland tags JPR884, from the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road on February 12; a 1989 Nissan Maxima 4-door sedan from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace on February 12 and recovered February 12 by

the Maryland State Police in the area of Sunnyside Avenue and Edmonston Road with two arrests made; a red 1989 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags KHW287, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane on February 13 and a navy blue 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags ZFD351, from the 7800 block of Mandan Road on February 13.

Four vehicles previously reported stolen and one set of tags were recovered in various jurisdictions.

Thefts from or vandalism to vehicles occurred during the week ending February 14 in the following locations: 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 100 block Centerway, 50 Court Crescent Road, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9000 block Edmonston Terrace, 7400 block Greenbelt Road, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 8000 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 3 Court Plateau Place, 6 Court Plateau Place, 7 Court Research Road, 34 Court Ridge, 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents), 6200 block Springhill Drive, and 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents).

MDOT Perseveres On Beltway Ramps

A letter from Mayor Judith Davis to Senator Barbara Mikulski that had been referred to Robert L. Flanagan, secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, prompted a response from Flanagan. In a letter dated February 10, Flanagan cites the city's fourfold opposition to construction of new Beltway access ramps to the Greenbelt Metro Station area: 1) the role of the access ramps in supporting traffic growth; 2) the ramps' proximity to the U.S. 1 and Kenilworth Avenue access ramps; 3) concerns about environmental damage; and 4) the use of public funds for private benefit.

Flanagan's letter stresses his department's goal of preserving the capacity of the existing transportation system and asserts that supporting transit-oriented development is a key component in achieving that goal.

Flanagan agrees that sound transit-oriented development "at the Greenbelt Metro Station area would 1) meet a public purpose by accommodating growth in a way that would slow travel demand on the region's road network; 2) minimize impacts on environmental resources by slowing the rate of sprawling growth; 3) create development consistent with the Prince George's County Master Plan; and 4) support the County's goals to bring greater retail and commercial opportunities to the County's citizens."

Although Flanagan concedes that the city of Greenbelt may find it counter-intuitive that investing in new Beltway access ramps would enhance environmentally positive outcomes, he argues that the development of the Greenbelt Metro Station site is unlikely "without improved roadway access. For this reason," Flanagan's letter says, "MDOT will continue to explore enhanced Beltway access opportunities for the Greenbelt Metro Station area."

Safe Driving for Seniors Is GIVES Topic

by Virginia Beauchamp

As promised, GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will sponsor a spring course on safe driving for senior citizens 50 and over to refresh their driving skills. Sometimes recognized by insurance companies in the form of premium discounts, the course is offered nationwide by AARP. The Greenbelt course will be held in the Community Center.

Unlike the eight-hour, one-day course held last October also under GIVES sponsorship, the new offering will consist of two sessions of four hours each on two different days. The first session will be held on Friday, March 5 and the second a week later, on March 12. Both sessions will last from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a one-hour break for lunch. There is a fee for the course workbook.

Class information consists of 11 chapters, including physical changes in the aging driver, poten-

tial trouble spots, driver guidance, safety considerations, road rage and managing driving at intersections and on the freeway. Finally, participants will discuss the sensitive issue of when drivers should retire.

Participants may join the lunch group at the Community Center by reserving ahead of time at 301-397-2208. Restaurants are also within easy walking distance in Roosevelt Center.

Since the providing of transportation for GIVES members is the major form of service sought within the organization, board members at a GIVES meeting on February 13 felt that the recent dangerous, icy, snow-covered roads necessitated a new look at the obligations of drivers to meet previously agreed-upon appointments. The issue will be dealt with at the next quarterly membership meeting scheduled at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21. All GIVES members are invited to attend.

AMERICAN REALTY

NEW LISTING

4-C Plateau Place

UNDER CONTRACT

Three bedroom frame unit with built-in air conditioner, new washer/dryer, new wall-to-wall carpeting, two patios and fenced back yard. **\$99,900**

NEW LISTING

19-U Ridge Road

UNDER CONTRACT

A rare find—three bedrooms, 2 full baths and LARGE ADDITION! This three bedroom BRICK unit has a remodeled kitchen with new appliances and custom cabinets, two new air conditioners and wall-to-wall carpeting. The large addition has a full and separate laundry area. Large storage shed. Call for an appointment!

3-F Ridge Road

UNDER CONTRACT

This two bedroom block unit with vinyl siding has **two** full baths (one on the first floor), new blinds, new refrigerator, fenced yard, storage shed and has fresh paint and refinished floors. **\$114,900**

14-Y Ridge Road

Three bedroom **BRICK** located close to the Center. A remodeled kitchen with extra cabinets, remodeled bathroom, extra shelving in the separate dining room, new storm doors and a fenced yard are just the beginning. **\$149,900**

COMING SOON

3 BEDROOM BLOCK WITH VINYL SIDING

CONGRATULATIONS to Lael Carriere and Jeanne Goshorn on the sale of your GHI unit and **THANK YOU** for doing business with Jeannie Smith

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Jeannie Smith, GRI
Quality and Personal Service
301-345-1091



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structing Cherrywood Lane from Greenbelt Road to Breezewood Drive. The pavement on this stretch of the road is buckling from heavy use. Staff comments concerning the issue pointed out that this new project would serve the same neighborhood as the initial project and support renewed economic development in the area. The repairs could be accomplished along with nearby pedestrian safety improvements paid for by Livable Communities funding.

Staff comments described several problems with the suggestion: 1) Additional traffic control would be necessary during reconstruction of the road. 2) Coordination with the State Highway Administration would be required. 3) The county may not approve the reprogramming of funds, though according to staff it has supported such requests in the past. 4) If the county does approve the change, the amount could be reduced and even if not reduced, staff acknowledged that \$150,000 may not be enough to complete the work.

State Legislation

Council voted to register support formally for several pieces of legislation proposed by state senators or delegates. Council voted to support bills in the state senate and house allowing counties and municipalities to aggregate electric and gas utilities on an opt-out, as opposed to an opt-in, basis. The city has supported the opt-out approach in the past.

Supported by the Maryland Chiefs Association as well as the Greenbelt City Council are bills to make assault on a police officer a felony instead of a misdemeanor. Senate Bill 28 and House Bill 60 would also increase possible penalties for such an offense. New penalties could

be up to 15 years in prison (up from 10) and a fine of up to \$5,000 (up from \$2,500).

Council agreed to communicate to its state delegation support for House Bill 173, which establishes and sets penalties for the crime of homicide by aggressive driving.

A bill drafted for Delegate Justin Ross but not yet introduced would allow counties and municipalities to enter into public or private partnerships to construct or renovate schools. Council followed the recommendation by staff to communicate general support of the concept of the bill to Ross and also to refer the bill for review and comment to Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education.

House Bill 243 would give municipalities a way to make up for cuts in funding from county, state and federal budgets by allowing a local admissions and amusement tax for restaurant sales. Councilmembers had questions about the specifics of this bill and decided therefore to defer action in its support until more information could be obtained. Among the concerns was whether or not the tax would apply to carry-out food, including salad bars at grocery stores.

Skate Board Park

McLaughlin gave council a brief update on progress for the skate board park. He said the 7,200-square-foot skate board park has been outlined with cones and paint. At the time, the park had not been staked because the ground was frozen, he said.

Mayors Meeting

Mayor Judith Davis, who had attended a meeting of the Maryland Mayors Association, gave council a summary consisting mostly of news on funding cuts. She said funds have been cut for highways and Project Open

Absentee Voting Procedures and Election Notes

A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot if the voter will be absent on election day from the county in which the voter is registered because of accident, illness or physical disability; because of confinement in or restriction to an institution; because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family; due to enrollment as a full-time student at an institution of higher education located outside the voter's precinct but within the county of registration and academic requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on Election Day or because of employment by or service as an official of the State Board or local board of elections requiring absence from the precinct in which the voter is registered to vote on Election Day.

A U.S. citizen who lives outside the United States and whose last residence address in this country was in Maryland may also vote in Maryland (in federal elections only) by absentee ballot.

Obtain Absentee Ballot

A voter must apply in writing for an absentee ballot. An application form may be obtained by telephone, 301-952-3270, written request or in person at the voter's local board of elections. An application form may also be printed from the state board of elections website at www.elections.state.md.us. Until seven days before election day, voters can apply by mail: Prince George's County Board of Elections, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Suite 204, Upper

Space. President Bush also has cut community development block grants. Money from these two funds has been used in the past to do road repairs and she is now not sure how roads will be maintained.

Marlboro, MD 20772-3070. Within seven days before an election or on election day a voter or the voters designated agent may only apply in person for an absentee ballot. When the application is processed and the voter determined to be qualified, an absentee ballot will be issued to the voter or voter's agent.

Casting Absentee Ballots

Follow the instructions enclosed with the ballot and return it to the local board of elections. If returned in person, the ballot must be received before the polls close at 8 p.m. on election day. Ballots returned by mail must be received no later than 4 p.m. on the day after election day and must bear a postmark dated before election day.

An overseas ballot for a presidential primary, for a special election or for a general election will be accepted until 4 p.m. on the second Friday after election day, as long as it bears a postmark dated before election day.

A voter qualified to vote by absentee ballot may designate an agent on a form provided by the local board of elections to obtain and return the voter's absentee ballot.

For more information contact the local board of elections at the address earlier in this article.

Election Notes

- According to the Prince George's Board of Elections, there has not been an "influx" of registration, which closed February 10.

- Maryland is a closed primary state. Voters registered as Republicans may vote only for Republican candidates. Voters registered as Democrats may vote only for Democratic candidates. Other recognized parties in Maryland have decided not to hold primary elections to choose their candidates and will use other methods. Therefore, third party

(or unaffiliated) candidates will not appear on the primary ballot. Maryland law prohibits write-in candidates in the primary election.

- Presidential nominees are not elected directly by the voters in the primary. The results of the presidential primary in Maryland for each party will determine how many delegates will be pledged to each candidate at their respective national conventions. The Democratic and Republican primary ballots will list people who are running as delegates to their respective conventions. These are the people who will officially elect their party's presidential nominee.

- The Democratic National Convention will be held on July 26 to 29 in Boston, Mass.

- The Republican National Convention will be held on August 30 to September 2 in New York City.

- Although Carol Moseley-Braun, Richard Gephardt, Joseph Lieberman, Wesley Clark and Howard Dean have withdrawn from the Democratic presidential competition, their names will still appear on the primary ballot along with John Edwards, John Kerry, Dennis Kucinich and Alfred Sharpton. Lyndon La Rouche, Jr., who has sought this office in past years as a candidate for the Liberterian Party, also appears, as well as Mildred Glover from Baltimore.

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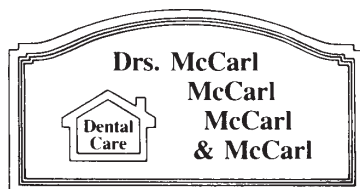
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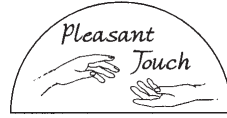
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stones. They taught me if you want to be effective you couldn't do that. Gil was very effective at that. We would go at it on council, but I would always respect him for the way he conducted himself in debates."

Gil Weidenfeld served on the city council for 22 years and was mayor of Greenbelt for 15 years. He has been described as the perfect small-town mayor, straight out of central casting. The genial, astute, fatherly Weidenfeld, an attorney by profession, became an important mentor for Tom White.

GHI Politics

When Tom first came to Greenbelt in 1959, just out of the navy, he wasn't particularly attracted to politics. However, like many Greenbelters he found his interest sparked by participation in the housing cooperative, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). He and his family moved into 21 Court Ridge, where he found that "in GHI people come at you from all quarters."

A lawyer named Bill Helm, his across-the-court neighbor, "was my introduction to life in GHI." Helm, a member of the GHI board during one of the cooperative's more turbulent periods, attracted a following although it was seen by others as being a negative force. Among his numerous targets was the Greenbelt News Review, which he saw as wielding a sinister influence in the city.

Tom recalled Helm as "a fairly controversial figure . . . like a crusader. I thought he went overboard. The zealotry. He would personalize things. I was just captivated by the intrigue. The contrast with his family was incredible. His wife was the sweetest thing, raising two or three children just like we were."

At first Tom served on the GHI Audit Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. Then he became a member of the Board of Directors. He sometimes clashed with Charlie Schwan, the pipe-smoking, intellectual GHI president, who held strong opinions and didn't suffer fools gladly. "Like me, Charlie Schwan had a temper. I will never forget . . . at one point he said [to a group that had come before the GHI board]: 'I don't want this issue bungled by a bunch of ham-handed amateurs.'"

The conflicts between Schwan and Tom White continued later when the two served on the city council together. Tom commented: "Charlie was an interesting person to work with in any venture. To be frank, there was always tension. I think he viewed me as sort of a young Turk. I wouldn't say he was threatened by me, but I always got the impression he wanted to be in control. Tom White was too independent for Charlie," he said. "I think what held it together was that both of us were friends with Nat Shinderman." Shinderman, often considered the conscience of GHI, was one of the cooperative's founders and a long-term GHI board member noted for his oratorical skills. "He would come to me as a sort of emissary from Charlie and vice versa. Nat I viewed as a mentor. He was always interested in me and supportive, helping me at GHI. Nat was there to sort of calm me down or help me think through an issue.

"With Charlie at GHI, sparks flew. On council, it was only if we were on opposite sides. Coun-

cil is different from GHI. You're always in the public eye. You can't always be recalcitrant. You can't disguise it, people will be looking at how you conduct yourself on the dais. You really have to keep that in mind."

City Council

In 1969 Tom White ran for the city council. Ed Smith, a lawyer who later became a judge in the county district court, was mayor at that time. He was known to end meetings no later than 10 o'clock, no matter what was going on, so that he and his cronies could go over to the American Legion for a drink. Also on council at the time were future mayors Richard "Dick" Pilski and Richard Castaldi. The latter was also eventually elected to the Prince George's County Council.

Tom said of his first race for the city council, "I was not elected. That was an awakening. It threw me into the connection with the Richard Pilskis and Ed Smiths of the world. Ed Smith was sort of like the Old Boy network. He was a local attorney and into the political scene. He was a glad-hander, a good politician. He was even-tempered, you couldn't rile him. It was as if politics had a life of its own for them. Everything was political. You don't make a move unless there's some advantage, upside or downside."

Elected to Council

In 1973 Tom ran for council again and won. He joined the Jaycees and Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt. The latter "was a community-based organization just keeping an eye on what Park and Planning (M-NCPPC) might be doing to Greenbelt. M-NCPPC was doing a plan for the Greenbelt-College Park area, a devastating plan. They were projecting a population of 60,000 to 80,000 in Greenbelt by the end of the century. They wanted to make Ridge and Crescent arterial roads rather than feeder roads.

"At that time in Prince George's County the largest industry was real estate. When the federal government got out of the town business and sold Greenbelt . . . it was almost like vultures were flying over Greenbelt to get some of that choice property."

This property included the vacant lands, woodlands and former farms and other open areas that made up the original "greenbelt" that had given the town its name. The planners of Greenbelt had intended this land would remain as a buffer zone forever, but many of the low-income citizens who had banded together to purchase their homes from the federal government and form the housing cooperative were dazzled by the prospect of the money the sale of the land could bring in. Few of them had ever had any experience as landowners.

As Tom recalled, "Not only local developers but outside development interests, New York developers [were interested]. Two camps formed in GHI. One wanted to sell the vacant land, the other wanted to hold on to the land."

Ultimately most of the land was sold. This "laid the groundwork for all the struggles of the last 50 years. The sale of that land." The city council soon found itself battling "to keep the developers at bay and try to regain the greenbelt. When I look back, the community has done an amazing job of keeping them at bay."

Al Herling

One citizen who frequently testified before the city council, although he never ran for office, was the late Al Herling, whose son Konrad Herling was elected to council last fall. Tom recalled Al Herling as "a combination of a union organizer and an erudite protector of the Constitution. The bas reliefs at the Community Center - when I see those bas reliefs, the first person I think of is Al Herling, because Al could translate the Greenbelt experience into personal freedoms. When he'd come before city council, whether about a budget issue or . . . support for the arts, it was in Al's nature to argue it from the standpoint of what Greenbelt means in terms of people's individual liberties. Greenbelt was like a personification of the Bill of Rights to him."

News Review

I asked Tom, who has at times been critical of the News Review, how he saw the role of the paper in Greenbelt. He replied, "It still affects the new people coming into Greenbelt. We see them at city council. They want to serve on the advisory boards. They give unsolicited testimonials to the News Review. It gives a great view of the community. I think that it reflects the great struggles over 50 years. The News Review is the glue. Can you imagine how we would communicate? Greenbelt would be a totally different place."

With evident self-restraint he acknowledged that Greenbelt's paper has not been universally popular. "If you're going to be

the communicator, you would expect somebody isn't going to like the news. The paper is not controversial in the sense of corruption, power, abuse but more in terms of what a person might read."

As for the paper's news editor and grande dame Elaine Skolnik, whose natural diplomacy is matched only by her skills as an investigative reporter, she too appears to have been in a sense one of Tom's mentors, in that "Elaine was another person who was always trying to mediate between Charlie [Schwan] and me. Elaine could always talk to me. A lot of times Elaine would call me and sort of get my side of the story and we would talk about 'Charlie feels this.' Later on, Elaine and I would just have conversations about issues. She's sort of the go-to person for land-use and planning decisions, the News Review's expert on land use. She could always root out the documentation behind an issue, say 'This is what it means.'"

From Africa to Jazz

Osubi Craig, percussionist, will perform at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. Craig, the artistic and musical director of Dromatala Hand and Stick Percussion, demonstrates musical styles of traditional West Africa and their impact on modern day hip-hop and jazz. This free program is part of the informal, interactive series "Take Five."

Job Fair at College On February 28

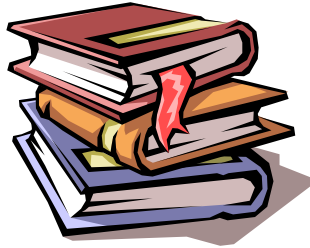
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and Prince George's Community College will co-sponsor the annual Diversity Career Job Fair on Saturday, February 28. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Largo Student Center on the main campus at 301 Largo Road.

Approximately 50 vendors and prospective employers from local government and business organizations have signed up to participate. In past years the job fair has attracted thousands of area residents with interests in a wide variety of occupations, including professional, para-professional, technical, health care, finance, administrative/clerical, protective services and service/maintenance areas. Job seekers are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes.

No pre-registration is necessary for this free event. For more information, contact the M-NCPPC Employment and Testing Office at 301-454-1411, 301-454-1406 or visit their website at www.mncppc.org.

African Folktales At Marietta House

Marietta House Museum will present a selection of African folktales and songs on Sunday, February 22 at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of stories with Ayinde Martin and Aaron Wolfe from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation African American Interpretation Department. Light refreshments will be served. For reservations or information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544. There is a fee.



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WHEN: The workshop will be offered twice:
Saturday, March 13 9:00 a.m. to noon Tuesday, March 16 6:30-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Greenbelt Community Center
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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

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