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Friends New School Receives Qualified Council Approval

by Marat Moore

Groundbreaking for the Friends Community School (FCS) could take place by this summer and the school could open its doors to as many as 200 students by fall 2006. School representatives reported this schedule in answer to questions about the detailed site plan (DSP) at a February 14 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council attended by about a dozen school officials, project representatives, Greenbelt parents and other local supporters.



An architectural rendering of the new Friends Community School shows off the environmentally-friendly features that are planned, including straw-bale construction, a "green" roof and radiant floors.

City staff recommended approval of the DSP with conditions, following review of a report submitted by the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB).

Currently located in College Park, the Friends Community School assumed ownership of the property located in the former Jaeger Tract adjacent to Green-

belt Park but outside the city limits in an unincorporated area. The proposed development is located off Westchester Park Drive near the Westchester Park residential area on land the city had hoped would be added to the park.

In February 2004 the Prince George's County Planning Board approved a preliminary plan of

subdivision for a one-story, 24,300-square-foot private school, two temporary classroom buildings, a 20,000-square-foot recreation area and a ball field. The current site plan proposes to consolidate the activity area and ballfield into one 20,000 square-foot recreation area in the north-

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City Council, Peters Seek To Expedite Work on GMS

The Greenbelt City Council held a stakeholder meeting with representatives of the Prince George's County school board on January 26. Board of Education members Abby Crowley and Jose Morales attended with a number of school system senior staff. Topics included renovation plans at Greenbelt Middle School, the future of Springhill Lake Elementary School and overcrowding and boundary issues.

Middle School

Renovation plans at Greenbelt Middle School have been on the books for years. Yet each year it gets moved farther and farther away. Tony Liberatore, chief administrator for Support Services in the school system, stated that the renovation is now planned for FY2009 construction. Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters had obtained \$1 million to be used for planning. Mayor Judith Davis asked Liberatore if any planning had begun. He indicated that since \$1 million was not enough to complete the planning, the money was just being held.

Davis indicated that the city council had asked to have the funds used toward critical repairs in the historic part of the structure if funding was inadequate to undertake a meaningful part of the planning. Councilmember Edward Putens had brought a list of needed repairs provided by

the principal. Liberatore indicated that the principal should have communicated with his office. Putens responded that it was his understanding that many of these items had been in the workorder process for some time.

Mayor Cheye Calvo of Berwyn Heights stated that he had graduated from Greenbelt Middle School and that some of these problems were evident even when he was a student there. Calvo indicated that the FY2009 date was "incredibly inadequate." He is very interested in assuring that the date does not continue to slip.

Lori Morris, from Peters' staff, stated that Peters has been trying to get Greenbelt Middle School renovations moved into the FY2007 budget. But she noted that state funding has been drastically cut. Liberatore indicated that he would look at the repair list and see what could be done out of current funds but that he has to wait for direction from the county council before the \$1 million can be touched.

SHL Elementary

There was some discussion about the plans for Springhill Lake apartments and the subsequent change to Springhill Lake Elementary. One possibility is having both the elementary and the

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Community Feedback Sought On Greenbelt Station Plans

by Elaine Skolnik and James Giese

In early March, two events are expected to take place that may restart the planning and development process for Greenbelt Station, the massive complex of residences and commercial facilities to be located at and south of the Greenbelt Metro Station along the east side of the CSX and Metrorail tracks.

On Wednesday, March 2, Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, is planning to hold an interactive design review on plans for the south core (A.H. Smith tract) as a community outreach effort and as a way to obtain community input into the development plans. Also expected to take place in early March is consideration by the Prince George's Planning Board of Greenbelt Metropark's request for reconsideration of approval of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of development for Greenbelt Station.

According to Sandra Gallagher, project manager for Greenbelt Metropark, it is the firm's intention to invite everyone from nearby communities to provide public feedback at the interactive design review. The firm's architects will be there to present the

developer's plans. As of February 19 the time and place for this meeting had not been set, according to Gallagher.

Greenbelt Metropark is seeking input from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and city planning staffs as well. The developer is proceeding first with detailed plans for what is called the South Core of the Greenbelt Station tract – the tract of land formerly the home of the A. H. Smith sand and gravel operations located south of the Metro station and north of Greenbelt Road.

Reconsideration

Both Gallagher and André Green, attorney for the Prince George's Planning Board, have indicated that they expect the board to take up Greenbelt Metropark's request for reconsideration and modification of the approval of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station. Previously approved by both the board and Prince George's County Council, the approvals were reversed by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals upon appeal by the City of Greenbelt. That court ruled

that under its own law the county is required to make a finding that there are adequate roads to serve the new development either in place or set forth in an officially approved plan. However, the approval for Metroland was contingent on such roads being in place at a later date. Most significantly needed to serve the property and not yet officially included within any plan are ramps to be built from the Capital Beltway to the property for traffic coming from

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What Goes On

Monday, February 21 – Presidents' Day Commemoration, City and GHI offices closed
Tuesday, February 22 2 to 8 p.m., City Blood Drive, Council Chambers, Municipal Building
Thursday, February 24 7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Post Office Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for the new Greenbelt Post Office on Ora Glen Drive and Hanover Parkway will take place on Monday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m. Preparation work has already begun.

Congressman Hoyer Meets With Local City Leaders

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis was among several municipal heads who met with Congressman Steny Hoyer on February 7. According to Hoyer's office, the congressman "wanted to hear about the issues of importance to the communities in Prince George's County." City leaders from Bowie, Berwyn Heights, Eagle Harbor, Hyattsville, Laurel, New Carrollton, Riverdale Park and University Park also attended.

In the meeting Hoyer discussed the newly released federal budget and its likely impact on municipalities. Hoyer said the new budget makes "drastic cuts" to programs that send federal funds to municipalities. Community Development Block Grants and local law enforcement and fire department grants are among those affected, he said.

The mayors shared concerns about homeland security funding and the need for inter-agency communication, especially during

emergencies. They also found common ground in seeking funding for the No Child Left Behind Act and other educational needs. Davis said she made Hoyer aware of the impact this act has had on Greenbelt.

The act requires the county to provide transportation at parental request to an alternate school when the ordinary school falls below certain standards. Davis said that in Prince George's County this requirement resulted in greater spending on school busing than occurred when busing was used to create racial balance in schools. Davis also said that because of the No Child Left Behind Act, 135 more students enrolled last fall in Greenbelt Middle School and that school officials there were unprepared for the influx.

Funding for transportation was also of concern to the mayors' group. Davis said Hoyer

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Wood Work Wonders and Folk Tale Zingers

by Agnes Conaty

What would you do on a Super Bowl Sunday aside from preparing the chicken wings, hotdogs and drinks? For Greenbelters, it would be to drop by the Greenbelt Community Center, not for a pre-game show but something even better. It was the Artful Afternoon shindig.

Since I came from another function, I barely caught up with the wood work sculptures and peg board projects conducted by Steve Bernheisel, an up-and-coming wood work instructor in the area. He prepared pine wood base and several wooden cylinders, cones and cubes for youngsters and parents to assemble and hammer together. Some young wood workers opted to make peg boards for game pieces. The workshop was packed with families finishing their masterpieces until it was time to wrap up and watch the folk concert in the gymnasium.

I was glad that my husband Austin followed because it was a treat to listen to Sparky and Rhonda Rucker's catchy tunes and stories about railroads, rabbits, Native Americans and African Americans. Sparky has a gift for story telling, humor and guitar, banjo and, yes, spoon playing. Rhonda likewise played the harmonica and banjo with gusto. Her voice was in perfect harmony with Sparky's. Their bluegrass and folk music sounded so melodious that we tapped our feet and sang along with some of the tunes and we kept singing even after the show. The Ruckers have a busy touring schedule for most of the year, visiting schools, folk festivals, concert halls, libraries, parks and community centers.

Next on our schedule was the opening reception of Bruce



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

At top left, Rhonda and Sparky Rucker with banjo and guitar, respectively, entertain the Greenbelt audience with folk songs and bluegrass.

Above, one of Bruce Guliuzza's wood and bronze sculptures.

At left, wood working instructor Steve Bernheisel (right) admires Mia's peg board project at the workshop.



PHOTOS BY AGNES CONATY

Gugliuzza's wood sculpture at the Community Center Gallery. According to the artist, his pieces, made out of walnut and mahogany and some touches of bronze, were assemblages of microscopic organisms brought to life with the artist's spark of creativity and with sizes blown to macrocosmic proportions.

We tried to catch the watercolor exhibit of Shayna Sara Skolnik at the Municipal Building Gallery but the building was closed when we got there. We

read that her paintings of quaint shops and ordinary life in Seville, Spain, were a sight to see.

To get the buzz on the upcoming Artful Afternoons, drop by the first Sunday of each month at the Greenbelt Community Center. For sure, you will come home learning a new tune or a craft or meeting a new friend. There is always something for everyone at Artful Afternoon.

On Screen

The Aviator Lands

"The Aviator" lands in full panoply at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, February 18. Weighing in at 166 minutes, the redoubtable Leonardo DeCaprio stars in this widely-heralded biopic of Howard Hughes, the late billionaire flyer, innovator and ladies man who became both an outsized Hollywood director – and a deeply troubled recluse. Director Martin Scorsese and writer Josh Jogan, with Cate Blanchett as the influential Katherine Hepburn, try to get at the heart and guts of the Hughes story. Part of that involves a high-level battle to keep once high-flying PanAm from winning a Washington-blessed monopoly on international flights. Adding more star power in this vitriolic episode are Alan Alda and Alec Baldwin. Many of the film's participants are being plumped for upcoming Oscar awards; a rating of PG-13 is due to thematic elements, sexual content, nudity, language and a crash sequence.

– Eli Flam

View & discuss Unconstitutional: The War On Our Civil Liberties

Sunday, February 20, 6 pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Award-winning film on the post-PATRIOT Act abuses of the rights of citizens and immigrants, plus a panel discussion on how to resist.

More at www.justpeace-pgmd.org
Peace & Justice Coalition
301-577-2350

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Feb. 18
THE AVIATOR (PG-13)

Friday
*4:30, 8:00

Saturday
*1:00, *4:30, 8:00

Sunday
*1:00, *4:30, 8:00

Monday-Thursday
*4:15, 7:45

*These shows at \$5.00

301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Greenbelt Elementary School Kindergarten Expo and School Tour

When: February 23, 2005, 9:30-11:30am
Where: Greenbelt Elementary School Conference Room

Take this opportunity to learn all that your wonderful neighborhood school has to offer. We'll give you a picture of life for your kindergartener in the school community. You will have an opportunity to talk with our principal, kindergarten teachers and PTA members. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

A school tour will be provided.

Questions: Call Jeff Morissette at 240-432-0087

Letters

THANKS!

The family of Paul Rousseau, Jr., would like to acknowledge and gratefully thank all the friends and neighbors who were so caring and supportive in our time of sorrow. Your kindness shown in so many different ways is certainly appreciated and will always be remembered.

We would particularly like to thank Fr. Walter Tappe of St. Hugh's, the Knights of Columbus, the Greenbelt American Legion, the Prince George's County Fire Department and the City of Greenbelt.

A very special heartfelt thanks to the men and women of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Ladies Auxiliary who by their actions exemplified so completely that the bond of brotherhood is never broken.

Thank you.

The Rousseau Family



PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, February 24, 2005
GHI BOARD ROOM
7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Landscape Maintenance Contract – 2nd Reading
- Change of April meeting dates

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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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.

City Blood Drive On February 22

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 22 from 2 to 8 p.m.

The continuing need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout. People who have not been contacted by the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. As at the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for appointees who fail to show.

Explore Senior Services

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Christal Parker Batey on Friday, February 25. Batey is the community resource advocate for the City of Greenbelt and her topic is "A Kaleidoscope of Senior Services." This program will provide participants with an overview of programs and services available to Greenbelt residents through the city, Prince George's County and the State of Maryland. Services such as the homeowners property tax credit, renter's rebate, Maryland pharmacy assistance, benefit check up, the Greenbelt nursing project, homebound book program, medical assistance and food stamps are just a few of the topics to be discussed.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. The programs are open to the public and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Nursery School Open House Feb. 26

Greenbelt Nursery School will begin accepting applications for school year 2005 – 2006 at an open house on Saturday, February 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The school is a parent co-operative offering classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

Greenbelt Nursery School is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and 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 website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk.

GHI Notes

February 21, GHI offices will be closed for Presidents Day. Emergency maintenance will be available that day by calling 301-474-6011.

February 22, Ad Hoc Greenbelt Community Fund meeting at 7:30 p.m.

February 23, Historic District Worksession, 7 p.m.

February 24, GHI board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

February 26, Pre-purchase orientation, 11 a.m.

All meetings are in the Board Room.

Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
President Betty Maher opened the Golden Age Club meeting in regular form on February 9. Janet Brown was the greeter for the day.

We enjoyed the Red Hat Ladies who gave information, told stories and did some line dancing. There are some groups in Greenbelt and many nationwide.

There is a trip to the American Indian Museum in April – with lots of room on a big bus!

We send thoughts and good cheer to Arlene Souser, Rose Haber, Florence Holly, Betty Deitch and others who are unable to attend meetings at this time. Hope to see you all out soon.

We do have interesting meetings and other activities and lots of socializing – come join us.

Goddard Hosts "Eyes on the Sky"

In honor of the World Year of Physics 2005, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center invites the public to a special series of lectures and discussions on cosmology and astrophysics with some of the world's leading scientists. These lectures, "Eyes on the Sky – Peeking into the Universe's Past, Fathoming the Future," are open to the public but are geared to the high school/college level and above.

All lectures will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 12 at the Goddard Visitor Center. While the events are free, registration is required. For more information or to register for an event, visit <http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/eyesonthesky/> or call 301-286-8102.

The lecture on February 24 features James S. Gates, Jr., the John S. Toll Professor of Physics and director of the Center for String and Particle theory of the University of Maryland, College Park who will present "Uncle Al: Use the Dark Energy, Luke." Recent astronomical observations have revealed an astonishing fact – what Albert Einstein once described as the "biggest blunder" of his scientific career appears now to be an undeniable feature of the universe. Dark energy, a mysterious property of empty space, seems to be pushing the universe apart at an ever increasing rate.

Even though Uncle Al(bert) may have been more on the right track after all, the discovery of cosmic acceleration has put some particle theorists in a most uncomfortable position: dark energy seems to be incompatible with superstring/M-theory, the main candidate for a fundamental theory of nature for the past 20 years. This talk will explain why superstring/M-theory is believed to be compelling and present the challenge to its picture of the "Elegant Universe" it must now confront.

Teeth Seminar Presented by GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program will present a seminar, "Let's Talk Teeth" by Bonnie Bethea, a registered dental hygienist. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 1 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of Green Ridge House at 22 Ridge Road. All are welcome. To register call Belicia Swinson at 240-542-2036.

Preventive Stroke Screenings Offered

Residents living in and around Greenbelt can be screened to help reduce the risk of stroke at the Community Center on February 28. Life Line screenings will begin by appointment at 9 a.m.

Stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, the second among women. Through preventive screening, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast and painless. There is a fee. The screenings use ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta and hardening of the arteries in the legs which are a strong predictor of heart disease.

Bone density screenings to assess risk for osteoporosis are also offered for an additional fee. Each screening requires 10 minutes or less to complete.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment call Life Line 1-800-697-9721. Pre-registration is required.

At the Library

Monday, February 21 all libraries will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

Tuesday, February 22, 10:30 a.m. – Storytime for newborns to 23 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 23, 10:30 a.m. – Daytime Storytimes for ages 24 to 34 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Thursday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. Daytime Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20.

Help GIAC Enlarge Range of Classes

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC), a nonprofit group that fosters public education in the use of computers, is seeking new course ideas and personnel for classes on internet and computer topics. In the past, class topics have included basic and advanced email, computer shopping, website construction, internet security, controlling spam, free alternatives to Microsoft software, inexpensive graphics programs and data compression.

Class teachers will receive either a small honorarium or credit to their GIAC account. GIAC's vice president will assist in class preparation. Prospective teachers and those with course suggestions should contact GIAC by email at giac@greenbelt.com or phone 301-419-8044.

Park Celebrates Negro Leagues

Greenbelt Park celebrates Black History Month with a tribute to lasting contributions of the Negro leagues on American society. Meet at the campground ranger station on Saturday, February 26, 10 a.m.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or check the park's website at www.nps.gov/gree/.

Civil Liberties Film Shown on Sunday

The next Peace and Justice Coalition film in the Progressive Film Series will be "Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties." It will be shown on Sunday, February 20 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room. A panel discussion will follow led by ACLU-National Capital Area director Johnny Barnes.

This documentary film weaves legal and policy analysis with vignettes of true crimes perpetrated by law enforcement officials, high and low, authorized by the USA Patriot Act and related rules and orders to sidestep traditional constitutional protections.

While the film dramatizes the gravity of the nationwide threat to citizens and immigrants' rights, the panelists will bring the issue closer to home by relating how neighbors have been abused and how local activists and local governments are trying to resist unconstitutional federal policies.

For further information contact the Peace and Justice Coalition at justpeacepg@earthlink.net or at 301-577-2350.

Car Seat Check At Capitol Cadillac

The Safe Kids Coalition of Prince George's County will be conducting a car seat safety check on Saturday, February 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Capitol Cadillac, 6500 Capitol Drive, Greenbelt. This is in conjunction with the National Safe Kids – Child Passenger Safety Week. Come by and have car seats checked. There will be smoke detectors, various informative items and several giveaways.

Brain Workout Games at Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Strategy Games Club meets every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Participants currently range in age from 7 to 65 and all enjoy playing a variety of games.

People who enjoy one-on-one strategy, like checkers, chess, backgammon, etc. may want to try the game GO. Local Green-belt resident Tom Teutsch will be more than happy to teach new players how to play. Those who prefer teamwork would enjoy games like Quinto. How about solving mysteries? Who killed Brother Adelmo anyway? Play "Mystery of the Abbey" to figure this one out. How about games in which the rules change all the time? Then try "Fluxx." Become a knight, a robber, a monk or a farmer while building cities, roads, monasteries or farmlands and see who the Carcassonne winner is.

These games and more are available to learn and play every Tuesday night at the Youth Center. There is no fee to join, just show up and be ready for a brain workout (and exercise facial muscles by smiling and laughing) and have loads of fun at the same time.

Call 301-397-2208 ext. 2054 for more information or email khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov.

INDOOR FLEA MARKET
Green Ridge House
22 Ridge Road
February 26,
10am until 2pm

GREENBELT BASEBALL



Registration for New Players
Greenbelt Youth Center
Saturday, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, Mar. 5
10 a.m. to noon

Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch
Born 8-1-96 thru 1998
and

Major League Players
Born 8-1-92 thru 7-31-96
Contact Greg Fisanich, 301-441-4647
e-mail: Jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org

Fees:
Resident \$30 Sibling \$20
Non-Resident \$60 Sibling \$30
Copy of birth certificate is required.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Clinic for NEW Major League Players
Sat., March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon
at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway

Obituaries

Elda Ciatto

Elda L. Ciatto, 91, a 45-year resident of Greenbelt died of natural causes on February 4, 2005. She lived at 3-E Research Road. For the last three years she lived in the Annapolitan Assisted Living Community in Annapolis.

Mrs. Ciatto was born December 15, 1913, in Washington D.C., where she lived and attended school. She was a homemaker and former member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church. An avid Redskins fan, she also enjoyed singing, cooking for her neighbors and flowers. In 1941 she married Emilio Ciatto, her husband of 45 years, who died November 29, 1986. Her brother Attilio Sperty also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Arthur Ciatto of Darnestown, Md.; three daughters, Catherine Ciatto of Monrovia, Md., Sandra Ciatto Canine of Chesapeake Beach and Nancy Ciatto Nelson of Edgewater; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held at Kalas Funeral Home on February 4, 2005. Burial followed at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton.

Paul Rousseau, Jr.

When I think of Paul and June Rousseau, one word immediately comes to mind – love.

Their children were always given and shown an abundance of unconditional love. So it is that they have given and shown the same to their children.

Paul was the strict disciplinarian in the family, the "heavy" one might say. His firm voice, beliefs and his words to live by were honesty, integrity, respect of others, kindness, always do your best and yes, that word again, love. June was Paul's true love and the matriarch of the family. Her grace, charm, gentleness, elegance, kindness and warmth were always displayed, no matter what the circumstance. There is a saying, "behind every great man, there is a great woman." Paul and June Rousseau, always together – as it is now.

Paul loved the Greenbelt Fire Department. He was a past president, a valued trustee, a life member and served on various committees. In a different way Paul was the "heavy" once again at the firehouse. He believed

strongly in following the rules and regulations. Many times the younger membership didn't quite agree or just plain didn't "get it" with Paul's way of thinking or reasoning. Paul always set a good example, showed strong leadership, respect, promoted good will and was as honest as the day is long. If one were to ask the younger membership back then what they thought of Paul Rousseau there would be only one word – respect.

Today these young men and women can finally see and understand why Paul voted, thought and acted the way he did. He was always a shining example to follow.

Friday night bingo, Paul was always there. At times, "needling" the little ladies but always with respect and great humor. The highlight of some of those Friday nights was playing poker after bingo and cleanup duties with Heinz Leibe, Jack Snoddy, Ben, Jack Reynolds, Dave Hissey, Jim Bordas and occasionally Bud Zoellner. I really think they laughed and joked around more than they played cards. They were a fine group of men.

Bingo and poker were not Paul's only social activities. There was the Greenbelt American Legion on Saturday nights. We called those gatherings our board meetings. Talk about laughter and fun, there was an abundance of both. If memory serves me correctly, we were many times close to being asked to "move on." Attending our

"board" meetings were Jack and Maria, Jim and Pauline, Bud and Lill, Paul Williams, Ben, Paul and June, Jack and myself.

Paul had worked for the Singer Company for many years. During that era Paul worked with a very dynamic, energetic fast-talking spitfire we nicknamed "Tiger Lill." She lived up to her name, comical traits and all. Invariably Paul or both the Jacks would set the stage for jokes and pranks involving Lill. It was all done in good fun and Lill loved every minute of it.

Paul was a great protector. I remember the trip with the gang to the wild, wild west. There Paul was guarding and protecting June in Death Valley as she so daintily watered the cacti. Paul was also the greatest protector of his children. Should a wrong choice or decision be made, Paul set the record straight but always with love and respect. They knew when Dad meant business.

Now, with great sorrow, there is one more angel to add to our "Band of Angels." Paul will be among the best of the best. They are Jack Snoddy, Jackie, Bud, Daddy George, J. Paul, Bob and Kay, Geno, Jack Reynolds, Jim, Mike Marcus, Joey, June and Betty.

– Kathryn D. Reynolds

(This eulogy from which the above excerpts were taken was given at the funeral home. Paul Rousseau, Jr., died February 2, 2005. The funeral was held at St. Hugh's Church on February 9, 2005.)

Dialogue Technique Introduced on Mon.

There will be an introduction to David Bohm's dialogue technique on Monday, February 21 at the Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dialogue technique is a way of approaching conversations and resolving differences in a way that validates the points of view of all parties involved. After the introduction participants will join in a dialogue with the topic "I'm not the President. How can I help achieve peace in the world?"

Refreshments will be served afterward and participants will be invited to provide feedback about their experience.

For more information or to register call Neil McConlogue at 301-345-6314 or Jay Evans at 301-486-4595 or email mcfarb@britsys.net.

Mowatt Holds Open Study Group

A Lenten study group about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, will be held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road on Wednesdays through March 23 at 6:45 p.m. Soup and sandwiches are provided to participants at 6 p.m. Contact the church for details at 301-474-9410.

Interactive Dance At Smith Center

The American Bolero Dance Company will take part in interactive demonstrations of flamenco, bolero and other Spanish dances on Tuesday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland. The free program will be held in the Laboratory Theatre.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
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February 20, 10 a.m.
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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
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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
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10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
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Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410 www.gbqm-umc.org/mowatt
Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
8:45 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesday 12:15 p.m. Lenten Service
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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322
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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

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Our sympathy to the Rousseau family on the death of their father, Paul Rousseau, Jr.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former long-time Greenbelter, Elda Ciatto.

Guinevere E. Granite, daughter of David Granite and Mary Lou Oster-Granite of Lakeside Drive, has been named to the Merit List at Kenyon College for the first semester of the 2004-2005 academic year. A graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Granite is a senior majoring in anthropology at Kenyon, a private liberal arts college in Gambier, Ohio.

Mauricia Arnollene Baird, daughter of Keirl Austin, has been named to the fall 2004 Dean's List at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va.

Congratulations to Timeka Anderson, on earning Springhill Lake's Employee of the Year 2004 award and to Kathy Merritt on her appointment to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Radio Department as senior manager for program investments.

Alexander Jacob Joshua Stern was born in the early hours of February 4, 2005. Son of Allon and Christa Stern, he is younger brother to Joshua Aaron who was born two years ago in the big snowstorm (remember?). The proud grandparents are Audrey and David Stern of Lakeside. Allon himself was born in Greenbelt on the same day in 1970 that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the "Greenbelt News Review," ending a stormy libel case (remember?). The baby's parents reside in Purcellville, Va. Allon is a software engineer. Alexander Jacob weighed 5 lb, 1 oz. He had blond straight hair on top.

Children's Fun Day At Botanic Garden

Bring children for an adventure at the U.S. Botanic Garden on Sunday, February 27. Through songs, stories, a play and hands-on activities, discover what are invasive weeds and what can be done about them. There will be an opportunity to meet and have pictures taken with Woodsie the Owl. Children's Fun Day will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. The event is free and registration is not required.

Children's Fun Day is co-sponsored by the Invasive Weeds Coalition, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior and the U.S. Botanic Garden. The Botanic Garden is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, S.W. at the foot of the U.S. Capitol. Further information is available by calling 202-225-8333 or visiting the website at www.usbg.gov.

NHS Students Perform at U. of Md.

Drama students of the Jim Henson School of Arts, Media and Communications at Northwestern High School, Hyattsville will read their poems accompanied by music composed by Dr. Christopher Patton and performed by students from the University of Maryland School of Music and the composer. The free concert will be held on Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, February 21, in observance of Presidents' Day.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 21

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 25.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005

2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

25 Crescent Road

Council Chamber-2nd Floor

Please contact 1-800-givelife to schedule your Life Saving Donation!

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

Arts Advisory Board

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT and GREENBELT ARTS CENTER present

THE JOY GODS RETURN

A NEW MUSICAL

by Chris Cherry

Performance dates: February 18, 19, 20, 25 and 26. All shows are at 7:00 pm at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Ticket price is \$5. Purchase tickets in person or by phone at the Community Center business office at 15 Crescent Road between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Phone: 301-397-2208.

The Joy Gods Return is an original musical set in present-day New York, featuring flashbacks to a 1934 show-within-the-show. It is performed by a cast of 30 talented teenagers, directed by Greenbelt author/composer Chris Cherry.

Teen Night @ GAFCC!

FEBRUARY 26, 7:45PM

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
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Admittance to the pool is only \$1.00 per teen (13-18 years old)

Bring your friends and plan to have a great night!

Questions? Call the pool:

301-397-2204

YARD WASTE & REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGES

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Effective March 1, 2005, leaves and yard waste will no longer be collected in plastic bags.

Instead, these materials

MUST BE PLACED IN PAPER YARD BAGS OR YARD WASTE BINS.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Effective March 1, 2005,

trash containers must be placed on the STREET SIDE FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES AND

SERVICE SIDE FOR GHI RESIDENCES

by 7AM on your collection day.

Containers must be placed on an

all-weather surface and must be serviceable

by an all-weather access route.

Every residential refuse collection customer should have received a flyer explaining these changes. (Flyers were mailed to single family residents with their January refuse bill and delivered door-to-door to GHI residents.) If you did not receive this flyer, please call Public Works at 301-474-8004.

If I were Mayor Essay Contest

Open to all Maryland 4th Grade Students! One winner from each of the 11 Districts will win a \$250 savings bond.

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Visit www.md-municipal.org for more information.

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ACE READING CLUB PRESENTS A YOUTH WRITING CONTEST

Open to students in grades 6-12 who live or attend school in Greenbelt

WIN CASH PRIZES AND PRESENT YOUR WORK ON THE LOCALLY TELEVISED "GREENBELT YOUTH LITERARY SHOWCASE"

Entries must be received by Monday, February 28th at the Greenbelt CARES office at 25 Crescent Road. For more information or for a registration form call 301-345-6660.

Rules will be posted at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Attention Greenbelt Community Groups:

The City of Greenbelt offers in-kind services and financial assistance to Greenbelt community groups in support of the cultural, recreational and service opportunities which they provide for Greenbelt residents. New and existing organizations wishing to request support for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 are invited to contact Anne Marie Belton at 301-474-8000 or abelton@greenbeltmd.gov to request a Recognition Group Application (for in-kind support) or a Contribution Group Application (for in-kind and financial support). Applications are also available at the City of Greenbelt website: www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. Certain eligibility restrictions apply: consult the Policy Information Sheet for Recognition and Contribution Groups, also available at the website, for further details. Completed applications are due February 24, 2005 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

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east corner of the site, which has less environmental impact.

In its report, the APB listed concerns including environmental impact, pedestrian safety, noise, parking needs, the need for more detailed information on the outdoor activity area and the facility's impact upon Greenbelt Park visitors. The planning board noted that the school had resolved one concern by dropping plans to build temporary classroom buildings. Current plans are to construct the entire 24,300-square-foot building for a K-8 student population.

City planner Terri Hruby presented the staff's recommendation that council support the plan if five conditions were met. Three are already resolved. A pedestrian signal has been installed at Westchester Park Drive and Kenilworth Avenue and paths leading from the proposed school entrance to the recreation area and from Westchester Park Drive to the school's front entrance will be constructed of material that is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The staff's other two requests are to provide detailed information on the proposed recreation area, including equipment and to submit a sign plan compatible to Westchester Park.

Mayor Judith Davis asked about the school's impact on Greenbelt Park. Hruby said that school officials are holding discussions with the U.S. Park Service.

Larry Taub, an attorney for the school, told councilmembers that a walkway is being planned to the school from Westchester Park Drive and that school officials have met several times with Westchester Park residents.

Tom Goss, head of school, informed council that plans are underway with Greenbelt Park

administrators to build a kiosk in the park this spring. "We're looking forward to working on joint programs," he said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned whether a ballfield could be built on a half-acre of land. "Our fields take three acres," he said. Goss replied, "We won't have an organized ballfield. Our kids get exercise and play games but we won't be fielding a large number of sports teams."

Innovative Design

As designed, the Friends Community School promises to be one of the most environmentally-friendly buildings in the Greenbelt area with a "green" roof and other features that would boost energy efficiency and limit stormwater runoff. The proposed school will receive a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification. Building costs will be around \$130 per square foot, similar to the cost of standard construction.

Peter Doo, the Baltimore-based lead architect on the project, presented renderings of the exterior and interior and gave details of the innovative planning. The roof will be planted with tough alpine vegetation. "Bioretention areas" will gather and filter water. The building's shell is highly insulated and low-flow appliances and a radiant floor will be installed. Classrooms will face south to maximize natural light and other renewable materials will be used. One of the most unusual construction techniques is one of the oldest - straw-bale construction.

"It's time-tested," he said. "Some straw-bale buildings have lasted 100 years."

Councilmembers were intrigued by the roof's design. Davis pressed Doo about fire

safety and Councilmember Edward Putens asked about possible "critters" that could burrow into the straw or perhaps find a home on the green roof above. Doo assured Davis that straw bales "are so tightly compressed that they have a hard time burning." He added that the bales will be encased in plastic and will have no access to oxygen. He told Putens that straw, unlike hay, "isn't a food source."

Creating a habitat for birds in roof vegetation "is not undesirable," Doo said. The largest green roof in the United States is at the huge River Rouge auto plant in Michigan where nesting birds are considered an asset, he added.

Approval

Hruby noted that the APB felt strongly that the school should be commended for its sustainable design and educational philosophy. Putens agreed that a commendation would be in order.

Roberts demurred, saying, "If this had been any other site, I'd be applauding you to no end. But given the circumstances of the site, which we worked for so long to incorporate into the park, I can't in good conscience vote for any development on the site. I'm not against the school but am voting against development on this site."

Putens said he shared Roberts' feelings, noting, "I still have some bitterness, too, about the process, not the school."

Davis added, "The city had disappointments about this site but if development had to occur, having 14 to 20 houses would have been much worse."

Council voted 3-1 to approve the DSP with Roberts voting no. Councilmember Konrad Herling was absent.



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Going, going, gone! The ice covering most of Greenbelt Lake during the cold spell receded last week so that most of the main part of the lake was open water. The following day, a northeasterly breeze and above freezing temperature caused the rest of the ice to disappear.

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middle school at the middle school site. Robert Kuntz, acting director of Planning and Architectural Services, Prince George's school system, indicated that there had been some discussion of having one divided building for elementary and middle school students. Calvo noted that the students in the two schools are a mixture of two districts. Morales and Crowley stressed that topic is still under very preliminary discussion.

There was general discussion of whether a rebuilt Springhill Lake development would be likely to result in more or fewer school-age children.

Boundaries

William Greene, Jr., chief of School Boundaries, stated that about 135 new students had unexpectedly come to Greenbelt Middle School this year in the choice program required by the "No Child Left Behind" legislation. This legislation gives children in failing schools a choice of going to a better school. It is possible that more students may come to the school next year. Greene also indicated that he

hoped for relief from overcrowding at Berwyn Elementary School next year. It would mean moving some students as the school property has no room for temporary classrooms. Some Springhill Lake Apartment children are students at Berwyn Elementary.

There was a discussion about the school board's interaction with communities over boundary changes. Davis stressed the need for more community contact from the board. She indicated it is often difficult for parents to get to Upper Marlboro for public hearings. Maps and general boundary information are needed for planning and they are not available on the websites. Eva Griffin, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education, asked for more response and interaction at public hearings. Crowley indicated that there are too many people at hearings for this type of interaction but that the board does consider public input and it is frequently reflected in the results.

(The article is based on minutes provided by the City of Greenbelt.)

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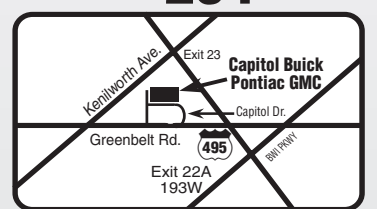
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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

February 4, 2:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with strong arm robbery after he allegedly grabbed a student from behind, reached into the student's pants pocket and removed money. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 8, 11:33 p.m., Holiday Inn, Hanover Parkway, the victim reported that two men entered the hotel, approached the front desk while displaying handguns and announced a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money, they fled the scene by way of the front entrance. The suspects are described as two black males, both 25 to 30 years of age and 5'11" to 6' with brown eyes and wearing black ski masks. One wore a navy blue ski-style coat and black gloves and the other wore a navy blue coat and black gloves. (According to television reports, there were similar robberies committed at other county motels on the following day.)

Weapons

February 7, 12:02 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, two nonresident youths were arrested for theft when police responded to the Burlington Coat Factory for a report of shoplifters in custody. One youth was found to possess a BB-type handgun and was also arrested for a charge of concealed deadly weapon. Both were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drugs

February 7, 3:26 p.m., Greenbelt Police Department, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia when he came to the police station to speak with police. The responding officer recognized the man as having an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The man was arrested and was found to possess a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Trespass

February 5, 1:54 p.m., Greenbelt Co-op, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he entered the grocery store after having been banned from the store by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

February 9, 4:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespass after she was observed on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after being banned by agents of the property. A computer check also revealed that she had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. She was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court

commissioner for service of the warrant.

February 9, 5:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was observed on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after being banned by agents of the property. A computer check showed that he had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner for service of the warrant.

February 10, 5:00 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass, possession of paraphernalia and resisting arrest after he was observed on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments. He had been banned by agents of the property. A computer check revealed that he had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The man was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He resisted attempt by police to handcuff him and had to be forcibly placed into custody. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Burglary

February 4, 1:50 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. DVDs, three video game players and a VCR were taken.

February 8, 9:24 p.m., 7800 block Walker Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

February 10, 10:25 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that he observed another man pry open the front door of a vacant apartment, enter it and leave a short time later. The suspect is described as a Latino male in his 30s, 6' with a heavy build, black collar-length hair and an unkempt beard, wearing a black sweater.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were stolen: a blue 1988 Chevrolet Blazer truck, Maryland tags 223538M from the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive; a 1997 Ford Explorer from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a purple 1995 Nissan Altima 4-door, Maryland tags KLX245 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway and a 2001 Mazda Protégé 4-door from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrests and two by other police with two juvenile arrests made in one of the recoveries.

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents), 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents), 500 block Crescent Road, 7700 block Greenbelt Road and 7700 block Ora Court.

Man Fatally Shot At Courtyard Hotel

On Friday, February 11 about 3:30 p.m., police responded to a report of a person slumped over in a vehicle in the 6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive near the Courtyard by Marriott hotel. Police discovered a man in the vehicle suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his head. The victim, Richard Kofi Botchway, 21, of Lanham, was transported to Prince George's Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

A possible suspect seen running from the scene shortly after the incident is described as a black male, 5'5", wearing a black hooded coat and blue jeans.

Investigation is continuing.

Hospital Offers Driving Evaluations

Doctors Community Hospital's Occupational Therapy Department offers an on-going program of driving evaluations. This program consists of a two-part evaluation process - clinical evaluation, which examines vision, cognition, mobility, strength and reaction time and behind the wheel, an on-the-road evaluation. The on-the-road component is an evaluation with an occupational therapist driver rehab specialist and a certified driving school instructor to assess driving strengths and weaknesses.

People who would benefit from this program are those with valid drivers' licenses who are older drivers with a history of accidents, have a decline in vision and/or memory, have suffered a recent head injury, have a new physical disability causing decreased mobility or those who have been reported to the Motor Vehicle Administration and determined to be at-risk drivers.

Clinical evaluation is an approximately one-hour evaluation performed in the occupational therapy clinic. Behind the wheel evaluation will take about 1.5 hours and will be scheduled following the clinical evaluation.

For more information or to enroll call Dana Nixon at 240-965-8483 or the Occupational Therapy Department at 301-552-8144.

New Law Changes Car Donation Rules

The Internal Revenue Service has issued a consumer alert to help taxpayers avoid potential pitfalls when they donate their automobiles to charities.

As of 2005, if the claimed value of the donated motor vehicle, boat or plane exceeds \$500 and the item is sold by the charitable organization, the taxpayer is limited to the gross proceeds from the sale.

Under the new rules the charitable organization must provide an acknowledgment to the donor within 30 days of the sale stating the amount of gross proceeds. Alternatively, if the charity significantly uses or materially improves the vehicles, the charity must certify this intended use and duration and provide an acknowledgment to the donor within 30 days of the contribution. In this case, generally, the donor may deduct the market value of the vehicle.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CONGRESSMAN HOYER'S OFFICE

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, fourth from left, met with Congressman Steny Hoyer, center, and other municipal leaders from Prince George's County.

spoke in favor of a study on the proposed University of Maryland connector road but did not clarify his own stand on the building of it.

Davis said she thanked Hoyer at the meeting for his help in getting permits through for the new post office.

She commented that the city has always enjoyed a good working relationship with Hoyer. She said Hoyer observed that Greenbelt is very good at letting him know how things are going. Davis called the meeting "definitely" helpful and said she was pleased Hoyer was interested in exchanging ideas. She added it was a good opportunity to hear about other municipalities' concerns.

Safety Tips: Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas that comes from burning fuels such as gasoline, wood, propane, oil or methane. When breathed into the lungs, CO cuts off oxygen in the blood flow to vital organs. Low levels of CO can produce flu-like symptoms. Heavier doses can cause dizziness, headache, confusion and fainting. The most serious exposure can be fatal, causing an estimated 1,500 deaths yearly in the country.

Carbon monoxide detectors that plug into any electrical circuit measure the amount of accumulated gas. Most new models sound an alarm when levels are sufficient for low level poisoning. One can then locate and remove the source of the CO and seek medical attention if needed.

To prevent accumulations of CO in the home do not run motors indoors; inspect and repair chimneys, fireplaces and wood stoves yearly; and never use a gas or charcoal grill indoors or on a balcony (not only is this dangerous, it is illegal).

- Public Safety Advisory Committee

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and going to the east.

In a February 1 letter, Norman D. Rivera, attorney for the developers, argued that it was possible to reconsider these items if: "In furtherance of substantial public interest the board finds that an error in reaching the original decision was caused by fraud, surprise, mistake, inadvertence or other good cause." Rivera contended that there is legal authority for such reconsideration in the Planning Board rules and by a previous court decision which found that a reversal of a prior ruling is possible where there has been a "mistake, inadvertence or some change in fact of law."

According to Gallagher, the first consideration of the matter by the Planning Board will be whether or not to consider the request for reconsideration. If the board agrees to do so, then it will have to hear at a later date arguments on the merits of reconsideration.

Proposal

Rivera is proposing that the board amend its previous approvals to correct the deficiency about building roads. He has proposed on behalf of Greenbelt Metropark to covenant the real estate of both the north (the property upon which the Greenbelt Metro Station and its parking facilities are built) and south (former A. H. Smith tract) cores to assure the construction of required off-site improvements. To that end he proposes that the applicant will convert the proposed development into a number of units and/or square footage of commercial development that will then be con-

verted to a fee amount. Each parcel of land, he continues, will be allocated a certain fee structure based on the density assigned to that site. The result of this proposal will be, according to Rivera, that the fee will be assessed at the time of the approval of the conceptual site plan and the record plats will encumber the land with the fee. That will guarantee that the fee will be generated or that the improvements will be made prior to building permits being issued.

Rivera also proposed that the fees assessed for a parcel may be replaced with a surety at the applicant's choice such as a letter of credit, bond or other financing instrument which could include the sale of public bonds or a construction loan in which funds are dedicated to the improvements required.

Rivera concluded that: "The impact of the assessment of the entire property on a plat-by-plat basis will provide the guarantee for all road improvements for the critical intersections identified in the Conceptual Site Plan [CSP] approval. Therefore, it is our opinion that this assessment should more than address the APF [adequate public facilities] requirements for a Metro Planned Community Conceptual Site Plan."

"In sum," he continued, "the legal effect of granting the reconsideration and revising the Board's decision in the CSP would allow the decision to be in conformance with the court's action and would also reinstate the preliminary plan approval."

Should the Planning Board act

favorably on the request for reconsideration, Gallagher expects that the matter will also have to go before the county council.

According to Green, Rivera's request met the 10-day window required for filing such a request. (His request actually preceded the final action of the Circuit Court to which the case had been remanded from the Court of Special Appeals.) That action of February 5 was to order the approvals reversed and it was Green's interpretation that the request had to be filed within ten days of the court's action to meet county requirements for such requests.

Prince George's Planning Board Administrator Frances Guerten advised that the Planning Board was looking for a suitable date for taking the matter up. Although prematurely received, the request has been accepted as fully meeting the requirements for such a request.

Annexation

In a February 3 article by Natasha Brown in the Greenbelt edition of the Gazette, Daniel Colton of Greenbelt Metropark is reported to have said that Metropark is willing to offer Greenbelt annexation of the development's south core and work with the city on other issues. Colton was unavailable for comment. His son Jay Colton, however, verified that his father had made such a statement but could not comment further on the matter.

The Greenbelt City Council has tentatively scheduled a worksession with its City Attorney Robert Manzi on February 23 to consider these matters.

Riding the Rail



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

Ben King practices a "rail slide" on the steps by the library, as Dustin Watson videotapes the action. Watson says that the two Bowie teenagers come to Greenbelt for this activity because it's the closest rail of this sort near their home.

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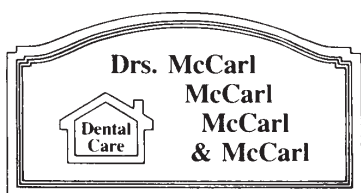
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City Notes

Code enforcement staff received two new complaints regarding lack of snow removal from sidewalks on Ora Glen Drive and the lack of lights in the basement under the Mini Market at Roosevelt Center.

Construction/sediment erosion control staff inspected the new post office site on Ora Glen Drive.

Parking Enforcement assisted the police department in retrieving a Pit Bull Terrier being kept in a crate in a van parked near the garages at Roosevelt Center. Animal Control responded and took custody of the dog.

Planning staff reviewed the detailed site plan for the Friends Community School, filed plan revisions with the Department of Environmental Resources for the observatory and began preparation of a grant application for a water quality improvement project adjacent to the Aquatic and Fitness Center for the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Public Works

The facilities maintenance crew installed two basketball rims in the gym and two new thermostats for an electric heater in the storage room next to the gym at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. They installed two new electric outlets in the Community Center and worked with the staff at Aquatic Center and the vendor to seek solutions to the problems with the new lockers.

The parks crew installed a plaque on an Adopt-a-bench in Roosevelt Center, installed large stones along the service road to the Youth Center and removed the last two pieces of the old playground equipment at Buddy Attack Park.

The refuse and recycling crew collected 13.84 tons of paper and co-mingled recyclable materials and 17.17 tons of refuse and transported all to the proper disposal sites.

Recreation Dept.

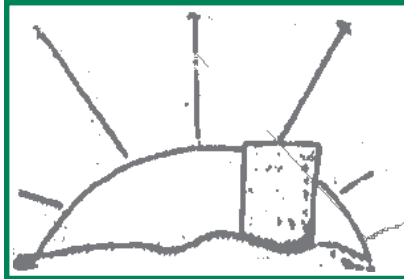
Approximately 60 third- and fourth-grade students from St. Hugh's school participated in rope making workshops with Elizabeth Morissette on February 11 in conjunction with an ongoing school field trip program.

At the Community Center a newly hired center leader resigned before beginning the first scheduled shift. Two center leader interviews were conducted. There are currently three shifts open. The strategy games club had 18 participants on Tuesday evening.

CARES

Sara Phillips, Crisis Intervention Counselor, attended Disaster Mental Health training. The training reviewed how to assist people who have experienced a disaster, including how to stabilize, assess and communicate and connect with people in crisis. The training qualified Phillips to be part of the Disaster Mental Health Volunteer Corp for the State of Maryland.

The Strengthening Families Program at Springhill Lake Elementary School celebrated the graduation of its families on Thursday, February 10. Over the course of the 14 weeks, seven families participated in the group with three families completing the class. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach attended the graduation and presented certificates to the three graduating parents and eight graduating children.



Greenbelt's Business



Merritt Accepts Managerial Post

by Kathie Jarva

On February 9 Kathy Merritt of 55 Court Ridge Road became senior manager for program investments in the radio department of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). In this position Merritt will monitor trends, opportunities and public needs as she works with the CPB to develop innovative public radio programming.

Merritt has 25 years of public radio experience spanning almost every aspect of the business. After 13 years at WFAE in Charlotte, she joined WAMU in Washington, D.C., as news director. Later promoted to station manager, she led the station's strategic planning and WAMU's transition to an all news/talk format during weekdays as well as the launch of a 24-hour web-based bluegrass music service, <http://www.BluegrassCountry.org>.

Merritt joined the Station Resource Group as director of Public Media Strategies in 2002, where she focused on helping stations become more significant community institutions, achieve more effective self-governance and more successfully manage local content creation. With the CPB Merritt will be a major participant in shaping the future of public radio.

Top Area Lawyers Work in Greenbelt

Surpassing all other suburban Washington, D.C., law firms, seven attorneys from the law offices of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, PA, (JG&L) of Greenbelt were honored as top lawyers in their respective fields by Washingtonian magazine.

In order to compile the list, hundreds of attorneys were contacted and asked which lawyers in their field they would trust with their business. Lawyers with the most recommendations were selected to the list. Dov Apfel, David Bulitt, Stephen Friedman, Andrew Greenwald, Michael Jackley, Tim O'Brien and Paul Riekhof were each identified by Washingtonian Magazine as one of the area's "top lawyers."

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New High Tech Firm Is In Town, Council Told

by Al Gieger

The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) CEO Kwasi Holman met with the Greenbelt City Council in a "stakeholders" worksession on Monday, February 7 in council chambers. Stakeholders are agencies, groups and/or individuals that have a vested interest in Greenbelt.

Holman, who talked at length about economic development initiatives in the county and Greenbelt, said, "EDC plans to reach out to all county businesses but will first contact the top 200 to encourage and assist them to expand and provide more jobs for local residents." The Greenbelt vicinity has several of the top 200, including NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, the University of Maryland and several other unnamed businesses. There are approximately 33,000 tech jobs in the county, 11,000 of them in one company (unnamed).

EDC works with NASA and BARC because their research and development activities are a magnet for high-tech businesses and their employees. One recent arrival to Greenbelt is the high tech company Internosis, which expects to have 250 employees within a year. Currently 13 percent of the company's staff live in Prince George's County but many have expressed interest in moving to Greenbelt, according to Holman.

Mayor Judith Davis called attention to the unutilized office space in the city. Several office parks are expanding but some will not do so until tenants are committed. Holman said office vacancies are a top priority of EDC.

Holman talked about the need for "high end" retail stores and "white tablecloth" restaurants in the county because of the increasing numbers of high income residents. Davis noted that Greenbelt has a "white tablecloth" restaurant, "Siri's Chef's Secret."

Councilmember Edward Putens expressed concern about the environmentally sensitive areas around the Metro station and the need to integrate them into any development plan.

PMA Recognizes Local Firm

The Property Management Association (PMA) announced the winners of the organization's 2004 Marketing and Advertising Excellence Awards (MAE). The MAE Awards is the only program in the nation that recognizes extraordinary efforts and contributions by multifamily marketing and advertising professionals.

PMA presented more than 20 honors in 10 different categories. Bozzuto Management Company of Greenbelt took top honors in the website category for the Ellington Apartments (<http://www.ellingtonapartments.com>) and honorable mention in the brochures category.

PMA is a nonprofit organization of more than 600 national capital area managers and nearly 400 firms that provide products and services to the property management industry. The association was established in 1952 as a source of practical information to enhance the quality of services to professional property managers.

Car Seat Check At Capitol Cadillac

The Safe Kids Coalition of Prince George's County will be conducting a car seat safety check Saturday, February 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Capitol Cadillac, 6500 Capitol Drive, Greenbelt. This is in conjunction with the National Safe Kids - Child Passenger Safety Week. Come by and have car seats checked. There will be smoke detectors, various informative items and several giveaways.

Local businesses are encouraged to share their news on the News Review's business page.

Outstanding Rating Awarded M&T Bank

Regulators from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have awarded the highest possible rating in the assessment of how well a bank meets the credit needs of the communities it serves to M&T Bank, which has a branch at Greenway Center. The Outstanding Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rating credits M&T with "being a leader in ascertaining and helping to meet the credit needs of its entire delineated community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, in a manner consistent with its resources and capabilities."

The bank's lending, service and investment data were reviewed by regulators for several months. The award is based on M&T's performance between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2003. The bank was rated on geographic assessment areas where it does business in six states and the District of Columbia. M&T Bank has earned the highest rating awarded by the Federal Reserve Bank on each of its period CRA examinations since 1982.

The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 was enacted by Congress to encourage financial institutions to meet the credit needs of the communities in which they operate.

Rebuilding Begins At BARC

On Monday, January 24 Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) joined Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) Director Dr. Phyllis Johnson and federal, state and local officials in breaking ground to rebuild the greenhouses. Hoyer secured approximately \$7 million in federal funds to help restore the greenhouses at BARC.

Restoration of the greenhouses is needed due to damage sustained on September 24, 2001, when BARC suffered a direct hit from a Force 3 tornado. Many greenhouse sections were totally destroyed; others were rendered permanently unusable. Valuable experimental research plants were also destroyed.

The groundbreaking was for the rebuilding of the Plant Sciences Institute greenhouses that will accommodate research on many important agricultural crops, house exotic citrus disease research and serve as a support facility for the newly completed, state-of-the-art containment greenhouse facility already on site.

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