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A Look at AIMCO's Challenges In Venice Apartment Renovation

by James Giese

This is the first of a two-part story on the efforts of Apartment Investment and Management Corporation (AIMCO), the large realty firm that owns Springhill Lake, to redevelop an apartment project in Venice, Calif.

What if the federal government, when it sold Greenbelt to private interests, had sold most of the original housing to a large realty company instead of the town's residents who had formed a cooperative? What if the residents of the time, as many did, preferred to continue renting their Greenbelt homes instead of buying them? What would have become of Greenbelt? Back in the 1960s, a developer told me that the land had become worth more than the buildings. If he had had his way, he would have torn the buildings down and built anew.

Something like what might have happened is happening in the Venice section of Los Angeles, Calif., at a place called Lincoln Place apartments. The owners are trying to tear down the apartment project and replace it with condominiums. The tenants are fighting this effort tooth and nail. While the effort began some 12 years ago under differ-

ent owners, the current owner is AIMCO, the large real estate trust company that proposes to tear down the Springhill Lake apartments in Greenbelt and replace them with twice as many new units, some to be condominiums.

Why is there now an interest in Lincoln Place in Greenbelt? A newspaper article about AIMCO's eviction of tenants of 58 apartments at Lincoln Place on December 6, 2005, has been circulated by Robert Fireovid to members of a Greenbelt listserve group (greenbelters@yahoo.com). The group claims 379 members who live or do business in Greenbelt.

Lincoln Place

The 795 unit Lincoln Place is not the ordinary run-of-the-mill garden apartment complex. After World War II there was a housing shortage which affected returning veterans. The federal government helped with mortgage loan assistance for building low and mod-

erate income housing. Lincoln Place was built with such financing, the largest garden apartment project in Southern California to benefit from it.

Heath Wharton, a Los Angeles architect, was credited with the design of Lincoln Place. However, it has since been determined that the lead design team architect for the project was an African-American, Ralph Vaughan, whose other works put him in the mainstream of the progressive architectural community.

If you visit the Lincoln Place Tenant's Association (LPTA) website (www.lincolnplace.net), where much of the historical information used here was obtained, you will be able to see a large number of photographs of the buildings. They are Modernist designed flat roofed one and two story buildings but mostly two story, arranged around garden courts,

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State Seeks Land for ICC Under Eminent Domain Laws

by Elaine Skolnik

In an effort to adhere to the construction timetable for the Intercountry Connector (ICC), the State of Maryland is seeking a court's ruling, under eminent domain laws, to take legal possession of those properties needed for the first leg of highway construction between Interchange 270 and Georgia Avenue (Route 97) in Montgomery County. According to David Buck, spokesperson for the State Highway Administration (SHA), this first phase of construction (about 7.2 miles) is expected to occur in late spring.

When completed, the \$2.4 billion (without financing cost) six-lane, 18-mile toll highway will eventually connect Interstate 270 in Montgomery County to Interstate 95 and/or Route 1 in Prince George's County.

Apparently the State of Maryland's request for eminent domain was filed after initial offers by the SHA Real Estate Division were turned down by almost

one-third (eight) of the property owners whose total homes, yards or businesses were needed for the partial construction (first leg) of the highway.

According to news reports, many property owners were surprised at the SHA's legal proceeding and were under the impression that negotiations were still underway. They noted that there were many unanswered questions, such as why their neighbors had received different offers for property and homes that were similar.

Buck told the News Review that "negotiations with property owners who have not settled are still underway." He explained that the appropriate amount of money was included when the filing occurred (in a Montgomery County Court). "Nothing precludes us from moving forward on the first leg of the project," he

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Greenbelt Makes the Pages Of the Sunday New York Times

by James Giese

Greenbelt made the New York Times on Sunday, January 28. A feature story written by C. J. Hughes appeared under National Perspectives titled "Merging the Old With the New in a Washington Suburb." The story is about the planned development of Greenbelt Station and redevelopment of the Springhill Lake apartment complex and how they contrast to Old Greenbelt but share some similarities.

The story begins with comments made to Hughes by Greenbelter and new member of this paper's staff Phillip Payette, a Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) townhome owner and a self-employed illustrator who works out of his home. He is quoted as saying, "I don't have to leave . . . [Greenbelt] . . . too much. But I don't like to go too far away."

The story goes on to say that as much as Greenbelters praise their neighborhood, referring to the GHI community, they criticize "the very un-Greenbelt way their city has allowed the haphazard development of some of its land." Hughes then cites the Beltway Plaza and clogged area roads. He also mentions the high number of crimes, blaming most upon Springhill Lake.

Hughes then talks about new development planned at Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Station and begins by saying, "Now, in a city

where us versus them tensions already run high, old Greenbelters are bracing for a wave of newcomers . . ."

Hughes quotes Walter H. Petrie of Greenbelt Station and Chad Williams planner coordinator for Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as comparing some of the design elements of original Greenbelt with the new design elements being used at Greenbelt Station and elsewhere, with particular emphasis on pedestrian accessibility. Patti Schwyder of Apartment Investment and Management Corporation (AIMCO), owners and redevelopers of Springhill Lake, is also quoted as saying how important proper lighting will be to deter crime and secure buildings.

Hughes then notes that despite the effect of thousands of new residents, old Greenbelters generally support the two new projects. Sylvia Lewis is quoted as favoring owner-occupied units, but "hedging her bets" by starting the Greenbelt Community Foundation this fall to provide grants to improve the city "in line with old Greenbelt's utopian values."

Reference is also made in the article to Greenbelt's two sister cities built by the federal government, Greenhills, Ohio, and Greendale, Wis. At Greenhills, Hughes reports, 20 of the town's original 700 homes have been

torn down to make way for larger ones, much to the concern of the president of that city's historical society. Hughes attributes this to the town being able to decide the fate of its homes because it owns them, unlike Greenbelt.

Hughes notes the early controversy to building the three green towns when free-market capitalists criticized the government's involvement in the real estate business. Greenbelt Museum Curator Jill St. John is mentioned in the article as telling Hughes about local Maryland farmers worried that the workers at these projects would steal their apples.

The article ends by noting comments of Michael Sorkin, a New York-based architect who grew up in Washington and has included elements of garden cities like Greenbelt in his work. He is quoted as saying, "The urban crisis of the moment is sprawl. So I'm glad that the idea of the garden city has not yet run its course."

Commentary

As feature stories about Greenbelt by outsiders go, Hughes' story is not too bad, although a little confusing as to its purpose and conflicting in some of its statements. It is not unusual for reporters who do a quick take to get some facts wrong and Hughes

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"Clay Buffet" for the Eye; Empty Bowls for the Soul

by Virginia Beauchamp

Only a few bowls were on exhibit at Sunday's February 5 Artful Afternoon reception and display in the Community Center Art Gallery in what was entitled a "Clay Buffet." Nevertheless, the event highlighted the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser that will be taking place on Saturday, March 10 at the Greenbelt Community Church. The exhibitors, members of Greenbelt Pottery, Inc., will be providing new ceramic bowls for the forthcoming event.

At Sunday's exhibit, which will be on display until March 15, these local artists displayed an inspiring variety of objects demonstrating what things of beauty can be made of simple clay. Some were plaques or arrangements of tiles that could be hung on a wall. Others were vases, a teapot, platters or plates – even a piece by Loraine DiPietro in the form of a coat left standing open with dif-

ferent colors in the glazing both inside and out.

An outstanding piece was a tall, narrow vase, about two feet in height, with pale yellow flowers – iris, I think – with long stems and leaves in pale green. The artist – Barbara Logan – said she had been working with clay for only two years, though she had a long career with other art forms. She also displayed a working ceramic clock that I much admired.

I was particularly struck by three perfectly formed small pieces by Pamela Hagerhorst, each wholly different in color and glaze and shape. I also admired the vibrant blue of the glaze in a bowl by Karen Morgenstern.

Hagerhorst also created a large plaque called "Space." It was studded with planets and stars of many sorts and sizes. I wasn't

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Adoption/Donation Day at Greenbelt Animal Shelter, Parking Lot of Greenbelt Police Station at 550A Ridge Road

Monday, February 12

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

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

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Rm. 114

Sunday, February 18

8 p.m., Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Closes Early at 8 p.m. for Regularly Scheduled Staff In-Service Training

Backyard Bird Count Begins February 16

by Donald L. Comis

If you want some practice before spring bird walks or counts – or simply prefer not to leave your backyard – try the “Tenth Annual Great Backyard Bird Count” that begins February 16 and ends on February 19.

Go to the National Audubon Society’s website page for the “Backyard Count” at <http://www.audubon.org/gbbc/index.shtml>. There you will learn that all you have to do is count birds in your backyard or anywhere in Greenbelt for at least 15 minutes on at least one of those days and enter your count at the specified website. This site will also teach you birding basics.

The January 21 midwinter bird count at the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) lived up to its name, occurring on a cold day that saw the area’s first snow after the count ended, with ducks discouraged by frozen ponds. Coming so quickly on the heels of the Christmas Bird Count on New Year’s Day, this count attracted only three birders – Ed

Clark, Doug Bolt and Richard Orr. They spent a half day counting and totaled 43 species, not counting a possible peregrine falcon near dairy barns favored by pigeons.

Clark reports that their other highlights included a red-headed woodpecker in a pasture near Research Road and a palm warbler. Clark, Bolt and Orr also saw two bald eagles, 34 bluebirds, eight red-shouldered hawks and nine red-tailed hawks.

The next BARC bird count will be around May 12 which is International Migratory Bird Day. The date for next year’s Christmas Bird Count has already been set for Monday, December 31 for the Bowie Circle, which includes BARC.

Fred Fallon, the official compiler of the Bowie count, reports that this year’s Christmas Count, held January 1, showed a final total of 90 species for the entire Bowie Circle, slightly higher than average despite the rain. He says there were highs and lows for species. “Bobwhites and eastern meadowlarks remained absent again this year and kestrels were

very low (three), continuing the long-term trend of the decline of those open-country species.”

Greenbelter Peter Blank and I spotted one of those kestrels on that New Year’s Day count.

I guess we can all agree that maybe it’s a good thing that Fallon reports that Canada geese “have at last leveled off.”

For the highs, Fallon reported a record for the Bowie Circle of 19 Cooper’s hawks as well as a lot of red-shouldered hawks (54).

I know that on Saturday, February 3 from the bedroom of my townhouse on Laurel Hill Road, I heard and saw a possible red-shouldered hawk. And on a walk the next day on the unimproved road where Lastner Lane ends, I saw a hawk circling and heard its cries, possibly eyeing a flock of juncos (?) I saw in some shrubbery.

Doug Bolt also leads lunchtime bird walks year round at BARC.

And Blank is leading three springtime birding walks in Greenbelt for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) Woodlands Committee.

Beaverdam Creek Group Aids Community Farming

by Susan Barnett

As part of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group’s (BCWWG) efforts to protect the environment and promote more sustainable lifestyles, they are helping coordinate between Calvert Farms and the New Deal Café to give Greenbelters an opportunity to participate in community supported agriculture (CSA).

Calvert Farm, located in Rising Sun, Md., will offer 20 weeks of farm fresh produce to be delivered to Greenbelt weekly from May 20 through the end of September. A box with a variety of fresh vegetables and occasional fruits will be delivered each week. Pickup is to be at the New Deal Café each Monday between 2 and 6 p.m. Alternate pickup dates for holiday Mondays will be arranged.

See http://www.calvertfarm.com/csa_info.htm for more information and costs.

To reserve a subscription for the 2007 growing season print and fill out the application available at http://www.calvertfarm.com/csa_app.htm and mail it to Calvert Farm, 321 Chrome Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911. A res-

ervation fee must be made by February 15 and full payment for the season is required by March 31. Subscriptions are limited and are first come, first served. If one box a week is too much, subscribers can find a friend/neighbor or two who want to share.

This partnership between Calvert Farm and the New Deal Café was arranged with the help of Glenn Welch, myself and the BCWWG. See <http://www.beaverdamcreek.org>. Walsh also heads the Ecology Committee at BARC, which will be an alternative delivery location.

CSA is growing in popularity as a way to eat locally and seasonally, save gas and time and to support local farmers. It is a way to eat within this “foodshed” (analogous to protecting the local watershed). With a pickup at the New Deal, what could be greener, easier or more convenient? Nobody in BCWWG has a personal connection to Calvert Farm though the group is looking forward to supporting the farm this growing season.

Send questions to Farmer@CalvertFarm.com or call 410-658-3914.

Co. Choral Society Celebrates 45th

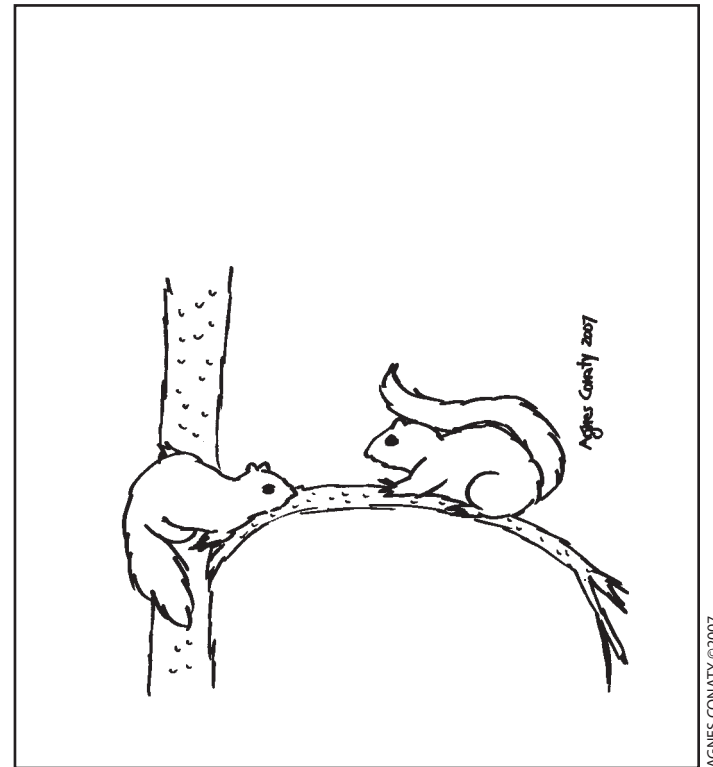
The Prince George’s Choral Society has been performing in the metropolitan area since 1962. They have been recognized as one of the oldest established choral groups in Prince George’s County. Ron Freeman, musician, vocalist and director, has led the group for almost 30 years. This diverse group performs classical through popular selections at nursing homes, hospitals and other concert locations including the Kennedy Center, the State House in Annapolis and the White House.

The group is currently preparing for a performance on Saturday, February 10 at the Prince George’s Publick Playhouse, followed by a pops concert on March 10 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt. Their season concludes with a spring concert on May 5.

The choral group invites all voices to audition throughout the year and wants to increase its membership. They welcome invitations to perform for any organization.

As a registered nonprofit organization, the group is self-supporting and seeks more community involvement. Contact Dottie at 301-336-8539 or PGChoralSociety@aol.com.

Grin Belt



"Squirrel classes are not canceled during single-digit cold spells."

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sure if her title for the piece was limited to the motifs displayed or also took note of the wide rift cutting across the piece that formed two segments of differing sizes.

Empty Bowls

Tickets for the March 10 Empty Bowls event are currently available in the Ceramic Studio in the Community Center on Sunday afternoons in Room 302 and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in Rooms 304 and 305. The event, to take place from 4 to 7 p.m., has occurred for the past three years as a charitable fund raising project. It is so popular it sells out early.

Not only does each attendee get to choose a bowl to take home

from a wide display but then may have it filled with soup from among a wide choice of variety and hearty homemade varieties provided by church members. All get to enjoy a simple supper of the soup with a choice of fresh breads.

Proceeds from this charitable event go to Help by Phone, an organization that provides emergency food and shelter to county residents in need.

For more information concerning the Empty Bowls Project, call Marsha Voigt at 301-345-7631. In the meantime enjoy the display of original ceramic art at the Community Center gallery.

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We would like to thank Ellen Siegel for her 5 year management of the New Deal Café.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEB. 9

Notes on a Scandal (R)

Friday

*5:25, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday

*1:15, *3:20, *5:25, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday

*1:15, *3:20, *5:25, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*5:25, 7:30

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Community Events

At the Library

Bookids

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m., Book Discussion for ages 8 to 12. A librarian leads a discussion of Christopher Paul Curtis' "Mr. Chickee's Funny Money."

Storytimes

Tuesday, February 13, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 14, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, February 15, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club held its regular meeting on January 31. We enjoyed a video of Alaska and it seemed as if Alaska was warmer than Greenbelt.

There are some exciting plans for the 50th anniversary luncheon on April 18 at the Hilton Gardens. There are plans for a delicious luncheon, entertainment, favors and a special program featuring the history of the club.

Just a reminder that dues must be paid if you plan to attend.

On February 14 Frank Reynolds will be our speaker.

On February 28 Cpl. Tom Moreland from the Greenbelt police will give us hints on safety including personal, home and auto safety.

Tom Moran, our tax expert, tells us if we plan to have our income taxes done by AARP we should call GIVES and make an appointment as soon as possible. This is a change from the past years.

Bundle up and stay warm in this frigid weather.

Marathon to Mark Washington's Birthday

The 46th running of the Washington's Birthday Marathon will begin on Northway at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 18. There is also a three person relay. The finish line is on the trail near the intersection of Northway and Crescent.

Race Day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 9 a.m. (there is a fee). For more information visit www.dcroadrners.org or call the DC Roadrunners hotline 703-241-0395 or call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

Greenbriar Boards Meet on Tuesday

The Greenbriar boards of directors meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 13 in the Greenbriar Commons Room. Phase III will meet at 6 p.m.; Phases I and II meet at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 301-441-1096.

Roosevelt Center Group to Meet

The Friends of Roosevelt Center, a citizens' group to promote social and cultural life in Greenbelt's historic town center, will hold a meeting on Monday, February 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Co-op grocery store second floor meeting room (entrance next to customer service). On the agenda are festival planning, articles and store directory. All are welcome.

For more information email Suzette Agans at suzflower@yahoo.com or call Frank DeBernardo at 301-474-5294.

Explore Sixth Sense

On Friday, February 16 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Fred and Dorothy Baluch on awakening one's sixth sense.

Greenbelters Fred and Dorothy are active seniors with Greenbelt Community Center programs.

The Baluchs will discuss and lead practice in how to meditate, incubate a dream and see with one's eyes closed, how to breathe, self-healing, how to keep the mind open and be willing to do whatever it takes and more.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

For March, the Greenbelt News Review is considering a series of stories to celebrate National Women's History Month. If you know of a Greenbelt woman resident who has significant accomplishments (possibly outside of Greenbelt) and is relatively unknown (within Greenbelt), call us or send an email with the details.

Dems Honor Bolden As 2007 Sweetheart

by Pat Unger

The February meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will honor an Annual Greenbelt Sweetheart, Tarek Bolden, on Friday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway.

President Ed Terry will preside at a brief agenda meeting before the speaker and a question-and-answer period. Bolden is a member of the city's planning department and will discuss the several major projects now being considered for Greenbelt West: Springhill Lake's new design, changes at Beltway Plaza and Metro's Greenbelt Station project.

New or prospective members are always welcome and should call chair Bob Doyle at 301-441-2585. Current members are asked to bring a dessert or snack to share during the social hour.

The March event will be dinner and theater at the Beijing Restaurant and Greenbelt Arts Center on Friday, March 16. For information and reservations call Sylvia Lewis, treasurer, at 301-474-3635. In April the speaker on Friday, April 2 will be Terry Speigner, chair of the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee.

All regular meetings are held at Greenbriar on the third Friday of each month.

Religious Writing Workshop Feb. 17

Self-published Christian author Jacqueline Renee will conduct a free writer's workshop in the Greenbelt Library on Saturday, February 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Renee, the author of "U Complete Me" and "He Restoreth My Soul" (book on CD) and the late-February upcoming release of "Inspirational Appetizers" will offer this hands-on workshop for budding Christian authors who have contemplated writing a book but do not know where to begin.

As Renee shares her experience and advice, participants will learn practical techniques to sharpen skills and navigate various publishing options and pitfalls. Topics include: has God called you to write, do you have a book idea, from pad to paper, consider your audience, consider your knowledge of the topic, consider your costs, self vs. publishing companies and publishing formats.

The writer's workshop is limited to 15 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and to register, call 703-517-6298 and leave name and phone number.

Black Fliers Film At Aviation Museum

The movie, "Flyers: In Search of a Dream," will be shown on Sunday, February 11 at 2 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum. Often neglected by history, America's pioneering black pilots helped shape modern aviation. View the film to learn more about Bessie Coleman, the first African-American pilot; James Herman Banning, the first black aviator to complete a transcontinental flight, and many others who overcame racial barriers making flight possible for everyone. There will be the regular museum admission.

Master Drummers Perform in Cheverly

At the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly, Amazones, the Women Master Drummers of Guinea will present a show for all ages that celebrates what is old and new in Africa. Their performance has been described by Guinea's National Director of Cultural Heritage as a "grandiose spectacle which sends to the world its message of peace and optimism."

The Amazones will perform one-hour matinees on Thursday, February 15 at 10:15 a.m. and noon and a master class for experienced drummers at 7 p.m. Matinees will be repeated on Friday, February 16, 10:15 a.m. and noon and a full concert performance will be presented that night at 8 p.m.

The Publick Playhouse is at 5445 Landover Road (Rte. 202), Cheverly. There is a fee for all performances. Call 301-277-1710, TTY 301-277-0312 or visit www.pgiparks.com for information.

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Norbit, PG-13 (!)

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Stomp the Yard, PG-13 (!)

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Hannibal Rising, R (!)

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Messengers, PG-13 (!)

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Smokin Aces, R (!)

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Arthur and the Invisibles, PG

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Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)

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Messengers, PG-13 (!)

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Smokin Aces, R (!)

5:15, 7:40

Arthur and the Invisibles, PG

2:45

Dreamgirls, PG-13 (!)

2:30, 5:10, 7:50

WED. - THUR.

Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13 (!)

2:30, 5:10, 7:50

Norbit, PG-13 (!)

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Stomp the Yard, PG-13 (!)

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Registration Dates

February 8

February 9

February 15

February 16

February 22

February 23



Greenbelt Youth Center

7pm - 8pm

FOR MORE INFO. PLEASE CONTACT
MS. Richelle Green-Soccer Commissioner
(240) 687-3236

Progressive Film Series Searching for Peace in the Middle East

Sunday, February 11, 2007
3:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church
Hillside & Crescent
Peace & Justice Coalition
justpeace@earthlink.net
301-577-2350

Obituaries

Richard A. Wilson

Richard A. Wilson, a resident of Greenbelt for 26 years, died February 3, 2007.



Mr. Wilson was born in Chicago, Ill., to Mary and Roland Wilson. He grew up in Chicago with his sister Jeanie as part of a large extended family on the Near North Side. He went to high school at DePaul Academy and then earned bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul University, a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and pursued doctoral studies at the University of Illinois Circle Campus.

While at Berkeley in 1967, he met Diana Srnka, his future wife. She had grown up in Prince George's County and had relatives in and around Greenbelt. Their first son, Douglas, was born in Chicago in 1973. The family moved to Montgomery County in the late 70s and then to Greenbelt in June of 1980 to their home on Southway. In 1983 Richard and Diana had another son, Michael. The family participated in local schools, camps and programs. Mr. Wilson was involved in all aspects of his family's life in Greenbelt. In addition to supporting his children at school functions, boys and girls club sports, Little League and other community events, he was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout adult leader for parts of both of his sons' involvement in scouting, including being a Cub Master, with Packs 746 and 202 in Greenbelt and Troop 298 in College Park.

Mr. Wilson was a lifelong enthusiast of writing and education and an avid collector and reader of books. He worked as a freelance writer for various local concerns and contributed to several local publications, including writing a chapter for Greenbelt's 50th anniversary history, "Greenbelt, History of a New Town, 1937-1987." He was often found at the Greenbelt Library or down in the Center doing his daily shopping and walking. He attended almost every annual Greenbelt celebration during his many years in the city. He was also an avid outdoorsman who visited and hiked many of the country's national parks, including hiking through the Grand Canyon numerous times.

He is survived by his wife Diana; his sons Michael and Douglas; his sister Jeanie and her family; as well as many friends and relatives locally and across the country. The family will have a memorial service on Friday, February 9 at 2 p.m. at the Memorial Chapel at the University of Maryland, College Park and a memorial Mass on Monday, February 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church in Greenbelt.

Edward Byrd

Edward ("Eddie") Byrd of Lakeside North Apartments, died on January 23, 2007, one month after his 58th birthday, of complications of diabetes.



Diagnosed in 1994, the disease eventually caused renal failure (kidney and pancreas transplants in 2002) and blindness in one eye (in 1997).

In recent years, Mr. Byrd could be seen on his scooter around town, mainly near the Co-op Supermarket, where Peggy, his wife of 38 years, has worked part-time for 12 years or at the Greenbelt American Legion playing electronic darts.

As a Sons of American Legion member since the late 1980s, Mr. Byrd was in the Legion Honor Guard for 15 years, often going to Ocean City for competitions. Until last year, he shucked oysters and cooked corn for the Legion's feasts.

When able, he attended Redskins games; when watching games on TV, he wore his team's shirt and hat.

On January 20 this year, the Byrds went to the Legion's Super Bowl Pool Party and slow-danced to "Neon Moon," their favorite song. All the next day they spent at Columbia Mall. His "strong spirit," says Peggy, kept him ex-

ceptionally active despite multiple and often life-threatening illnesses.

His many years as a heavy-construction machines mechanic on outside job sites contributed to a robust life and strong heart, his doctors reflected.

The family vacationed near Luray, Va., where his ashes will be scattered this summer by Peggy and daughter Lisa Yeager (and Wes), of Elkridge, Md. The Yeagers have a son, Toby, turning two on February 29. Daughter Lori Wheeler, of Columbia, will soon move with 11-year-old Destiny to Germany, where husband Mike is in the Air Force.

Born in Washington, D.C., Edward Byrd grew up on Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale and attended William Wirt Junior High. At 17 he asked 16-year-old Peggy Vaughn to the Junior Prom. They married three years later and moved to Greenbelt in 1973.

Mr. Byrd wore his Honor Guard uniform at Rendon Hale Funeral Home in Lanham on January 26, where he was given a Legion service by his Greenbelt Post comrades.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
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 Contemporary Service 11:00 am
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 Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
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NARFE to Hear Financial Advisor

Our sympathy to Diane Wilson and family whose husband Richard A. Wilson died on February 3, 2007.

Condolences to Peggy Byrd and family on the death of her husband Edward Byrd on January 23, 2007.

Congratulations to Gregory Papp, a freshman majoring in pre-medicine at Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences, who has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester.

Army National Guard Pvt. Kaneica D. Rious, niece of Bernard Miller of Springshire Way has graduated from Army basic combat training at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, So. Car.

Send us details about accomplishments, births, deaths and other events in your family.

NARFE Chapter 1122 will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Morton C. Tuckman, chapter service officer and a financial advisor, will discuss taxes and other finances. Call 301-345-7437 for information.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
 Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

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February 11, 10 a.m.
"The Transcendent Within"
 by Jacob B. ten Hove, co-minister
 with Kathleen Davis, worship associate
 Congregational Meeting Follows the Service
 - Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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 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)
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 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:30 am Worship Service
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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

Hope Fellowship
 ... living life together
Bible Study & Worship
 9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Greenbelt Youth Center
 99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)
February 11 Sermon: Meeting of The Giants
 Pastor Lou Redd
 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

**February 12, 2007 - 8:00 p.m., Municipal Building
Regular Meeting**

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.)

- Board of Elections, Report #07-1 (Voting Machines – City Election)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 1001 and to Establish Admissions and Amusement Tax Rates in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Take Effect April 1, 2007 (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Legislative Updates to Prince George's County Woodland Conservation Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations
- Pending State Legislation
- * Advisory Group Resignations and Reappointments to Advisory Groups

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 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Board, Employee Relations Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closing early on Sunday, February 18th at 8 p.m. for Regularly Scheduled Staff In-Service Training
Info: 301-397-2204

Greenbelt Animal Shelter

ADOPTION/DONATION DAY

**Saturday, February 10th
10:00am-2:00pm**

Come check out all of the adorable animals that are up for adoption at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter! You can also view them at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Drop off all of those donations that you have been meaning to make!

*The shelter is located in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Police Station on Ridge Road at 550A Ridge Road.
Call 301-474-6124 for more information.*

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, February 10th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center

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

NEW!! KIDS' AS YOU LIKE IT DISCUSSION

GROUP ADDED Course No. 144231-1

Kids ages 10 and up are invited to register for a discussion group that will meet before and after the Sunday, February 18 matinee performance of As You Like It. Melissa Sites will lead a discussion about the play and how director/composer Chris Cherry adapted it for this year's youth musical. Register now at the Community Center and pick up a softbound edition of the complete play as well as a copy of the script that will be performed at the Arts Center. The pre-show session begins at 1:00pm. After the show, group members will return to the Community Center for a 60-minute session of refreshments and discussion. The fee is only \$5. Tickets to the performance (also only \$5) are on sale now at the Community Center.

Meetings for February 12-16

Monday, February 12, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Communtiy Center. Info: 301-474-8004.

Monday, February 12, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Council Room.

Tuesday, February 13, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Rm 114. All interested persons are invited to attend. Info: 301-474-8004

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

**GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT and GREENBELT ARTS CENTER
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AS YOU LIKE IT

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Samantha Fitschen
Choreography

Jesse Folks
Asst. Director

Directed by: Christopher Cherry

**February 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24 at 7:00 pm and
February 18 at 2:00 pm**

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REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR GREENBELT'S MANY CAMP PROGRAMS. INFORMATION ON CAMPS AND HOW TO REGISTER IS NOW POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY, SESSIONS FILL UP QUICKLY. INFO: 301-397-2200

Greenbelt Recreation Department



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**Monday, February 19th
(President's Day Holiday)**

9:00am-3:00pm

**Kids, ages 6-12 are invited to spend the day with the Greenbelt Recreation Department in a exciting, supervised trip to the PATUXENT 4-H CENTER
BIRDS, BEAKS, WINGS AND THINGS**

Learn everything you need to know about birds and how the aeronautic engineers model their designs after them. A fun, activity filled day. Before and after care available. Sign up at the Greenbelt Recreation Center, 301-397-2200.

**\$32 Residents, \$40 Non-Residents
\$5 Before Care 7-9am; \$10 Aftercare 3:30-6pm**

City Job Openings

Parking Enforcement Officer
½ time: \$13.83/hr. w/pro-rated benefits at 20 hrs/wk, to include some evenings and weekends. H.S. Diploma or equiv.; valid drivers license; knowledge of parking laws, regulations & ordinances and ability to acquire knowledge of other pertinent codes & regulations; knowledge of proper parking enforcement and inspection methods; ability to read, write & communicate effectively, follow written and oral instructions and maintain records, logs & files. Reports to Planning & Community Development Office.

Crisis Intervention Counselor
½ time: To provide emergency and on-going counseling services involving domestic violence, rape, suicide, family conflict and juvenile crime. Work in close collaboration with local Youth/Family Services Bureau and Police Department. LCMFT, LCSW-C, LCPC preferred or license eligible (LGMFT, LGSW, LGPC) with prior family and crisis intervention counseling experience. \$18.74/hour w/pro-rated benefits.

Apply: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road – call job line 301-474-1872 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for required application. EOE.

Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71 MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, February 12 at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, February 13 & 15: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Health Care Experts" 6:30pm Museum Lecture on Pyrex 7:00pm PEPCO presents "Energy Know How" 7:30pm Replay of City Council Meeting PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 14 & 16: 7pm "Stuart's Kitchen" 7:45pm "Stuart's Kitchen" 8:15pm "Stuart's Kitchen" 9:15pm "Stu's 70s Party"

RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!



DESIGN THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S OFFICIAL EARTH DAY 2007 T-SHIRT
(Please limit design to 4 colors)

Submit your original design depicting: GREENBELT CELEBRATES EARTH DAY by Wednesday, March 7th.
Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...or bring it in to this address and place in drop box.

Open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young. Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC). T-Shirts will be distributed during the Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21st.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate to REI.

For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.



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each with a different entrance and window treatments. There also appears to be a variety of floor plans for the one and two bedroom units.

The Buildings

Looking from the air, the project stands out from the surrounding area of small single-family homes. Most of the 52 original buildings are U-shaped with entrances facing the garden court. They differ from Greenbelt U-shaped courts in that the three sides of the U are joined to become one building. The interior space of the U is narrower and that is the front entrance side for the apartments, i.e., the garden side. The larger buildings are divided into four-apartment sections, with each section off-set somewhat from the adjoining section to reduce the amount of common wall shared and to provide greater design interest.

The U buildings are placed close to each other so that the rear side of those apartments on the side of the U face a rather narrow areaway separating buildings, enabling each apartment to have cross ventilation. The bottom side of the U, for most buildings, backs to an alleyway that provides parking for the buildings. With 795 units built on 38.5 acres, the density of 20.6 units per acre is not only much greater than that for old Greenbelt but even exceeds that for Springhill Lake.

At one end of the project is a small shopping center. Ballfields are kitty-corner to the project and a golf course is a block away.

Muscle Beach

Besides its design, Lincoln Place offers other benefits to its residents. It is about a mile from the Pacific Ocean. Venice Beach, otherwise known as Muscle Beach, is world famous for its collection of show-off body builders and other unusual people. It has been the scene for many movies, mostly B-grade. Bill Rosendahl, the Los Angeles city councilmember for the district which includes Venice, while campaigning for office, was quoted as saying that Venice residents are noted for their "eclecticism" and "Bohemianess," according to Vince Echavaria reporting in the February 8, 2005, issue of "The Argonaut," one of three local papers that cover Venice news.

The third and probably most important reason why Lincoln Place residents refuse to move is that the project is under Los Angeles rent stabilization law. This law prevents landlords from increasing qualifying tenant's rents by more than three percent a year. The result is that Lincoln Place has become very affordable housing for those who have stayed a long time in the development and apparently many did so. Such rent restrictions are not imposed at Springhill Lake where market rates are charged.

Rent stabilization is probably a compelling reason for the owners of Lincoln Place to want to tear it down and replace it with condominiums. Property values in California have skyrocketed, more than 20 percent a year over the past five years according to the LPTA. Older properties near the beaches have become targets for redevelopment. The area newspapers report of other rental properties in Venice being torn down for redevelopment.

Kevin Herrera in the Santa Monica "Daily Press" on Au-

gust 18, 2006, quoted Rosendahl commenting that "his district had seen a rapid loss of rental housing, both affordable and market rate." From January 1, 2001, to July 27, 2006, more than 25 percent of the number of rental units converted to condominiums city wide were in Rosendahl's District. Additionally, 3,051 rent controlled units were lost, according to information Rosendahl's office provided.

First Plan

According to the LPTA website, the apartment owners initiated redeveloping the property in 1995. The Los Angeles city council denied the plan that year. In 2002, after years of litigation, the city council approved a plan. The website says that the approval was done "reluctantly" after the city attorney advised that there was the threat of contempt of a court order if the council failed to do so. At that time there was an owner's commitment to "create opportunities for existing residents to remain in housing on the project site" and to give them "priority for affordable rental housing," according to the LPTA. These commitments were made a part of the council's approval conditions.

In 2003 AIMCO became owner of Lincoln Place according to LPTA. AIMCO at first had a 50 percent interest but later became sole owner. According to a June 22 AIMCO press release, its initial plans were to redevelop all 795 units and construct 44 new units. At the time of purchase, seven of the 52 buildings (or 95 apartment units) already had been demolished.

By 2005, AIMCO's plans seem to be unclear. Eschavaria reports on February 17 in "The Argonaut" that the tenants claimed the firm wanted to rezone the property. Patti Schwayder, AIMCO senior vice-president who also represents the firm in Greenbelt, is quoted as saying that AIMCO is continuing to review its options on zoning. Jan Book, a tenant and an attorney, claimed AIMCO proposed leaving 200 units and building 1,000 new units.

At the same time, tenants were attempting to get Lincoln Place designated for historic preservation.

In a July 28 article in "The Argonaut," Eschavaria reports that AIMCO was going to evict all tenants under the terms of the Ellis Act. Schwayder is quoted as saying that "The plan is to demolish the existing apartments and build something new."

Under the Ellis Act, AIMCO had to declare, through a wholly-owned subsidiary it created, that it was going out of the apartment rental business. Tenants are required to be given 120 days notice to vacate but seniors and disabled tenants must receive a one-year notice. Some tenants filed suit opposing the eviction with Book representing an 81-year-old mother and her 53-year-old son.

AIMCO could proceed with the evictions because it had never taken out permits for the approved redevelopment, a step necessary to make the council's conditions enforceable.

Historic Designation

In an October 10 article, Linda Immediato of the "LA Weekly News" reported that in August Lincoln Place was deemed eligible for designation on the California Register of Historic

Resources. While helping to preserve the buildings, she reported, the designation would do nothing to prevent tenant eviction. So the tenants had demonstrated, Immediato wrote, at City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's office. The tenants felt that Delgadillo should be helping them instead of rendering opinions to the city council favoring AIMCO.

Then according to a November 10 Immediato article, Rosendahl together with a deputy mayor and city attorney staff got all parties together. AIMCO agreed to hold up on evictions so that a deal could be worked out. On November 3, she reported there was 90 percent agreement for 242 units to be preserved with historic status granted for 50 years with tenants being allowed to stay there for the rest of their lives. By this time, with the help of a relocation specialist, AIMCO had gotten most of the tenants to relocate.

But the next day the Historic Resources Committee ruled not to reconsider its historic designation and the proposed deal fell through. Immediato reports that AIMCO has said "over and over" that unless the historic designation is overturned it will no longer negotiate with tenants.

On November 17, according to a December 1 "The Argonaut" article, the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council requested AIMCO Chief Executive Officer Terry Considine to immediately halt all evictions.

Eviction

On December 5 sheriff's deputies evicted 52 families. In her December 8 story, "Heartless in Venice" (the story now being circulated in Greenbelt), Immediato told of the eviction. The deputies arrived at 9 a.m., evicted the residents and changed the door locks. The families were allowed three trips to remove items from their apartments by hand. The remainder of their belongings could be arranged for within the next 15 days.

The tenants believed that Delgadillo had let them down after promising help. They felt he would rule that the approval conditions relating to tenant residency would be invoked because some buildings had been torn down but in court the attorney's staff refused to say that. Delgadillo's spokesperson said that "There are limits to what the city attorney can do."

Still left residing in the apartments were only those disabled or over 65. Their one-year eviction notices enabled them to stay until March 20, 2006. At the time, newspaper accounts estimated that around 80 units were still occupied.

Meanwhile, a tent city of evicted tenants was established between the apartments and the shopping center as a means of demonstrating the tenants' plight. According to law, it was reported, no one could sleep in the tents overnight. Whether that law was obeyed or not is not made clear by the newspaper accounts.

(More details on the Lincoln Place saga will be continued in a future issue.)



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is no exception.

Probably the most misleading aspect of the story is that Greenbelt appears to consist of GHI, Beltway Plaza, Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Station. No mention is made of Greenbelt East and its many forms of housing or how its residents may feel. The single family homes and apartments in the central section of the city are only briefly referenced.

I don't know about others but I take exception to Hughes reference to a city "where us versus them tensions run high."

Perhaps old Greenbelters do criticize the way "their city has allowed haphazard development," but, if so, they are wrong. The city has never had the planning and zoning authority needed to control any kind of development. Rights-of-way for both the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Beltway/I-95 were retained by the federal government at the time Greenbelt was sold off in 1953. In the original Greenbelt plan prepared after the land was sold, Greenbelt West was to be an industrial park, there being a feeling then by planners that the weakness of the Greenbelt development was lack of job opportunities within the city.

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asserted, adding that the issue is "complex and confusing."

For example, two suits to block construction of the ICC have already been filed. In their lawsuit, the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, Inc. and the Maryland Native Plant Society seek to "enforce defendants' (Federal Highway Administration . . . and the United States Corps of Engineers) legal duties under the National Environmental Policy Act . . . Unless and until the defendants comply with those duties, plaintiffs seek injunctive relief prohibiting defendants and their state counterparts from condemning homes, breaking ground or awarding contracts under the proposed ICC."

The Audubon case, et al. was filed in the Federal District Court

Loopholes in the county zoning law permitted both Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake to be built in the industrial zone in the 1960s. Since the late 50s Greenbelt city councils have struggled valiantly to get a voice in development decisions and, while the councils have not achieved authority, they are now able to greatly influence the course of future development.

While the Springhill Lake development is troublesome for the amount of crime occurring there, it is not responsible for most of the crime in Greenbelt. Much of the crime committed in the city is by nonresidents.

While I am not familiar with what is taking place in Greenhills, I know the town does not own most, if any, housing. Unlike Greenbelt, however, Greenhills may have its own zoning authority. At least for most of old Greenbelt, however, the residents in the form of a cooperative, do own and control their own housing. Otherwise it too might be torn down. At least I was told once by one Greenbelt developer that, in his opinion, it should all be torn down and replaced by better, modern housing.

for the District of Maryland in Greenbelt.

The other lawsuit was brought by Environmental Defense and the Sierra Club (plaintiffs) in the District of Columbia District Court. This suit challenges the approval of the ICC by the Federal Highway Administration and Metropolitan Washington's Transportation Planning Board (defendants).

According to the plaintiffs' law suit summary: The ICC was approved without properly evaluating its effects on local particle pollution under the Environmental Protection Agency's new national standard for particle (soot) pollution, which is considered the "deadliest pollutant regulated in the U.S." (See January 5, 2007 News Review for discussion of suits.)

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Carjacking

January 25, 6:31 p.m., Ivy Lane and Kenilworth Avenue, two people reported that they were stopped at the stop sign from Ivy Lane onto Kenilworth Avenue when two men approached their vehicle, opened the passenger door and ordered the two occupants to get out. A gun was implied but not displayed. The men got in the vehicle and drove away. The vehicle, a 1999 Ford Taurus 4-door, was recovered unoccupied a short time later in the area of Kenilworth Avenue and Westchester Park Drive. The suspects are described as a black male, 20 to 21 years of age, 6' with a thin build, wearing a black North Face coat, heavy dark gloves and a black ski mask; and a black male, 20 to 21 years of age, 5'7" with a thin build, wearing a black North Face coat, heavy dark gloves and a black ski mask.

Robbery

January 27, 3:25 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road, a cab driver reported that he picked up two youths at an undisclosed location. When they arrived at Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road they produced handguns and announced a robbery. After getting money from the cab driver, the youths exited the cab and fled the scene on foot toward Breezewood Drive. The suspects are described as a black male, 15 to 16 years of age, short with a medium build, wearing baggy gray sweat pants, a large black coat, dark sunglasses and a head covering; and a black male, 15 to 16 years of age, short with a medium build, wearing a dark coat.

Assault

January 26, 5:24 p.m., Breeze-

wood Drive, a man reported that he witnessed a single vehicle accident on Breezewood Drive. He initially began to assist the occupants of the vehicle but then suspected that the vehicle may have been stolen. The man began taking photographs of the occupants and vehicle, at which time one of the occupants approached the man and assaulted him, pushing him to the ground and punching him several times. All three then fled the area on foot. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as three Latino males, 20 to 25 years of age, wearing dark clothing.

Suspicious Activity

January 31, 4:29 p.m., Mathew Street and Megan Lane, a citizen reported that he observed a vehicle occupied by as many as four young men pull up next to two females walking on the sidewalk, at which time the front seat passenger pointed a gun at them and then they drove away. The witness did not believe that the two females observed the young man. The suspects are described as a black male, 16 to 20 years of age, with a light complexion, wearing a gray jacket; and three black males, 16 to 20 years of age. The vehicle is described as a silver 1990s model Chevrolet Malibu.

Disorderly Conduct

January 26, 9:57 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident man was arrested and

charged with disorderly conduct. A police officer was in the restaurant parking lot when the man walked by him into the restaurant. The officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The man was asked to step outside so police could speak to him and perform a probable cause search; he became disorderly and began yelling. He was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

February 1, 12:45 a.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct when he was a participant in a verbal dispute that became physical inside the restaurant. As police broke up the fight, the man continued to act in a disorderly manner, yelling, cursing and threatening to throw a glass at other patrons. He then attempted to block the exit of the restaurant to prevent patrons from leaving, at which time he was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

January 20, 11:15 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used an unknown object to break out the window of a residence.

January 29, 10:36 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

January 31, 5:21 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown

person(s) used a rock to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

January 28, 3:50 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway, a commercial burglary was reported.

January 31, 8:02 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a commercial burglary was reported.

February 1, 5:39 p.m., 6800 block Greencastle Court, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by forcing open the basement door, which caused an audible alarm to sound. The suspects(s) apparently fled the scene without entering the home.

February 1, 7:07 p.m., 7600 block Lake Park Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Shoes, jewelry, videotapes and CDs were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1999 Plymouth Voyager from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a yellow 1987 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 2BTR64 from Beltway Plaza; a 1991 Oldsmobile Delta 88 4-door from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; and a 2000 Dodge Caravan from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Five vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police with no arrests made and three by outside departments with one adult arrest made in one recovery.

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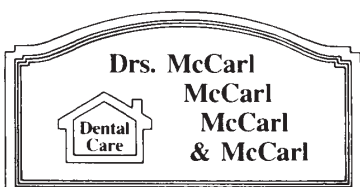


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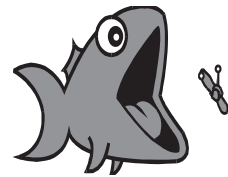
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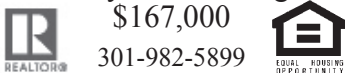
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Elephant Excitement

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The Kids Room is free with paid admission to the Maryland Science Center. All children must be accompanied by a chaperone.

The Maryland Science Center is located at 601 Light Street at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. For information and tickets, visit www.marylandsciencecenter.org or call the 24-hour information line at 410-685-5225, TDD 410-962-0223.

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Clean, Cover and Cram Are Ways to Save on Energy

by Jim Cohen and Jessame Ferguson

This week's tip is one in a series from the Community Education and Planning work group of GHI's Sustainable Design and Practices Ad Hoc Committee.

This week's tips on saving money on home energy costs can be summed up in three words: "clean," "cover" and "cram." A fourth "c" word applies here, since they are "cheap" interventions.

Clean

Dirt and dust prevent electric baseboard heaters from operating at their maximum efficiency, thereby resulting in higher energy costs. Seasonal cleaning will help. After turning off the heater at the circuit breaker, vacuum it – a brush attachment works well – and use a soft cloth to remove any excess dust on the heater's surface.

The cooling coils located under and in back of a refrigerator collect dirt and grease, leading to lint-like deposits that reduce cooling efficiency. Simply put, the motor of the dirty fridge has to work harder to keep food cold. A refrigerator coil brush costs from \$6.50 to \$15 depending on whether the brush is hand-held or is a vacuum cleaner attachment. They are available at Home Depot (hand-held) or on-line at such websites as www.caseybrush.com/refrigerator.html or www.myfullerbrush.com/coil-brush.htm, to name a couple.

To clean the coils, begin by disconnecting the refrigerator's power supply. Then remove the louvered grill plate at the bottom of the refrigerator. Use the brush to clean between, above and under all the coils. Once the coils are clean, replace the grill and reconnect the power supply.

After cleaning, make sure heaters and cooling coils have adequate air flow and are not obstructed by rugs, furniture or other obstacles. The Fuller Brush website claims that cleaning the coils two to four times a year can reduce a refrigerator's annual operating cost by 10 percent. Other websites consulted reported the savings to be about six percent.

Cover

Wall air conditioners let in cold breezes during the winter. Prevent these cold drafts by 1) turning the vent control to "closed" (if available for the unit); and 2) covering the front

of a wall unit (use an inside air conditioner cover). The fabric cover can be easily installed, removed and then stored for re-use. Covers cost about \$20 and can be purchased on-line at such websites as www.goodcommonsense.net/accovs.html or at www.improvementscatalog.com. (At the latter site type "air conditioner cover" in the "keyword" search box.)

Of course, another "cover" strategy focuses on a home's occupants: donning warm apparel enables one to turn down the heat a little. According to Pepco, reducing the temperature in the home from 72°F to 68°F for eight hours a day will save as much as 10 percent on energy costs.

Cram

Residents who have one of the older GHI doors with a mail slot in it have probably noticed a cold breeze blowing in from that opening. Most of these original doors do not have insulated mail slots, though there are plenty on the market now. If the door or mail slot will not be replaced with a newer insulated model, then consider insulating it for the winter.

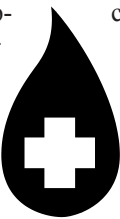
Many GHI members who have outside mailboxes simply stuff the door mail slot with rags, plastic shopping bags or other materials to provide a quick solution. However, by using better quality insulating material more cold air will be blocked.

Consider adding foil-faced insulation to both sides of the opening and stuffing the interior with an adequate amount of batt insulation. Also, consider installing an exterior storm door to prevent drafts and heat loss through the door.

One final suggestion. If a gardenside door is rarely used during the winter, insulate the bottom of the door with materials that can be recycled in the spring. To block cold air infiltration, cram crumpled newspaper into small plastic bags and line the floor in the gap between the outside and inside doors. Step down on the bags to mash them against the floor for a good seal.

Blood Donors Badly Needed

The community blood supply is at a critical low according to the American Red Cross. Without immediate support of the public, patients in this area could be put at risk. A liver transplant put a significant strain on the supply of type O negative blood. A special call is issued for eligible O negative donors and eligible donors of all blood types. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule a donation appointment.



Platelet donors should call 1-800-272-2123. O negative is considered the universal donor.

The Red Cross needs to collect about 1,000 units of blood each day to meet the needs of local patients. As a special thank you to the community, the Red Cross is offering all participants a vintage green long-sleeve Ameri-

can Red Cross T-shirt. To donate, people must be generally in good health; at least 17 years of age (or in the State of Maryland, 16 years of age with written parental consent); weigh no less than 110 pounds; have not received a tattoo within the past year and have not donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

People are urged to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment to donate at any American Red Cross Donor Center or community blood drive. Information about blood donor centers or community blood drive locations and times can be found at www.my-red-cross.org. Business and community groups willing to hold blood drives are asked to call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925 for information.

Choral Society Holds Valentine Concert

The Prince George's Choral Society will present its 45th anniversary concert at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse on Saturday, February 10 at 8 p.m. The "Medley of Love" program keeps to a valentine theme with Music Director Ron Freeman leading the 35-member chorus in standards like "My Funny Valentine," "Embraceable You" and "Somewhere My Love."

American favorites like "Shenandoah" and "This Land Is Your Land" will also be on the program, along with selected Broadway hits from "South Pacific," "Camelot," "Man of La Mancha," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Cats." Highlighting the Broadway segment will be guest artist Alvy Powell of the U.S. Army Chorus performing "Old Man River" and other numbers from Jerome Kern's "Showboat." There is a fee.

For more information call 301-277-1710, TTY 301-277-3012.

Safeway Rounds Up To Fight Hunger

With its annual Round Up Hunger campaign underway throughout February, Safeway stores in the Washington-Baltimore area will give customers an opportunity to "round up" their grocery order to the nearest dollar with the change automatically donated to the Maryland Food Bank in the Baltimore area, the Capital Area Food Bank in metropolitan Washington, D.C., and the Food Bank of Delaware in Delaware.

"Customers do not have to give a large amount of money to make a huge difference," says Greg TenEyck, director of public affairs for Safeway's Eastern Division, who is also board chair of the Capital Area Food Bank. "There is an increased need for food right now and if everyone just donates a few cents when they shop, together we can help the people in our community who need it most."

Last year the company raised \$150,000 in the Round Up Hunger campaign, showing that a little bit of change can add up to help feed those in need.

LOVE NOTES



Pepe meus,
Rosae rubres,
Violae purpureae,
Dulcissimum mihi
Uxor tua essere.
Pepe tuus.

Amy, my home is in your heart
A haven safe and warm
Life's long lessons are becoming clear
The tempering and molding
Have been a preparation for the
meeting of you
If your love had come to me
in younger days
I wouldn't have seen its pure beauty
Or could not have embraced
such a gift
from the Gods
Thank you above all else
for being you
And loving all of me.
L3

I love you with clothes
I love you bare
I love you even tho you
don't have any hair.

Buns
To L and M,
Oh, if you hadn't cast me aside,
I could be at your house
Creating havoc,
Sharing my fleas,
And giving you little love bites.
Killer

To my Beautiful, Everlasting,
Nifty, Indispensable, Notable,
Admirable lover.
Be Mine this Valentine.
From your Jerky, Incompetent,
Messed up spouse.

To the most precious, lovable grand-
son, Kevin – a Happy Valentine's Day.
Love, Grandma

To: XCM
Lover, Mentor, Chef
and Chauffeur
How could I ask
for more.
I love you –
From: UMUC

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Keep the furnace Red
Or I'll be Blue



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