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Dr. Rebecca Oxford – Passionate In Education and Social Equity

by Rebecca Boggs

“After college I taught high school in Florida and helped integrate the schools. At first it was only one or two black kids per school,” Dr. Rebecca L. Oxford, who is originally from Jacksonville, Fla., recalls. Oxford, a professor at the University of Maryland (UM), is an international leader in language education and recipient of the 2002 TESOL Lifetime Achievement Award, which states, “her research on language learning strategies has changed the way the world teaches languages.” A Greenbelt resident, Oxford uses her expertise in teaching, public speaking and research psychology to advocate for social justice.

A South African colleague, Carisma Nel, comments, “She has a magnetic personality, razor-sharp mind and vision for taking important fields of research to a higher level. She has excelled both in practice and in building theory, something only a few academics achieve.” She recently received the 2007-2008 University of Maryland Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Award, along with Lindley Darden, another Greenbelt resident.

Oxford received two degrees in Russian from Vanderbilt University and Yale University and two in educational psychology including a master’s from Boston University and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina.

She moved to Maryland seven years ago to work at UM as a professor and director of the Second Language Education program. Regarding Greenbelt she says, “I like the community atmosphere in Old Greenbelt and I like Greenbelt as a whole, since there is a central hub. You get to know your neighbors here and we have in back of our house woods, where we can take the dog out for a beautiful walk.”

Oxford has published more than 160 articles and chapters and is completing her seventh book, “Language Learning Strategies: Toward Self-Regulated Learning for Empowerment.”

Oxford states, “Teaching methods have changed a great deal. In the past, instruction focused on teachers and teaching methods. Everyone dealt with one method and students were supposed to adapt. If they didn’t, teachers assumed there was something wrong with the student. In the mid-1970s there was an increase in interest in the learner and between the 1980s and 90s educators started recognizing that individual people learn differently.”

Oxford continues, “I deal with the brightest of the bright, doc-



Rebecca Oxford

toral level students, often the ones who have had a confluence of helpful conditions through their lives and education. I also deal with those really struggling in public schools. I have concerns for Latinos and blacks who have about a 38 to 50 percent (often unreported) drop out rate nationwide. I

am dedicated to help change that situation and find ways to do it. One way is waking up people with lectures and courses. Another way is through research. Most often we teach math and science in English but some students don’t know English.

I am concerned about giving students tools to do well. I don’t want to stack the deck against them. I don’t have all the answers but I want to work with people and not accept the status quo.”

When asked what her hope for ESL teaching in the states is, Oxford replies, “My hope is that it will offer prosperity and social equity to people who are coming here as immigrants without their losing their native culture in the process. I am interested in the dominant culture starting to pay attention to the knowledge and abilities of people coming here. I’m very passionate about this.”

This month in celebration of National Women’s History Month, the News Review is publishing a series of four interviews to honor Greenbelt women of outstanding achievement. Anyone who knows of a Greenbelt woman resident of significant accomplishments and whose story is relatively unknown in Greenbelt may send an email to newsreview@greenbelt.com with the details. This series was originated and organized by David Lange.

Police Accredited by CALEA



The formal presentation of the Committee on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Certification of Accreditation to the Greenbelt Police Department was made at the March 5 Greenbelt City Council meeting. Gaithersburg Police Chief Mary Ann Viverette (center) presented the award. Shown with her are (left to right) Captain Dan O’Neil, Chief James Craze, Captain Tom Kemp and Sergeant Carl Schinner of the Greenbelt department. In the back row are Councilmembers Edward Putens, Leta Mach, Mayor Judith Davis, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts.

Council and GEAC Review Greenbelt East Issues

by Thomas X. White

Greenbelt City Council and City Manager Michael McLaughlin met with representatives of GEAC (Greenbelt East Advisory Committee) for an annual stakeholder session on Thursday, March 1 at the Hunting Ridge Condominium Community Building. GEAC representatives attending included Chairman Sheldon Goldberg of Windsor Green, Vice-Chair Dorothy Pyles of Greenbriar, Treasurer Charlene McAdams of Greenwood Village, James Mayburg and Kay Moomey of Hunting Ridge and Dave Majo of Greenbelt Lake Village.

Brian Madison, representing 4th District County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, also attended.

Windsor Green resident Derek Thompson provided GEAC and council an update on a family of bills being considered by the Maryland General Assembly based on the recommendations of a 2006 Maryland Task Force on common ownership communities (COCs). Thompson has been providing testimony on behalf

of the task force. The bills deal with a variety of issues to COCs such as establishing a mechanism for the receivership of non-functioning associations, transferring control of a homeowner association from developers to the residents and the placement of priority liens on homeowners in arrears on COC assessments.

Another bill would create a COC ombudsman’s office in the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The ombudsman would be charged with answering and processing complaints from residents and boards, providing education programs, maintaining a collection of model association documents and maintaining a central registry of COCs.

As is customary for council stakeholder sessions, the city manager had prepared a brief status report covering about 15 items of concern to GEAC that served as an agenda for the meeting. Because GEAC is a com-

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Council Meets over Plans For Greenway Village Apts.

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council will meet next Wednesday, March 14 with representatives of Greenway Village Apartments to discuss the new owner’s plan for redeveloping the property. The worksession will be held at 8 p.m. in the Community Center.

Greenway Village comprises 320 units in the 7200 block of Hanover Parkway, south of Greenbelt Road. The apartment development is located outside the corporate limits of Greenbelt. The project has recently been renamed The Hanover and new signs erected. This matter was also discussed at a council stakeholder meeting within the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee. City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that the new owner is currently updating the existing buildings. Improvements are to be made to the facades, indoor

and exterior lighting, playgrounds and security cameras.

At a meeting on December 13, 2006, Larry Taub, attorney for O’Malley Miles Nysten & Gilmore, told the council that Federal Capital Partners had purchased the Greenway Village Apartments in the summer of 2006. Discussion between representatives of the apartments and the city’s planning staff have been held.

The land is zoned R-18, which includes multi-family, mid-rise buildings. The new owners are considering some senior citizen housing which will require a special exception. At the previous meeting Taub observed that because the special exception process is a lengthy one, the owners requested the city’s approval for a text amendment, usually a quicker

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What Goes On

Saturday, March 10

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

Monday, March 12

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

7:30 p.m., Reception for ACE Educators, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

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

Wednesday, March 14

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Plans for Greenway Village Apartments, Community Center

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

State's Attorney G. Ivey Discusses Crime Issues

by Carol A. Griffith

The Greenbelt City Council stakeholder meeting with Glenn F. Ivey, State's Attorney for Prince George's County, took place on February 21. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Leta Mach, Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling; City Manager Michael McLaughlin; Assistant City Manager David Moran; Captain Thomas Kemp, Patrol Division Commander of the Greenbelt Police Department (GPD); and Silke Pope, as chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, represented the city.

Kemp reported that the police department enjoys a "great relationship" with the Office of the State's Attorney. He provided an update for Ivey on the police department's activities, reporting that robberies have increased, although the rate of closure remains high, and that auto thefts have decreased.

Davis began the discussion by asking Ivey if there was anything the police department or city needed to know from his office. Ivey reported that crime was down, in large part due to work by local police departments and that he intended to build on those efforts this year through expanding the role of his office.

This expansion would increase community prosecution efforts, he said, particularly through some grants to be used in the Hyattsville/Langley Park and Suitland areas, to serve as a point of contact for the community and aid him in identifying issues requiring attention.

Crime in Schools

Another topic of concern was crime in schools and truancy. Ivey was quick to compliment the efforts of Dr. John E. Deasy, the new superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools, and explained some new programs in the schools, such as the use of mediators at Bladensburg and Largo high schools and a high school mentoring program created by the University of Maryland, which is "working well." Ivey intends to expand the mentoring program to at least one other county high school.

Another new program in five county schools will be a reading partnership designed for second grade children. As it uses volunteers for reading instruction and for reading to the students, the costs of this program are small.

Members of council added that these programs are similar to some already in place in Greenbelt. Mach mentioned a program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) for at-risk male students and Davis noted the efforts of Greenbelt CARES. In response to a question by Davis, Ivey reported that his office is also working closely with school resource officers to reduce crime in schools.

Kemp requested assistance from Ivey with the problem of truancy and suggested a program in which truant students are taken to their schools by police. Ivey admitted that truancy is a "large problem all over the county" and contributes to crime, especially thefts in homes and of cars. He reported that pilot programs to address truancy at two county high schools in 2005 and 2006 were successful and may be reinstated.

Gangs

Davis asked Ivey about gang activity in the county. Ivey explained that three gangs – MS-13, the Bloods and the Crips – have a "real presence" in this area, although aggressive enforcement and prosecution have reduced their effect. He added that the county needs more intervention and prosecution efforts.

Putens asked about pilot programs in schools to reduce the presence of gangs. Ivey responded that more resources are now available and that programs are expanding. He observed that the county needs more multi-racial activities to encourage interactions.

Kemp reported that a gang-resistance program is in place at ERHS, adding that the GPD investigates the presence of graffiti of a racial, ethnic or religious nature for relation to gang activities. In response to a question by Davis, Ivey said that witness intimidation is a "huge problem, especially in the gang community." He is asking other jurisdictions for their approach to this problem and hoping that increased use of a material witness warrant may reduce this problem.

Resident Keith Bare reported the problem of teens congregating at libraries, disrupting other patrons. He added that in New Carrollton a fight that began at a library spilled into the parking lot, involved a gun and resulted in arrests. Ivey said that he would look into this problem.

Davis asked about new developments in combating domestic violence, especially in light of recent spectacular cases in the county. Ivey reported that as a result of task force recommendations, programs emphasizing outreach to adult women in the community and aiding court interventions are in place. Sheriffs are trying to expand their expertise in this area also. Kemp asked about the cessation of a program in which a police-issued supplemental document could be used in court to aid victims of domestic violence. Ivey reported that, pending the results of a Supreme Court case concerning the marital privilege, this assistance is not available to victims at present.

Cameras

Herling asked Ivey about the effect of surveillance cameras, such as those used in Roosevelt Center. Ivey replied that, in general, such cameras can reduce crime and are a good source of evidence for prosecution, although the "dead zone" of such cameras may reduce their benefit.

Davis voiced the city's concerns to Ivey about gas stations that sell liquor, noting that research has shown that at several locations in Greenbelt, this combination has led to an increase in criminal activity. She stated her disappointment that a bill preventing the sale of liquor at gas stations did not make it out of subcommittee and Ivey replied that property rights advocates were influential in the bill's demise.

Herling asked Ivey his thoughts on how to pursue making Greenbelt an inclusive community and Ivey encouraged community involvement organizations, such as PTAs and organizations to involve children.



Longtime Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Patricia Ann Dick, 70, of Chester, Pa., on March 2, 2007. She was the wife of Ronald M. Dick, a former administrative assistant to the Greenbelt city manager from 1963 to 1966. The Dicks were pioneer residents of Charlestowne Village. Mrs. Dick was the city clerk of College Park for four years in the 1960s. Besides her husband, who is retired from the U.S. Postal Service, she is survived by three daughters, a son and three granddaughters.

Congratulations to Irene Hensel, who just received a plaque from GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) for her outstanding service.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to News Review staffer Pat Davis, who is mending from surgery.

Kids Can Apprentice At Woodturning

Montpelier Mansion will be exhibiting turned wood objects handmade by members of the Chesapeake Woodturners Guild through April 1. There will be woodturning demonstrations offered Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. (Calls to verify are suggested: 301-953-1376, TTY 301-699-2544.)

On March 10 and 11 there will be special hands-on activities for kids from 1 to 4 p.m.

Kids will have a chance to be a woodturner's apprentice, helping to make chairs the old-fashioned way. They will see chairs being made on a foot-powered treadle lathe, then get to sand and polish the spindles and weave the seats. There is a small materials fee per child.

Free Kids Gymkana On Sunday at UM

There will be a free gymkana for kids ages 5 to 12 on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. hosted by the University of Maryland Gymkana troupe and the College Park Arts Exchange. Kids are invited to come learn cool tricks on real gymnastic equipment and combine fun and fitness as they tumble, bounce and roll. Participants should come dressed to move, wearing comfortable clothes and sneakers.

The Gymkana gym is located on campus in Building 255, the Health and Human Performance Building, on Valley Drive.

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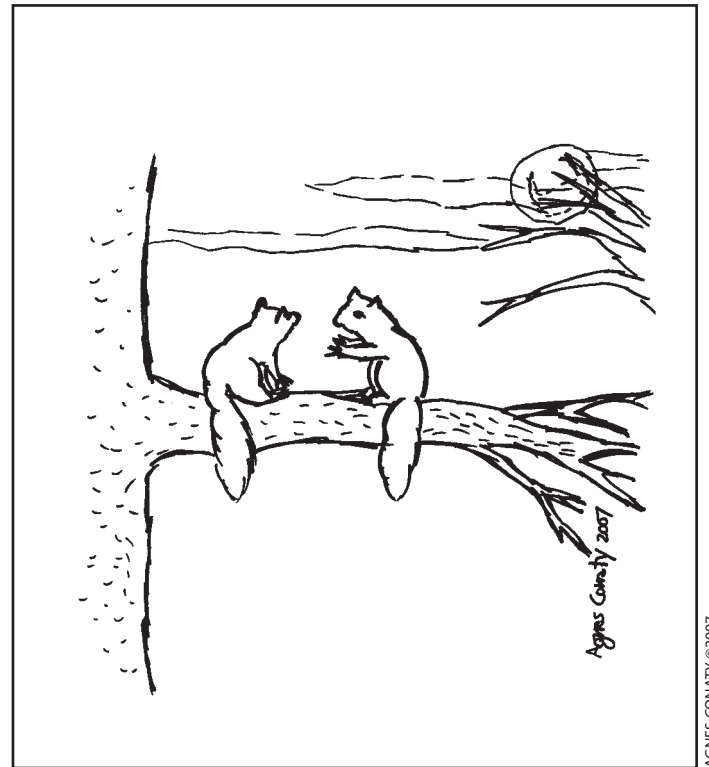
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On Screen

Almodovar's Return

In 2006, Penelope Cruz became the first Spanish actress to be nominated for the Best Actress Oscar, for her portrayal of Raimunda in Pedro Almodovar's "Volver." The film also won Best Screenplay at Cannes, with much of the dialogue coming from Almodovar's childhood. In fact, his sisters helped him recall key phrases of their mother and also contributed by preparing the food shown in the film. Almodovar tailored the script to Penelope Cruz, enabling a return to the working relationship they began in "Live Flesh" (1997) and solidified while making "All About My Mother" (1999).

The title is taken from the classic tango, which Raimunda sings, invoking the ghost of her mother. That song is linked to both happy memories and difficult ones for Raimunda, who in this film must confront the things she'd rather forget. Characteristically, Almodovar uses color and music to powerful effect in this exploration of the mother-daughter relationship.

Rated R for language, sexual situations and off-screen violence; runtime is 121 minutes. Spanish with English subtitles.

– Cathy Jones

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Community Events

At the Library

Children

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., Bookids for ages 8 to 12. A librarian leads a discussion of Roddy Doyle's "The Giggler Treatment."

Adults

Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

Storytimes

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

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

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

GHI Notes

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Charette Planning Working Group

Tuesday, March 13, 8:30 a.m., Yard Lines Ad Hoc Committee meeting

Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee meeting

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee meeting

Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Committee meeting

Saturday, March 24, 1 to 3 p.m., Woodlands Committee Spring Thaw party

All events will take place in the administration building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings. Members are encouraged to attend.

Senior Ice Cream Social March 16

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Senior Center will host its 10th annual free ice cream social for seniors at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 16. It will be held in the Community Center gym where Gale Smith will perform and sign music from the Big Band era, Broadway tunes and more.

Seniors will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained. At 2:30 p.m., after Smith's performance, they will make their own ice cream sundaes in the dining room across from the gym. All seniors are invited to attend.

For information call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Despite the cold, snowy weather, the meeting on February 28 was well attended. Greenbelt Police Cpl. Tom Moreland gave a very informational talk on safety at home and outside and answered lots of questions.

We will hear about home monitoring on March 14. The potluck luncheon honoring March birthdays will be on March 21.

Congratulations to Flo Holly, a longtime very active member who celebrated 98 years on March 4. She is a past president and is still very active in the club and much admired by all.

There's lots of excitement and interest in the coming events of the next months.

It makes everyone feel good to hear positive comments about the Golden Age Club but constructive criticism is helpful, too.

GATE Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. in the GATE Studio. Members are encouraged to attend. The guest speaker will be Bill Robertson from R&R Lighting of Silver Spring.

Robertson's professional lighting career spans more than 45 years. His credits include 10 years with NBC News and work on 15 feature films including "Man with One Red Shoe," "Nothing Personal" and "Usual Suspects." He has also worked with Gordon Willis of "The Godfather."

Robertson will demonstrate different lights, discuss their uses and model a set up. He will discuss a few jobs R&R Lighting has done in and around the Washington, D.C., area.

The GATE Studio is located on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center across from the Multi-purpose Room. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. For more information call 301-507-6581.

GIVES Meets On Saturday

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will hold a quarterly meeting Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 202.

Agenda items include information on a possible mileage reimbursement program, new bylaws and status of on-going tax assistance programs.

Anyone who would like GIVES assistance with rides, visits, shopping or other needs is asked to call 301-507-6580.

Greenbriar Phase II Annual Meeting Tues.

The Greenbriar Condominiums Phase II Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in Greenbriar's Terrace Room.

For more information call Tifane Rose at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

Greenbriar Clothing Drive through March

Through March 31 Greenbriar Condominium's management office is seeking donations of clean, usable clothing to donate to the Mission of Love in Capitol Heights. Mission of Love is a local charity that benefits low- to no-income families throughout Prince George's County.

For more information call Tifane Rose at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

Choral Society To Sing March 11

The Prince George's Choral Society will hold its Spring Concert on Sunday, March 11 at 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt. The concert will feature a mix of pops, spiritual and patriotic music in celebration of the Society's 45th anniversary.

There will be a reception for the singers after the concert. Desserts will be available for purchase.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, March 10 members of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will begin setting up at Northway Fields to view celestial objects at approximately 5:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Have a telescope but not sure how to use it? Bring it in - society members will offer assistance to people in becoming successful amateur astronomers.

More information is available at the society website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events-shtml>.

Local Running Club Sponsors April Race

The Prince George's Running Club's Springburst 8K Race will be held Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m. starting at Greenbelt Park. The course runs across rolling hills and is certified by USA Track & Field. For the safety of all runners, no strollers, baby joggers, pets or headphones are permitted in the race. An early bird registration is available for runners registered before April 1. Registrants receive long-sleeve T-shirts and post-race refreshments. There will be awards given to the top three male and female finishers, the top master (age 40 and over) finisher and the top three finishers in five-year age groups.

There will also be a half-mile fun run for children.

Registration and packet pick-up on race day will be between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of T.G.I.Friday's (6460 Capital Drive) across Greenbelt Road from the park entrance. For additional information call 202-521-1495 or visit www.pgrc.org for a registration form. The Prince George's Running Club, an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America, sponsors races, training and fun runs in Prince George's County.

Franch to Lecture On Community

by Jill St. John, Curator

At the Community Center on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. there will be a free lecture by Michael Franch on "The Coffee Shop and the Chat Room."

A community is traditionally defined in terms of physical space - a village square or neighborhood tavern. Its people are called a nation of joiners. While community participation seemingly declines, more and more people forge close relationships using the internet. Two things seem clear: the internet is here to stay and so is the face-to-face community. This presentation by Michael Franch examines how one can learn to live fully and effectively with both - a process that is just beginning.

The lecture, sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council, is open to the public and will be held in Room 201 at the Community Center.

E. Roosevelt AP Scores Top Nation for Minorities

by Mary Moien

Eleanor Roosevelt High School was mentioned twice in the "Advanced Placement (AP) Report to the Nation: 2007," the College Board's third annual analysis of the assessment program. The Greenbelt high school was cited for having the largest number of African American students in the country scoring at college mastery levels in AP chemistry and AP physics. Coit Hendley is the AP chemistry teacher and Yau-Jong Twu teaches the AP physics class.

State Superintendent of Schools Nancy Grasmick announced that Maryland continues to log the greatest increases in the nation in the percentage of students scoring at college mastery levels on rigorous advanced placement tests.

Maryland made the largest performance gain over the past six years, according to the College Board, which administers the AP program. The percent-

age of Maryland students earning a score of three or higher on AP exams increased 7.9 percentage points between 2000 and 2005, from 14.1 percent to 22 percent. Maryland ranks second only to New York in the percentage of high school students scoring at mastery levels (22.7 percent for New York, compared to 22 percent for Maryland).

A score of three or better on the five-point scale is considered a demonstration of college mastery, as many colleges consider awarding full credit for AP results at that level.

The increase in student participation in AP is taking place across the board in Maryland. Once again, the College Board recognized Maryland for dramatically increasing AP participation among minority students. The new report cites the state for increasing Latino participation to the point of eliminating the "equity gap."

City Notes

The Planning and Community Development staff researched potential funding sources for dredging of Greenbelt Lake, reviewed the revised detailed site plan for Doctors Hospital and completed a second speed study at 16 Ridge Road.

Steven Parks accepted the Aquatic and Fitness Center supervisor position and will begin on March 19. Parks has a bachelor's and masters degree and has worked in the leisure services field for about 12 years, with the last seven in aquatics at the UM Eppley Recreation Center.

Recreation staff met with Sharon Bradley of Bradley Site Design to review landscaping for the skate park. The park was open last week due to the efforts of skaters Tom Schutz, Tony Finley and John Viruet, who volunteered to shovel snow out of the park.

CARES

The CARES Strengthening Families Program has graduated its first class of Spanish-speaking families. Seven families graduated from the program including seven parents and 15 children.

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Harman Is Honored at 90th Birthday Party

by Stacy Hardy

Who walks faster than most 30-40 year olds, has recruited 112 members in his 52 years of service to the Lion's Club, was post-master for 20 years, has donated several pieces to the Archives of the University of Maryland and his time to the community?

None other than: The One, The Only: Emory Harman.

Referred to by his eldest son as a Municipal Treasure, Harman, handsomely adorned in his sharp navy blue suit bearing the Terrapin emblem, celebrated his 90th birthday on Wednesday, February 28 at the American Legion in Greenbelt.

Echoing from the walls of the American Legion banquet halls were accolades concerning his commitment to service and the community, his persistence and also, of course, his corny jokes.

Surrounded by a host of family and friends, young and old, the celebration for Harman opened with a warm welcome from friend Donnie Wolfe, who has known Harman since he was 10 years old.

Shortly thereafter the harmonic voice of the Reverend Holly Ulmer, accompanied by pianist Helene Ensor blessed the food and pleased the crowd with God Bless America.

Asked to address his guests, Harman rose enthusiastically to the occasion to thank those who had come to the celebration.

Harman, who came to Greenbelt in 1947 and who has since moved to Riderwood, expressed difficulty with the transition; however he says he comes to Greenbelt, which he refers to as the Garden of Eden, every chance he gets.

Harman says Greenbelt has given him "the opportunity to help the less fortunate." He has also been a dedicated alumnus of the University of Maryland and its athletic clubs. Among his donations to the University of Maryland's archives is a receipt for his cap and gown for \$1.75.

According to Anne Turkos, archivist of the University of Maryland, Harman has donated such items as a life-size Len Bias poster, original Terrapin paraphernalia and his time. He has attended every football and basketball game – no matter what the weather – and has come back



to help with other reunion preparations long after his own.

Mayor Judith Davis, who received a personal invitation to the party, wished Harman on behalf of herself and the Greenbelt City Council a happy birthday. She acknowledged Harman as a mainstay in Greenbelt and jokingly suggested an annexation to Riderwood.

There was a surprise visit from Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Sylvester Conyers. He said that upon his being named principal, Harman was the very first to offer assistance and encouragement. Conyers says it

was an honor and a privilege to be part of the celebration.

Bowie City Councilmember Leo Green, Jr., was there on behalf of former senator Leo Green, who was in Florida. Green also represented Senator Mike Miller in presenting to Harman a Proclamation of the Maryland Senate congratulating Harman. A brief Happy Birthday was then sung to the "Man of the Hour."

With recognition of a character of such caliber, who would dare ask what it feels like to be 90? He says it in his talk; he exemplifies it in his walk. He is "The Municipal Treasure."

At top left, Emory Harman, 90, reminisces with three of the many participants in his 90th birthday celebration held at the American Legion in Greenbelt. Below, two of the participants were Greenbelt pioneer and childhood friend Donnie Wolfe and Eleanor Roosevelt Principal Sylvester Conyers.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

March 12, 2007

Reception for ACE Educators – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

ACE Educator Awards

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Deep Tine Aerator from Finch Services, Inc., of Westminster, Maryland, at a Cost of \$15,500 (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Development Block Grant Application – PY 33
- Pending State Legislation
- * Advisory Group Appointments

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, Employee Relations Board, Youth Advisory Committee

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

Meetings for March 12-16

Monday, March 12, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee at Community Center. Info: 301-474-8004.

Monday, March 12, 7:30pm, Reception for ACE Educators at Municipal Building.

Monday, March 12, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting/ACE Educators Awards at Municipal Building. (live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, March 14, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session, re: Plans for Greenway Village Apartments at Community Center.

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.



RECYCLING CHANGE Single Stream Collection



City recycling customers no longer have to sort recycling items. City recycling customers may now mix paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, steel/aluminum cans and glass together in one recycling bin. This change was made possible with the opening of Recycle America's new state-of-the-art processing center in Elkrige which accepts recyclables in a single-stream method. City crews now collect residential recyclables with a packer type truck – same type of truck as the refuse truck. Residents who find that one bin is not large enough to hold all their recyclables may request a second bin free of charge.

Please secure loose papers in the recycling bin to prevent from blowing!

For more information or to request a second bin, contact the Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 12 at 8:00pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, March 13 & 15: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert" 6:30pm: "ACE Reading Club-Magnolia Elementary" 7:00pm Replay of City Council Meeting

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 14 & 16: 7:00pm "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-on-the-moon Marigolds" 8:30pm "Charles Herbert Flowers: In His Own Words"

DONATION DROP-OFF

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Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER Spring Session-Children's Classes

Friday, March 23 thru Saturday, May 19

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<p>METAL/ALUMINUM Food and Beverage cans **Empty and rinse <i>Examples: Beverage, soup, tuna, vegetable and pet food cans.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrap metal • Pots and pans • Aluminum foil or pie plates
<p>GLASS food and beverage containers **Empty and rinse <i>Examples: Beverage bottles, baby food and mayonnaise/relish jars.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirror or window glass • Drinking glasses • Cookware • Pottery and ceramics • Caps and lids
<p>PAPER <i>Examples: Newspapers and inserts (plastic bags removed), computer and office paper, telephone books, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, cereal and food product boxes, corrugated cardboard packing boxes.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wax or plastic coated boxes such as frozen food boxes • Paper milk or juice cartons • Plastic inner liners of food product boxes • Paper towels, napkins or tissues • Styrofoam

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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSAC)

ANNUAL PUBLIC FORUM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007 AT 7:00PM

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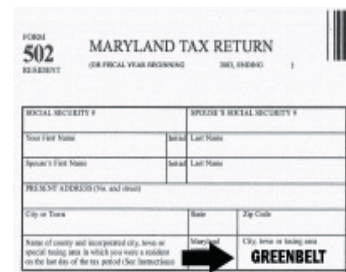
The PSAC has been instrumental in researching several Laws and Ordinances which have had a direct affect on residents of Greenbelt; and presenting report of findings with recommendations to Council. Some of those issues have included:

1. The Curfew Law – Through Public Forums and research of other municipalities and County governments, PSAC gave Council background information in which to make an informed decision relative to a curfew law in Greenbelt.
Decision: No Curfew Law in Greenbelt

2. Towing Ordinance – Public Forums were held by PSAC throughout the City of Greenbelt, East Greenbelt, West Greenbelt, and Center Greenbelt. The problems of towing were voiced and PSAC presented it to Council with recommendations.
Decision: The City actively advocated for County changes to the towing laws.

3. Other PSAC activities which have impacted the community include:
- Researching Window Guards for multi-level rental units;
 - Promotion of an ICE (Cell Phone – In Case of Emergency) for residents of Greenbelt;
 - Review of City's Emergency Preparedness and Operation Plan;
 - Review and comments on City's Crosswalk Safety Plan;
 - Researched and advocated Call Boxes in Greenbelt;
 - Through a grant from State Farm purchased a defibrillator for the City;
 - Advocate of cameras in Roosevelt Center and other parts of Greenbelt; and
 - Strongly endorse bike racks for the community.
4. Hold Annual Public Forums throughout the City to hear the concerns and suggestions of residents on issues of Public Safety.

MARYLAND TAX RETURN



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munity organization representing all of the condominium and homeowner associations in Greenbelt East, the range of topics covered was broad and included citywide issues as well as matters relating to specific neighborhoods.

Greenbelt East

The first item dealt with the status of traffic-calming projects underway in the Greenbelt East neighborhoods utilizing city bond issue funds. City staff reported that about 80 percent of the projected traffic-calming projects are complete. Work on three traffic circles (roundabouts) slated for Ora Glen Drive has not been completed because the estimated cost for construction exceeds the balance of the remaining bond funds. City staff will be making recommendations this spring on how to proceed.

The long-awaited traffic signal at Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive (opposite the Eleanor Roosevelt High School exit onto Greenbelt Road) has now been approved by the State Highway Administration and should soon be installed. McLaughlin said if no progress has taken place in March, the city will follow up with state officials.

Playground

A progress report was provided on the status of playground work being done in Greenbelt East as part of the city agreement on taking over responsibility, where requested, for community playgrounds. The Frankfort Drive playground is nearing completion and should be finished this spring. A playground for Canning Terrace will likely be done this summer or

fall with state funds that the city has just been awarded for Fiscal Year 2008.

Also in the fall, a third playground, near South Ora Court, will be done as a "KaBoom" community-built playground. This innovative playground concept that involves the community in the design, equipment selection and construction will be used there and for the playground near McDonald Field off Southway.

Information on this concept and the opportunity for financial support from KaBoom was discovered by Councilmember Leta Mach while attending the last National League of Cities Congress meeting. Mayor Judith Davis commented that this was a good example of the tangible benefit to councilmembers who attend municipal-oriented meetings. (Information on the program is available on the web at www.kaboom.org.)

Forest Preserve

GEAC members were also interested in the work of the city's Forest Preserve Task Force and the status and timing of task force recommendations to council. McLaughlin reported that their recommendations will be submitted in the near future and will consist of two separate topics.

The first deals with such administrative matters as Maintenance and Management Guidelines, creation of a permanent committee and changes to forest preserve regulations. The second topic will consist of recommendations to designate up to four new areas as forest preserve.

Areas expected to be proposed for inclusion are the recently acquired Sunrise property adjacent to the Beltway and the Holiday Inn, existing open-space parkland near Belle Point (southwest of Greenbelt Lake), Parcel 7 in Boxwood Village across from the "Buddy" Attock Park and the city police station and the land that has been designated as the site of the astronomical observatory adjacent to the Wolfe athletic fields at the east end of Northway.

Davis encouraged GEAC to review the task force recommendations when they are completed this year and advise council of any concerns or suggestions, especially relating to the Sunrise property.

Development

Heading the list of other items of interest to GEAC that also impact other areas of the city was the current status of the development/redevelopment taking place in Greenbelt West. McLaughlin reported that approvals have been granted for two Greenbelt Station South Core residential projects. Both will be located along the connector road between the Metro Station area and Greenbelt Road. These include townhomes being developed by Pulte and apartments by Fairfield. Construction for both should begin this calendar year with residential occupancy expected in spring 2008.

For the Greenbelt Station North Core, the development firm Petri Ross Ventures is actively pursuing a development plan of mixed-use residential/commercial/retail. The firm has purchased development rights to the Metro Station property from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

GEAC members were provided the latest concept plan for the North Core development that is labeled Concept Plan (Progress Plan 11) for "Greenbelt Station Towne Centre." Council has a meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 27 with representatives of Petri Ross Ventures to discuss the evolving plan.

The report was brief on the proposed redevelopment of the Springhill Lake apartments. The Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for the project has been deferred indefinitely by the Prince George's County Planning Board. The important school location and capacity issue and the disposition of that issue by the county school board also remain unresolved.

Likewise, the report on the proposed redevelopment of the rear portion of the Beltway Plaza Shopping center was brief, only noting the city's strong concerns whether adding 1,400 residential units to the plan represents the best use.

Other Items

Other items getting only cursory attention on the agenda included the city's efforts to achieve some control over street-side newspaper vending machines and efforts by the city and its municipal allies to obtain legislative authority for the aggregation of electric power distribution.

The prospects of competition in telecommunications services and costs with the expectation that the city's granting of a new, non-exclusive franchise to Verizon for its FIOS (fiber optics) service could have some beneficial impact on Greenbelt's cable customers also was discussed. Sheldon Goldberg opined that the bottom line for

him was which carrier was going to provide the most comprehensive array of major league baseball programming. Although no definite timetable was provided, the city expects that the first residents to get FIOS service in Greenbelt would be those close to Lanham and the balance of residents by the end of 2007 or early 2008.

In other updates, McLaughlin reported that county permits had been issued for the reconstruction of the city public works compound which should get underway this summer. City officials hoped the proposed lake park restroom facilities, to be done concurrently, would be constructed early in the project, as needed sewer and water improvements are to be done first.

City plans for renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre are nearing completion and the Beltway Plaza owners are well into their transformation of the Academy 8 Theatres into stadium-style seating.

The city is continuing its efforts to gain compliance with requirements that trash be placed in tightly closed containers rather than in plastic bags.

Finally, GEAC members received an early budget outlook from city officials. According to the report, "the city's economy looks healthy. Real property was assessed in 2006 and the assessable base will grow strongly over, at least, the next three years." On the down side, both the state and county are seeing a slowdown in revenue streams that could have an impact (on the city). McLaughlin expects to present his proposed FY08 budget to council on March 26.

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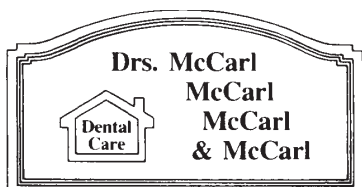


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Arrest

February 27, Jerome Harvey Pullen, 22, of 129 Westway, apartment 103, was arrested by the Greenbelt Police and charged with theft and driving with a suspended license in the 6000 block of Cherrywood Lane. An officer saw an unoccupied vehicle with its engine running in the 5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen by the Prince George's County Police. Pullen was then observed getting into the vehicle and attempting to drive away. Upon being stopped, police determined that Pullen had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. Pullen was released on citations to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

Robberies

February 24, 8:20 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a man reported he was robbed by two men at gunpoint. One of the robbers struck the victim in the head with the handgun and took the victim's jacket and cell phone. The other robber fired two shots from his handgun, neither striking the victim. The victim fled to his residence and was transported to the Prince George's General Hospital for treatment of the head injury.

The robbers are described as two black males ages 18 to 21 years. One is six feet tall with a thin build, black hair and wearing a North Face jacket, blue jeans and a knit hat. The other is 5'6" with a medium build, bald and wearing a black ski mask.

February 24, 9:34 p.m., in the vicinity of the Centerway underpass, a person reported that he was approached by as many as 10 persons who dragged him into a nearby wooded area and assaulted him, punching and kicking him while demanding money. The victim refused to comply and the robbers fled on foot. The victim was transported to

Doctor's Community Hospital for treatment.

There is no description of the suspects.

Burglaries

February 2, 11:37 a.m., 8100 block of Ryan Way, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by breaking out the rear sliding glass door.

February 27, 5:13 p.m., 6500 block of Springcrest Drive, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the basement door and ransacked the home. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Bicycle Theft

February 25, 9:35 a.m., a green Raleigh brand 21-speed bicycle was reported taken from the front porch of a residence.

Vandalism

February 21, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, the bedroom window of a residence was broken in an unknown manner.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2000 Dodge Caravan from the 9100 block of Edmonston Court recovered three days later in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive and a green Hyundai Sonata 4-door, Maryland tags HPT624 from the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road.

Six other vehicles reported as stolen were recovered in Greenbelt, two by the Greenbelt Police Department. One, reported stolen on February 18, had been abandoned after striking an apartment building in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. The building was not damaged. A witness reported a black male in his teens wearing dark clothing fleeing the vehicle.

Thefts, attempted thefts and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the 100 block of Westway (2), 9100 and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road, 6200 block of Springhill Court, 400 block of Ridge Road, 7800 block of Somerset Court, 13 Court of Hillside, 37 Court of Ridge and the 7400 block of Morrison Drive.

Fire Departments Get Grants for Upgrades

Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin announced that the Berwyn Heights and Branchville fire departments have been awarded a total of \$179,223 in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP). Both departments respond to calls in Greenbelt.

The Berwyn Heights Volunteer Fire Department will use its \$90,547 to upgrade communications equipment. The department will purchase new portable radios to improve communication interoperability with other departments throughout the county.

The Branchville Volunteer Fire Company & Rescue Squad of College Park will use the \$88,676 to purchase portable radios to enhance communications interoperability throughout the Washington, D.C., metro area.

ESFCU Officials Are Principals for a Day

Greenbelt-based Educational Systems Federal Credit Union (ESFCU) recently participated in the fourth annual Principal for a Day event. In partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools and the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce, ESFCU President/CEO Chris Conway, Vice President of Marketing Victoria Samuels, Vice President of Member Services Nahid Moghadam and Community Relations Specialist Eric Nicholson shadowed assigned principals for the school day.

"My experience with this initiative was truly enlightening. I have an even greater appreciation for our administrators and teachers," said Conway. Participants arrived before the start of school and remained until the final bell of the day. The purpose of the Principal for a Day program is to allow business and community leaders to receive first-hand information from principals, teachers, staff members and students on the challenges faced in education.

ESFCU has served the financial needs of the greater education community of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's County Public Schools since 1955. Now membership eligibility also includes students and their immediate family members.

Children Come First Logo Design Contest

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is inviting students to create a logo symbolizing the concept that Children Come First. A computer graphic design contest, open to all public school students, is being held this month to create an image to be used on the school district's new website and various publications.

"This is an opportunity for our talented students to leave a lasting impression on their school district at the same time that dramatic improvements are being made," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. John E. Deasy. "I can't wait to see their creative ideas."

In February, the Board of Education approved the Superintendent's requested operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008, which includes the Children Come First initiatives for accelerating student achievement in all Prince George's County public schools. The Children Come First initiatives can be viewed online at www.pgcps.org.

The contest deadline for artwork and student information is March 30 at the close of business.

Specifications for contest entries are computer graphics only, submit artwork via email only as Illustrator eps and/or jpg, fax form to the attention of ShaVon McConnell at 301-952-1383; use color but keep in mind that a logo also has to "work" in black/white or gray scale, design the logo to fit a rectangular space and email to birgitt@pgcps.org.

For questions call Birgitt Brevard at 301-952-6389.

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process.

Illustrations of the project's concept included apartment renovations and a four-story, 75-unit building. The senior housing would be located in the area of the existing swimming pool and the pool would be relocated elsewhere.

(Thomas X. White also contributed to this story.)

County Spelling Bee At Smith Center

The 2007 Prince George's County Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The free event features the area's best middle school spellers competing for a chance to advance to the national bee.

NARFE to Hear Financial Advisor

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Morton C. Tuckman, chapter service officer and a financial advisor, will discuss taxes and other finances. Members are urged to attend and the public is invited.

For more information call 301-345-7437.

HAND PAPERMAKING WORKSHOP

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What can people do to safely shovel snow?

Before starting, avoid caffeine or nicotine, which are stimulants that cause blood vessels to constrict while the heart rate increases, thus placing extra stress on the heart. Drink plenty of water – even though it is cold out it is still possible to get dehydrated.

Dress in layers so clothing can be removed in layers if the wearer gets too warm due to exertion.

Pick the right shovel – one that does not cause the user to hunch over in an uncomfortable or painful position. A smaller blade will also restrict the amount and weight of snow that can be picked up. Less snow on the shovel equals less strain on the body.

Start slow, pace oneself and take breaks as needed.

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This is a safety message from the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee.



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Professor Meredith J. Gill will lecture on Renaissance art history on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. in the College Park City Hall Council Chambers at 4500 Knox Road.

Gill's talk, "Looking East in the Renaissance," covers what people can learn from Renaissance artists and their patrons about religious identity, political freedom and cross-cultural exchange. The presentation will include a slide presentation focusing on how works of art in a lively global marketplace illuminate relations between the East and Europe in a tumultuous period.

This free event is part of the College Park Arts Exchange Cultural Connections series that offers adult programs focused on cultural exploration, music, art, literature, history and science.

For information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

Local School Holds Silent Auction Sat.

The Robert Goddard French Immersion School PTA will hold its annual silent auction on Saturday, March 10. This is the largest PTA fundraiser of the school year for the program, which draws its students from the entire northern section of Prince George's County.

With an "An Evening in Paris" theme this is the second year for the adults-only event. Artwork, jewelry, weeks of summer camp and timeshare stays were some of the items that were auctioned. The silent auction raised nearly \$4,000 last year for the funding of educational and cultural programs.

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New Friends School Featured by NBC

by Peter Curtis

Recently Friends Community School's new building, which is under construction near Westchester Park, was featured on Channel 4 news. Wendy Rieger of NBC reported on the new "green" building as part of a series on environmentally-friendly construction in the Washington, D.C. area. The report focused on straw bale construction used in the walls, the vegetated ("green") roof and the extensive use of passive solar heat and light resulting from the

southern exposure of the building. Also noted was the careful siting of the building, which results in the preservation of forest and wetlands.

In an interview with Head of School Tom Goss, Rieger asked why the school was committed to constructing an environmentally-friendly building. Goss explained that the motivation stemmed from the Quaker testimony on proper stewardship of the earth and its resources.



These photos taken by Barbara Hopkins show the new Friends School in various stages of development. The "green" buildings make use of many innovative environmentally-friendly architectural techniques and practically implement the Quaker philosophy of proper stewardship of the earth and its resources.



Board of Ed. Adds More to Budget for Services

The Prince George's County Board of Education has approved and sent to the County Executive a \$1.7 billion Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget request for Prince George's County Public Schools. The Fiscal Year 2008 Requested Annual Operating Budget represents an increase of 12.7 percent, which will allow the school system to maintain selected programs and services, improve teaching and learning and fund the goals of the Bridge to Excellence Master Plan.

The budget includes \$10.4 million in expenditures recommended by the Board of Education as an addendum to the superintendent's proposed budget. The board's program improvements increase the number of mentor teachers; ensure middle school guidance counselors are staffed at a ratio of 1:250; provide art instruction once every two weeks in each elementary school (pilot program);

provide character education in 10 additional schools; increase the New Teacher Induction Program from three to five days; make athletic director at each high school an 11-month position; provide a nurse in every school; provide a Masters in Education Program for science, math, and special education; increase music equipment inventory for students financially unable to rent; improve school system marketing efforts; increase degreed substitute pay to \$100 daily short-term and \$120 daily long-term; enhance targeted special education services; and improve maintenance for portable classrooms.

"While developing the addendum, we focused on addressing some of the priorities and concerns we have heard from our stakeholders in the community," said Board Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr. "We appreciated the public's input into our first

budget and intend to continue working collaboratively to identify and address the needs of our students."

Budget priorities focus on continued funding and expansion of programs and services that have proven successful in increasing student achievement, including programs that assist students in preparing for the Maryland School Assessments (MSA) and Maryland High School Assessments (HSA).

County Executive Jack B. Johnson will consider the board's budget request along with other county services in developing his proposed FY08 budget for Prince George's County, which will be presented to the County Council by March 15. The County Council will hold public hearings and worksessions on the county executive's proposal in April and May, before adopting a budget for the county by June 1.

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