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Historic Flags To Fly

As part of the commemoration of the Bicentennial, the City will fly thirteen historic flags in the median strip of Southway Road on national holidays and other special occasions. Presidents' Day, Monday, February 16, will be the first occasion for flying these flags, which will be permanently attached to poles that will be installed and removed on each occasion. The poles will be mounted into permanent sleeves.

Descriptions of the flags to be flown follow. The first United States flag, commonly called the **Betsy Ross Flag** has 13 stars in a circle and 13 red and white stripes. The **Star Spangled Banner** was flown during the War of 1812 over Fort McHenry in Baltimore when that city was bombarded by the British. Francis Scott Key watched and wrote the words to the National Anthem.

Bedford Flag, the oldest known flag in the United States, was carried by Minutemen at Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775. It depicts the arm of a knight in armor holding a sword and the motto "Conquer or Die" on a gold ribbon, all on a red field. **Bunker Hill Flag**, flown at the Battle of Bunker Hill, has a pine tree on a white field on one corner of the otherwise red flag.

Washington's Cruisers Flag carries the motto "An Appeal to Heaven" and a pine tree on a white field. This flag was flown by the Massachusetts Navy. **Grand Union Flag**, also called the Continental Colors, served from January, 1776 until June 14, 1777 when the first Stars and Stripes was adopted. This flag was a modified British Red Ensign, modified by adding a white stripe to the red field. The British Union Jack in the canton (upper corner) symbolized that the colonists were still not demanding independence.

Bennington Flag, the first stars and stripes used by an American Army, flew over the Battle of Bennington, Vermont on August 16, 1777. Its canton consists of two isolated stars and 11 stars in a semi-circle with the number "76" in the center on a blue field.

Moultrie Flag shows a white crescent with the word "Liberty" inscribed on it on a blue field and was flown by South Carolina troops at the Battle of Fort Moultrie in June, 1776. The South Carolina state flag is modified version of this flag.

Gadsden Flag with a coiled rattlesnake and the words "Don't Tread on Me" on a yellow field was the flag of Commodore Esek Hopkins of Rhode Island, the first man to be Commander in Chief of the American Navy.

First Continental Regiment Flag, the banner of the First Continental Regiment was flown at Cambridge, Massachusetts in the summer of 1775 and was carried through the war until the British surrendered at the battle of Yorktown. The center design shows a colonial soldier throwing a net over a lion with a Latin motto on a ribbon below meaning "I Refuse To Be Dominated."

John Paul Jones sailed under the **First Navy Jack** (a jack is a small

flag flown at the front of a ship) which has 7 white and 6 red stripes with a rattlesnake and "Don't tread on me" superimposed.

Rhode Island Regiment Flag was carried by the Second Rhode Island Regiment in the Continental Army. The white field with the anchor and the motto "Hope" were recognized Rhode Island emblems. A blue canton with 13 gold stars represented the United States. **Bicentennial Flag**, the official emblem of the Bicentennial, consists of the American Revolution Bicentennial symbol on a white field. The Bicentennial flag is also flown on the standard at the Municipal Building.

County Council Considers Greenbelt METRO Line

The Greenbelt recommended route for a METRO subway line to terminate at a station near Greenbelt Rd. and the B & O railroad tracks is getting short shrift by groups considering the route for the "E" line.

At last week's county council work session, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) recommended a route running from Prince Georges Plaza past the University of Maryland and terminating at the I-95-Beltway interchange.

This alignment would have the subway traveling underground from its entrance into the county near Chillum. It would continue underground past the Prince Georges Plaza Station, up Adelphi Road, to a station near the University of Maryland. Surface tracks would primarily run from the university's station up University Blvd. to Metzger Rd., then in a winding curve out to a station at the interchange. There would be a storage and cleaning yard just outside the beltway to the east of I-95.

This route, it was admitted, would cost \$117 million more than the original Adopted Region System (ARS) alignment which called for the subway to run along Queens Chapel Road to the east side of College Park and then parallel the B & O tracks north to Greenbelt Rd.

The council was also told that the composition of the soil along Adelphi Rd. is such that the WMATA staff recommends a "cut and cover" tunneling process. "Cut and cover" is a WMATA term for digging a trench, constructing subway passages, and then returning the earth.

County executive Winfield M. Kelly recommended that the "E" system should be continued into the county with stations at the Plaza and in West Hyattsville. He added that he thought the alignment should be continued out to College Park and the Beltway.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Feb. 12, Bd. of Ed. meeting on Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Upper Marlboro
8 p.m. GHI Board meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center

Thurs., Feb. 19, 8 p.m. PRAB meeting, Youth Center Conference Room

Devlin Urges New Method Of Choosing School Board

Delegate Gerard F. Devlin (D-PG) last week urged Prince Georges House Delegation Chairman Frederick C. Rummage to establish a committee to hold public hearings during the summer of 1976 and to recommend legislation changing the method of choosing Prince Georges County School Board members. At present members of the nine member body are chosen from single member districts and run in non-partisan elections.

"I favor the retention of the non-partisan principle but I am unalterably opposed to electing school board members from wards," Devlin said. "This system has led to a public scandal where major policy decisions are being reached on the basis of barter and trade. School board members seem forced to consider decisions not on the basis for all the children in the system but on the narrow basis of whether a proposed policy is 'good for my district.' This is just plain wrong."

Devlin said there are several alternatives to the present system. Among these he listed: returning to the appointive system with appointment either by the governor or county executive; election on an at-large basis; electing some members from the entire county and some from smaller districts.

The Bowie freshman Democrat said citizens in Bowie and Greenbelt, which he represents, are outraged by the School Board's actions in assigning pupils to the new Eleanor Roosevelt High School and in considering busing students from the overcrowded Bowie High School. "These issues are being clouded by narrow political considerations and not the well being of the children. Sound educational policy is taking second place to political and constituency concerns. It isn't entirely the fault of the individual members of the board. There are several members of that body whom I consider to be outstanding. It is the system which narrows their focus."

Devlin said that he hoped that whatever decision the county delegation reached would be based upon a broad citizen consensus with input from all elements of the community.

Public Hearing on Laws, Brutality

Delegates serving on the Prince Georges County Law Enforcement Committee will hold a public hearing on proposed State bills pertaining to law enforcement, police brutality, complaints, etc. on Friday February 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission auditorium 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale.

Persons may register to speak on the evening of the meeting. If possible, 10 copies of the testimony should be submitted.

John Carroll PTA

The John Carroll PTA will meet Feb. 17, 8 p.m. at the school. Dr. Carl Hassel, Supt. of Prince Georges County Public Schools, will be guest speaker. A question and answer session will follow. The public is invited.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR GREENBELT

City Officials Interact At Two-Day Retreat

Members of the city council and city staff returned to Greenbelt on Saturday afternoon, January 24, expressing satisfaction with the two day retreat held at Cacapon State Park, West Virginia and indicating surprise as to how fatiguing the work of the previous two days had been. It was the first time that the city council and city staff had ever sat down together as a group to consider the problems of the city and to talk with each other rather than at each other.

Not only was the retreat a first for the city, but a first for Maryland and one of a very few that have taken place in the country. Although the participation of combined council and staff in a retreat is unique, the conducting of retreats for high level employees of both government agencies and private business is extensively used for developing more effective team work and organizational development.

The purpose of the retreat is to take the selected individuals of an organization away from their normal environment, the every day pressures of their jobs and families.

School Board Will Try To Reach Decision

The Prince Georges Board of Education is expected to make a decision on the concept of the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School tonight, February 12, in the board meeting room, Upper Marlboro.

At the close of the last meeting on January 29 board member Kathleen Barker had moved to accept the superintendent's modified plan and board member Norman Saunders tried futilely to introduce a new proposal.

The superintendent's plan would provide for a modified combined comprehensive school/technology center. The comprehensive school would have a capacity of 1,200 students with definite boundaries including Greenbelt. The technology center would have a capacity of 900 and enrollment would be voluntary.

Saunders' proposal would (1) have Roosevelt open as a comprehensive school with boundaries recommended by the superintendent with the "exception of Bowie proper", (2) allow for the pairing of DuVal and Roosevelt school if required, (3) renovate Fairmont Heights senior high school and (4) keep Bowie students in Bowie. Saunders said he would try again today to introduce his proposal.

In the meantime the Greenbelt city council embarked on a letter-writing campaign to elected State and county officials and appropriate public agencies advising them of Greenbelt's concern over the impasse that has developed and requesting their intervention in the matter.

Over 50 letters, signed by all five councilmen, were mailed out expressing strong support for the September 1976 opening of Roosevelt as a comprehensive school with fixed pupil attendance areas including Greenbelt. Council deplored the stalemate that has developed on the school board over the proposals for open enrollment and converting the school into a combined comprehensive/technology center.

Recipients of the letters included Governor Marvin Mandel, Secretary Fred Wineland, Congresswoman Gladys Spellman and Marjorie Holt, members of the Maryland State Senate and State Delegation from Prince Georges County, County Executive Winfield Kelly and the County Council.

In a comfortable, but simple setting free of distractions the participants work as a group to explore and resolve the problems and objectives of the organization.

Greenbelt received the enthusiastic support of the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development. The Community Development Administration, which administers Federal Intergovernmental Personnel Act funds approved a \$725 grant to cover the expenses of the retreat other than transportation. In addition, Fred Arend, Training and Organizational Development Coordinator for the Administration, served as facilitator for the retreat. The facilitator's job is to guide the group in its team decision making activities and to serve as an observer and a coordinator.

Eleven city officials attended the retreat: Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Councilmen Richard Castaldi, Charles Schwan and Thomas White, City Manager James Giese, Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak, Public Works Director Albert Attick, Police Chief William Lane, Recreation Director Harry Irving, Greenbelt CARES Director Les Schiller and City Clerk Gudrun Mills.

The objectives of the retreat were to undertake team building and to establish goals for the city. It was recognized, however, that these objectives require a great deal of time and effort and that the two days allotted could only be a start of the process.

The retreat began with a work session on Thursday evening, continued all day Friday including that evening, except for meal breaks, and ended Saturday noon following a morning session. It was felt that this was the maximum amount of time that could be scheduled since councilmen were being asked to take more than a day off from their regular jobs and all participants were being asked to give up two evenings and the greater part of a Saturday from their homes and families.

During the time a variety of group tasks were undertaken. Some were for the purpose of developing greater information about the participants. One particularly useful task brought forth how council perceived the staff and how staff perceived the council. Points of friction were noted and discussed. It was also noted that there exists a relatively high degree of respect between the two groups.

The rest of time was spent analyzing the city. The strengths, weaknesses, problems and concerns were listed. From these lists ten problem areas were identified and the order of their importance to the group was established. In order, they are:

1. Lack of goals and continuing planning process.
2. Present and future needs.
3. Resources - Financial and otherwise.
4. Intergovernmental relations - County, State, Federal Government, other cities, etc.
5. Improving governmental performance (team work-productivity).
6. Communications.
7. Physical barriers (super highways) dividing the city into segments.
8. Citizen apathy.
9. Maintaining the city identity in a major metropolitan area.

— City of Greenbelt

HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Monday, February 16	-	-	-	No Collection
Tuesday, February 17	-	-		Monday's collection
Wednesday, February 18	-	-		Tuesday's collection
Thursday, February 19	-	-		Paper collection only (ALL ROUTES)
Friday, February 20	-	-		Resume regular schedule

Change of Council Meeting Date

The second Regular Council Meeting, scheduled for Feb. 16th, has been DEFERRED TO MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1976.

Gudrun H. Mills
City Clerk

Greenbelt March Contest

by Nancy Spong

Greenbelt's Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring a March Contest to provide an original melody for a march honoring the City of Greenbelt and its unique history.

Entry rules are as follows: 1) The contest is open to Greenbelt residents and individuals living outside Greenbelt but who are active in the community through schools, churches or local organizations; 2) Melody must have 2 beats per measure, cut time or 6/8 time; 3) Melody must be 16 measures long; 4) Melodic composition not more than one octave; 5) Singable melody; 6) Entrants must submit music in clear legible form - preferably in India ink; 7) All rights to the march belong to the City of Greenbelt; 8) All tunes must be submitted no later than April 30, 1976. All entries should be mailed to Bicentennial March Contest, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

The contest is under the direction of Greenbelter Fred Morden. Morden graduated from the University of Michigan and received his Masters Degree in Composition from the University of Maryland. He served as Band Director at Greenbelt Junior High School from 1970-1972, Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Maryland, and is currently Band Director at Bowie Senior High School and Director of the Prince Georges County Senior Youth Orchestra. (He is a continual recipient of royalties for his compositions from the University of Florida, the University of Mary-

land and Gettysburg.) The judging of the entries will be done by the Greenbelt Bicentennial Committee and Morden.

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Understand the Prince Georges Board of Education saved money recently when they changed the name of the new Franklin D. Roosevelt High School to Eleanor Roosevelt. It appears that there will be a savings of about \$100 because there are less letters in the new name.

Paul Sanchez, co-owner of the Greenbelt Theatre, was pictured recently in the Prince Georges Sentinel operating a giant movie projector. Sanchez, co-owner, also of the Takoma Park's Allen Theatre, hopes that both theatres "may mark the beginning of an era of appreciation for the old suburban movie houses in these days of nostalgic deco fascination." Sanchez, as a youngster, would spend his Saturdays walking to the old Hyattsville Theatre to watch science fiction films. In fact, while that old show house was being demolished in 1966, he recorded the theatre's demise on 16 millimeter film.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lorraine Moroney, 14-N Hillside, who lost her husband John.

Congratulations to the members of Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136 for being the 22nd largest Post in the Legion. Greenbelt's roster in 1975 included 2,326 members. Only one other post in Maryland, Parkville, with 2869 persons made it on the list of 33 king-sized Posts with memberships topping the 2000 mark.

At the Library

The CLOSEUP program on Wed., Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in the meeting room will be about radio astronomers and their findings.

During an evening of slides and discussion Dr. Ben Zuckerman, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Maryland, will present a program on "Project Ozma - A Search for Extraterrestrial Civilizations." For further information on this, or other programs in the series, call 699-3500, ext. 266.

Young adults and adults with an interest in poetry are invited to a Poetry Workshop, Thurs., Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. The workshop will include discussion and open readings.

For Children

The second in a series of Bicenennial programs, the Colonial Connection, will be held in the library meeting room on Tues., Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. for ages 8-12. In this program on Colonial music Bruce Hutton will sing American folksongs accompanied by traditional American folk instruments. There also will be a sing-along with the filmstrip "Yankee Doodle"

Drop-in Stories will be at 2 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 12, for ages 3-5, in the Children's Program Room. There is no registration for the program and all are welcome.

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Two bomb threats were investigated during the week. No explosive devices were found.

Upon request of the County Police, two officers of the Department were dispatched to assist in breaking up a large and unruly party in the Goddard Space Apartments.

Sgt. Van Valkenburgh apprehended a subject on Southway who had eluded the US Park Police in a fast chase on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The subject was released to the federal officers.

A resident of Springhill Lake previously charged with making an improper turn while operating his auto and who subsequently ate his summons, was found guilty in District Court and fined \$50. Expensive snack!

A stolen CB radio and a stolen purse, both taken from unattended motor vehicles, were among the nineteen cases of larceny investigated.

Responding to a distressed female resident's call that someone had entered her car and had placed a "fog producing" device in the car, an officer demonstrated how a defective part in the heater system, combined with weather conditions, caused the phenomenon.

Sewage Treatment Plant

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has informed the city that the question of abandonment of the Greenbriar interim sewage treatment plant will be on the Commission's agenda of Feb. 18. The developer, the city of Greenbelt, and environmental groups have been urging the immediate connection of the plant to the permanent Western Branch treatment system.

The matter of the continued use of the existing pumping station in lieu of the Commission's constructing a "permanent" pumping station has been deferred until some future date.

Rep Sarbanes To Talk At American Legion

Congressman Paul S. Sarbanes (D. 3rd) will address American Legion Post 136 in Greenbelt on Thurs., Feb. 19, at 9 p.m. When he speaks to the 2,300 members of Post 136, Congressman Sarbanes will be addressing the second largest American Legion Post in Maryland, according to Americanism Committee Chairman Herbert Roseneberg. After Rep. Sarbanes' remarks there will be a question and answer session and informal discussion.

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Greenbriar Condominium Elects Board of Directors

The Board of Directors for Phase One of the Greenbriar Condominiums was elected in January. William "Bud" Moore is the newly elected president; Jim Jones, first vice-president; Peg Leb-kicker, second vice-president; Jeanette Kimbrough, secretary; and Steve Fuller, treasurer. The first section of Greenbriar is composed of 252 units. Upon completion Greenbriar will have five sections — a total of 1,193 units. Moore said that committees are being set up and it is his hope that "all Greenbriar owners will become involved."

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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SPECIAL 1 WEEK SALE

All Clothing reduced 20% or more.
 Jewelry & Pottery 10%
 Mon., Feb. 16 through Sat., Feb. 21
 University Boutique International
 7420 Baltimore Blvd.
 College Park, Md.
 Open 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Greenbelt Carry-out

PROTECT YOUR TABLE WITH A GOLDEN JOE LABEL
 Sat. & Sun. — Royal Steak Sub 85c
 All-Star Sub 55c
 Hot Dog 25c
 Sun. — FREE Meatball Sub with every Lge. or Super Pizza Purchase
 Coca-Cola or RC Cola 16 oz. bottles \$1.19 a carton
 107 CENTERWAY 474-4998

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OUR GUARANTEE
 WE WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD
 '76 Gremlin #6242 \$2850
 #6242
 '76 Pacer \$4089
 With Air #6183
 '76 Matador #6025 \$3717
 #6025
 '76 Sportabout #6150 \$3526
 #6150
 FACTORY AIR CONDITIONING
 AT NO ADDITIONAL COST
 with any new 1976 Pacer
 FREE MOOD RING
 with any demonstration ride
 licensed drivers only
 AND THE AREA'S LARGEST, MOST MODERN SERVICE DEPARTMENT STANDING 100% BEHIND THE AMC BUYER PROTECTION PLAN.
 LOU TOLLISON'S



Beltway Exit 32W and Landover Rd.
 Directly across from entrance to Landover Mall

341-7300



"It's Warm Inside"
 Come in and Shop

Climate Controlled
 — COMFORT —
 70 GREAT STORES
 TO SERVE YOU

AT GREENBELT ROAD
 At Beltway Exit 28
 and Kenilworth Ave.
 MODERN CLIMATE
 CONTROLLED MALL
 WITH 75 GREAT STORES

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BARTONS-BARRICINI
 CANDIES
 Now Open
 10% OFF
 ALL CANDIES

GENERAL NUTRITION
 CENTER
 One Gram C
 100 Tabs
 Reg. \$4.99 Now \$3.49

THOM McAN
 Men's Shoes
 2 For \$10.00
 Selected Styles

SPORTING LIFE
 Hooded
 Sweat Shirt
 Gray, Navy, Zip Front, Thermal
 Reg. \$11.99 Now \$8.88

SCOT TIES
 Turtle Neck
 Sweater
 Reg. \$8.95 Now \$5.50
 2 for \$10.00

FAMOUS MAID
 SLAX
 Reg. \$9.99 Now \$2.00

FIFTH AVE. CARD SHOP
 Valentine Pillows
 & Decoration
 1/2 PRICE
 1976 Calendars
 Reg. \$2.00 Now \$1.00

SUMEI'S
 Picture Frames
 MANY SIZES
 1/2 Off

LEISURE LEARNING
 CENTER
 Selected Items
 BOOKS - GAMES
 20% Off

WIG FAIR
 All Elura Wigs
 Various Styles
 From \$29.95
 20% Off

JOY'S PENNYRICH
 Free
 Facial
 Woodward Cosmetics

SPORTING LIFE
 Hooded
 Sweat Shirt
 Gray, Navy, Zip Front, Thermal
 Reg. \$11.99 Now \$8.88

ACADEMY 6
 Free
 Small Soda with Pur-
 chase of Large Popcorn
 With This Coupon.

CONTINENTAL
 HOBBY CRAFTS
 Select Group
 Craft Kits
 20% Off

MORSE SHOES
 Men's "Aspen"
 Sports Shoe
 Reg. \$12.99 Now \$10.00

BOOKLAND
 (Unabridged)
 Classic Books
 All green bound w/gold
 colored lettering
 \$1.98

MAY'S
 Winter Coats
 Fur Trim — And Plain
 to \$80.00
 30% to 50% Off

CLOTHES BIN
 Shirts & Sweaters
 Many Styles & Fabrics
 \$1.99

HONG KONG TAILORS
 Indian Blouses
 Long Dresses
 20% Off

THE LEATHER HUT
 Free Matching Key Ring
 with Purchase of Leather
 Belt.

CASTELBERG'S
 5 pc.
 Cruet Set
 Reg. \$7.95 Now \$2.99

DELLY
 Chicken Chow Mein
 Choice of Salad
 Small Drink
 Total Value \$2.10
 Sale Price \$1.90

ROBERT HALL
 Men's
 Wool Sportcoats
 Special
 Group \$10.00

DISCOUNT HDWE & TOYS
 30% OFF
 All Toys

HESS SHOES
 Women's Shoes
 regular \$5.00 to \$16.00
 99c - \$3.99 - \$5.99

HANOVER SHOE
 "Shoe - Sale"
 regular \$12.95 to \$24.95
 \$7.88 to \$15.88

FASHION FACTORY
 Misses
 Pant Suits
 100% Polyester
 Reg. \$35.00 Now \$10.00

THE FABRIC TREE
 Selected Simplicity
 1/2 Off
 Listed Retail

PHILLIPSBORN
 Winter
 Merchandise
 50% Off and more

WAXIE MAXIES
 "Bad Company"
 "Run With the Pack"
 One to a Customer
 \$6.98 Now \$3.87

CARPET PALACE
 Remnants
 Reg. \$129.00 Now \$90.00
 Free Pad
 with all Rem. 9x12 & up

STERN'S SHOE REPAIR
 Free
 Meltonian Polish With
 Any Sole Job.

MOBIL CAR WASH
 Free
 CAR WASH
 With Coupon
 Good Only Feb. 16, 17 & 18