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## County Council Paves Way For Cable TV Franchises

The county council on November 18 passed a bill to authorize the county to issue the first cable television (CATV) franchises in Prince Georges county. The bill will create a five-member commission to regulate the systems.

The commission will be required to map out at least two franchise territories of equal economic value in the county and, after extensive investigation and public hearings, to recommend to the council a corporation or partnership to be awarded exclusive operating rights. The council must approve the franchise territories as well as the final franchise company.

The commission is to be composed of a certified public accountant, a member of the Maryland Bar Association, one individual versed in the CATV field, a representative of the county Municipal League and a public member.

### Disclosure Required

Applicants for a CATV franchise must provide a financial disclosure statement that identifies all stockholders. Each application is to be accompanied by a \$2,000 non-refundable fee. The applicant granted a franchise then must pay a non-refundable \$20,000 fee to offset administrative costs and later pay 5% of the income to pay for county services. Also, during initial operations, a \$100,000 bond must be posted by the cable company.

Once approved by the county council and the Federal Communications Commission, the franchise will be granted for 15 years, although it is renewable following a public hearing held at least 18 months before the expiration date.

At the last minute, the bill was amended to include a provision that allows CATV revenues to be distributed among the municipal governments participating in the county system. A municipality may try to negotiate with a cable operator already selected by the county.

Municipalities are also assured that they will be given adequate notice of any franchise hearing or actions that will affect them.

CATV functions somewhat like telephones. The accepted company will solicit subscribers and install cable hookups to the televisions of subscribing citizens.

### Subscriber Rates

According to the bill, county residents would be able to subscribe to the CATV service for \$8 a month for the first outlet and between \$1 and \$3 a month for each additional outlet in their home. The installation cost is expected to range between \$10 and \$25.

It is expected that it will take about two years before any franchises are awarded and longer before CATV actually will be operating in county homes. The initial system is expected to operate on 20 channels with a capacity to expand to 36.

The system is designed to be at least self-supporting and to provide a wide range of programming, including cultural and educational programs not available on commercial television. Channels also will be available to be used specifically by government agencies such as fire departments, public schools, police, and libraries as another way to keep in touch with the community.

According to the bill, when the cable system has reached 3,500 subscribers, the franchise must contain a studio capable of producing live or recorded programming. CATV also has the capability of two-way broadcasting — people will be able to talk back to their televisions eventually.

Currently there are a number of companies that have expressed interest in receiving a franchise. They are Prince Georges Community Cable Communications, the John Hanson Services Corp., and the Keith Clearwater Association.

Supporters of CATV say the system would permit citizens to monitor public hearings, participate in opinion polling, and have access to consumer protection data. It would also permit communities and minorities to participate in the development of local community interest programs.

## Flu Clinic For All Ages

The largest influenza clinic to be held in the Washington Metropolitan area is set for children, young adults and adults Sun., Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Prince Georges Community College in Largo.

The average adult will receive the monovalent (swine) vaccine. The bivalent vaccine which protects against both the swine flu and the A/Victoria strain will be given to those who are 55 and over, or who have heart, lung or kidney problems; diabetes, neuro-muscular disorders, or malignancies.

Young adults—those between the ages of 18 and 25—should receive two shots according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. The December 12 clinic will have special lines giving second shots for young adults who received their first vaccination on or before November 14.

It is also recommended that healthy youngsters—not just those with serious health problems—should be given a series of two swine flu shots to be administered one month apart. At the December 12 clinic, there will be a special area set aside for immunizing persons 3 to 18 years of age. As with adults, youngsters who have special health problems will receive the bivalent vaccine.

All persons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can give legal consent for the shot to be administered.

The Influenza Vaccination Campaign is being conducted by the Prince Georges County Health Department with volunteer assistance from the American Red Cross, the County Medical Society, and the citizens advisory committees of the Bowie Health Center, the Greater Laurel Hospital Center and the Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

### WHAT GOES ON

- Fri., Dec. 3, 7-10 p.m. Festival of Lights, Youth Center
- Sat., Dec. 4, 12-7 p.m. Festival of Lights
- Sun., Dec. 5, 1-5 p.m. Festival of Lights, 7:30 p.m. Combined Church Choir, Greenbelt Community Church
- Sun., Dec. 5, 3 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band American Legion, Post 136
- Mon., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Paint Branch Pro Musica Christmas Concert - Greenbelt Library
- 8 p.m. City Council Meeting - Municipal Building
- Thurs., Dec. 9, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

## AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, Dec. 6, 1976 8:00 P.M.

- I. ORGANIZATION
  - 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Roll Call
  - 3. Meditation
  - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
  - 4. Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 1976
  - 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
  - 6. Petitions and Requests
  - 7. Administrative Reports
  - 8. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - 9. Open Space Replacement for Ridge Road Center - Advisory Planning Board Report 180 and Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report 9-76
  - 10. Use of Metal Detectors in City Parks - Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report 10-76
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - 11. A Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - \$5,000 - First Reading
  - 12. Historical Marker - Tooping Castle
  - 13. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Request for Technical Assistance (Letter to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission)
  - 14. Letter from Mayor of City of Bowie
  - 15. Meetings
- V. MISCELLANEOUS

## Choral Society Concert

The Greenbelt Choral Arts Society will present the first concert of its 1976-77 season on December 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road. The chorus, conducted this year by David Hardin, will be performing *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten and *The Christmas Story* by Heinrich Schutz, as well as a number of shorter Christmas pieces. The Society's music director, Douglas Freeman, will be singing the tenor solos.

The Society will also be singing with the Prince Georges Symphony as part of a combined chorus for its April Concert, and is planning another concert in Greenbelt in June.

For more information about performances or about membership in the Choral Arts Society, call Margaret Warner, 474-2634.

## CITY NOTES

Donations from local churches and individuals enabled CARES to provide five needy Greenbelt families with Thanksgiving dinners.

Staff personnel met recently with Marv Bauer, Children's Librarian at the Greenbelt Library, for preliminary planning of cooperative programs of youth involvement to be held at the Library.

Expressions of interest were received from 23 architectural firms for providing design and inspection services for the housing for the elderly facility. Their submittals are presently being reviewed with the objective of selecting 5 to 10 firms for personal interviews.

## Animal Control Ordinance Lots of Bark, But No Bite

by Mary Colombo

With other more pressing issues to consider, the control of domestic animals is not a subject designed to excite most people. So, unless it's your child that is bitten, or your lawn that is regularly disturbed by other people's pets, or your animal that is attacked, most people just don't care.

What happens if someone thinks that it is their problem? In Greenbelt, and perhaps elsewhere, not much. Greenbelt does have an animal ordinance, passed in 1971. Theoretically, its provisions should provide the means for making owners keep their pets under control. The rules are certainly clear.

According to the ordinance, all pets must be licensed (both cats and dogs). Dogs, cats and other animal pets must be kept on the premises of their owners. Owners are required to keep their pets from becoming a public nuisance. In other words, owners must not allow their pets to disturb others by making excessive noise, bothering people, chasing cars, attacking other animals, etc.

Enforcement turns out to be another matter. As in many cases where the issue is not a matter of extreme urgency, officials are slow to respond with decisive action, overlapping jurisdiction in some areas between city, county and state further confuses the issue, and public apathy regarding the issue means that most people don't want to become involved with efforts to solve a problem.

### Wandering Animals

Suppose, for example, a dog regularly disturbs your trash and scatters it about your yard. Clearly, the dog is a nuisance. You call the Greenbelt police to complain. Your call is one of hundreds of similar calls the department receives each year. They will look into your complaint and yes, it is a violation of the ordinance.

What do they actually do? For a serious offense — if someone were bitten — an officer would be sent to investigate.

In this case, it's more likely that Greenbelt's part-time animal warden, Joan McFarland, would be sent to look for the animal. She may or may not find the one that is bothering you. If she finds it, and it is licensed, finding the owner is easy. However, the chances of the dog's being licensed are not good. According to the police department, most dogs picked up are not licensed, even though buying a Greenbelt city license for a pet doesn't cost much.

### Licenses

City licenses cost \$2 and are good from August 1 to August 1 of the following year. However, dogs also must have a county license which costs \$4. Whether a Greenbelt animal really needs to have two licenses is another matter. Logically, one or the other should be sufficient. But which one? The county says animals must have a license and it doesn't care if animals have a city license or not. However, the city says animals should have its license too. The general opinion seems to be that only a court case could decide the issue.

### Penalties

Suppose the animal warden finds a licensed dog that is wandering loose and disturbing people. She, of course, takes him back to the owner and explains that the animal should be confined to his premises and be kept under control. At this point, most owners, we assume, would comply.

If she finds an unlicensed dog, she still tries to find the owner. If she can, but the dog has been impounded, then the owner must pay \$5 to get the dog back and get him licensed as well. If the dog is still allowed to wander loose and someone else complains, the police department writes a letter telling the owner to take care of his animal. Sometimes that works.

If she cannot find the owner the animal is put in the Greenbelt pound for three days. If the owner still cannot be found, the animal is turned over to the county to be put to sleep.

For more serious violations, the animal ordinance calls for severe penalties. If a pet owner refuses to comply with the ordinance, for example, the city man-

ger may revoke this animal's permit. If the permit is revoked, then the owner must, according to the ordinance, within ten days dispose of the animal and "no part of the permit fee shall be refunded." Pretty heavy stuff, we agree. However, no one can recall the city manager's actually revoking any animal's permit.

### Court Cases

Another section of the animal ordinance states that "every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment." Clearly this section is the real "bite" in the ordinance.

However, to institute penalties like this the case must go to a State court. In order for a case to get into court, a police officer must go to Hyattsville to get a summons ordering the pet owner accused of disobeying the ordinance to appear in court. The court then hears the case and hands down its decision, setting a penalty if necessary.

Some cases involving pet owners have been heard in court. However, the procedure is time consuming, and the court is reluctant to take animal cases, preferring to leave the docket open for more pressing cases.

### County Aid

The county can help with animal problems if the owners are violating provisions of the county's animal control ordinance. Employees of the county animal shelter will come into Greenbelt to pick up animals if someone calls them. They say that if they are called by noon, they will be in the city the same day.

Another alternative is an appeal to the county's Animal Control Commission located in Upper Marlboro. They must receive a written complaint. In return, they will write a note to the owner of the animal. If there is a second complaint involving the same animal, the owner and the person who complained are summoned to testify before the commission. At this point, the commission will decide if the owner should be allowed to keep the animal or if the county should take the animal and put it to sleep.

To remove an animal nuisance from the streets, or to make his owner do so, takes persistence and a great deal of patience. The City of Greenbelt can only do so much to help. Essentially, it can work to enlist the cooperation of citizens in seeing that the various provisions of the animal ordinance are obeyed. This method, of course is the most desirable way to attain the goal.

However, in cases where no cooperation is forthcoming, citizens must go beyond the city. If they know what to do, if they are willing to take the time to make a charge and stick with it, then they can get results. To get such action on the city level would probably require some changes in the present animal ordinance and perhaps more money spent on controlling animals. Changes along these lines would, of course, require the interest and support of the public — those who own pets, those who wish other people didn't, and those in the middle.

## Youth Service Sells UNICEF Cards

The Greenbelt Youth Service Bureau is selling UNICEF cards, notepaper and calendars at the CARES office, 22 Ridge Rd. The maintenance of stock, advertising, book-keeping, accounting and selling are areas of youth involvement in this project.

The Bureau is open Mon. and Fri. from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For additional information call 345-3456.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Changing Greenbelt's Face To the Editor:**

It took the city manager two pages and the News Review a column and a half to discredit my petition on curb and gutter installation. I'll try to defend it in a few short sentences.

Basically, I think I had my answer from the councilmen the same night I presented the petition.

I suggested, that if the councilmen were as interested in preserving the historic and aesthetic unity of the original Greenbelt project as they were in having a useful curb installation, then they would delay current operations pending a study to change the specifications. Their answer was to put off my question for four weeks, to the end of the contract season.

The city manager argues to install step curbing. He says that individual householders in GHI have blocked swales passing through their own yards, and the city is therefore justified in discarding the runoff drainage system wholesale. He is not concerned with backing up runoff into commons and residents' yards, and leaving it standing in pools. ONE PLANNED FEATURE GONE.

The New Deal planners adopted what the city manager labels a "rural cross section" (roadway profile) to suburban use in Greenbelt by paving designated shoulders for onstreet parking. Installing the new curbs and repaving wipes out all traces of this simple solution to a growing problem.

**TWO PLANNED FEATURES GONE.**

The manager notes that cars repeatedly run off the paving to plow ruts and leave puddles.

Today's cars are usually conceded to have a longer turn radius than their 'thirties forerunners. Today's driver has trouble negotiating sharp corners that were adequate when new, and can hardly avoid running off the paving.

But the new curbing does not change the old, tight-radius corners. Mobile residents now can experience bruised tires and dented rims instead of leaving the pavement. ONE PLANNING MISTAKE — AGGRAVATED.

The city manager has trouble with my distinctions among types of curbing; yet even in the North End there are examples of completely flush curbing only a few inches wide. These serve the simple purpose of preventing edge deterioration in the paving they restrain.

I still wonder if we are being asked to buy curbing simply to make our town streets look "urban", and not for any useful purpose.

Gordon Allen

**THANKS**

To the Editor:

The family of the late Norris I. Wright wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during our recent bereavement.

Gary L. Wright and Family

**Festival of Lights**

The Fifth Festival of Lights will open with the Christmas Craft Show and Sale at the Youth Center, this Friday night, December 3, from 7-10 p.m. and continue through the weekend Saturday, 12 noon - 7 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Over 70 area craftsmen will be exhibiting a variety of seasonal and other crafts. The Goddard Garden Club returns this year with their greens demonstrations, garden items, plants, dried weeds and wreaths.

On Saturday and Sunday the Children's Room will be open. Here, youngsters will be given the opportunity to participate in making crafts and purchase gift items for their family and friends. Santa promises to interrupt his busy schedule and drop in for a visit Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club will be on hand selling munchies on both days.

**Confirmation at St. Hugh's**

For the past several months, 117 parishioners of St. Hugh's Church, both students and adults, have been involved in a preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This program was culminated on Tuesday, November 23 when the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 117 parishioners of St. Hugh's Catholic Church during a special Mass of Confirmation. The main celebrant and confirming Bishop was His Eminence William Cardinal Baum, Archbishop of Washington. Also concelebrating the Mass was Msgr. William F. O'Donnell, Pastor; Rev. Robert G. Amey, Asst. Pastor; Rev. William J. Kaifer, S.J.; and Rev. Noel O'Callaghan. Over five hundred people participated in this joyous community celebration and in the social reception which followed.

**Rev. M. Thekaekara**

The Rev. Matthew P. Thekaekara, S.J., 62, a priest, physicist and inventor who successfully interwove the disciplines of theology and science, died November 25 at Prince Georges County Doctor's Hospital after a stroke.

A resident of Greenbelt until recently, he had been a research physicist at the Goddard Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Greenbelt since 1964.

Father Thekaekara invented the mercury pool as a precision tool of the alignment of instruments for orbiting observations in 1964, and the cone radiometer the following year.

His most important contribution to space exploration was considered to be his recalculation of the solar constant — the measurable amount of life-giving energy, that travels from the sun to the earth.

Father Thekaekara was born in Changanacheri, India. He studied as a Jesuit novice at Sacred Heart College in India. After taking his minor religious vows, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and physics from Madras University.

He was ordained a priest in the Society of Jesus in 1946. By that time, he had become a prolific writer of articles for religious magazines and other publications.

He was a resident priest of the Ascension Church in Halethorpe, Md., from 1964 to 1970, and was associated with St. Hugh's Church in Greenbelt at the time of his death.

Father Thekaekara had received numerous awards from NASA and other organizations.

Of his dual careers, he once said: "Man's searching mind is the same and God is the author of all truth. A scientist who is all science is hardly human. And the priest is not to be confined to the sacristy and sanctuary, less so today than ever before."

At services on November 29 at St. Hugh's, Bishop Thomas Lyons, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, D.C. presided at the Mass with Msgr. William F. O'Donnell presiding as the chief celebrant.

Father Thekaekara lived at 6007 Adrian St. in New Carrollton.

He is survived by a brother, George, of the home; his father, Pothan Chacke Thekaekara, and a sister, both of India.

**Christmas Choral Concert**

The Combined Church Choir presents its annual concert on Sun., Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church. The Choir includes members from St. Hugh's Catholic Church, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, and the Greenbelt Community Church.

The Choir will sing a collection of American and European Christmas anthems — all new to the group this year. Soloists are Joyce Dorsey, Martha Folk, and Alice Tompkins. The Choir is under the direction of Jean Cook and is accompanied by organist Mildred Kern and pianist Rosemary Birchard. All are invited to an evening of song followed by refreshments in the social hall.

**Christmas Stamps**

Two 1976 Christmas stamps, featuring an 1855 Nathaniel Currier print and a Madonna with Child painting, executed two hundred years ago, went on sale October 27 at the Greenbelt Post Office, Postmaster Emory A. Harman said today.

"Winter Pastime," the Currier lithograph was placed on sale two years before Currier teamed with Hames Ives and went on to fame as Currier and Ives. This is the second Currier lithograph to be reproduced on a U.S. Christmas stamp. Currier's "The Road-Winter" was used in 1974.

John Singleton Copley's painting, "Nativity," was completed in 1776 in London although Copley was born in Boston. He is best known for his portraits of distinguished Bostonians and English noblemen.

The Madonna and Child is one of his few religious works. Copley painted the Virgin in a long white dress which reflects the taste of the 18th century. The original painting hangs in Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

The two Christmas stamps, Postmaster Harman said, continued the Postal Service's tradition of offering holiday mailers a choice of an art masterpiece or a contemporary design.

**Patrick F. Crowe**

Patrick F. Crowe, of Greenbelt died on November 22 at Doctors Hospital of Prince Georges County. He is survived by his wife Sally and daughters Kathleen T. Fern, Verenica and Judy Crowe and five grandchildren.

**Soccer Results**

Greenbelt Grasshoppers, coached by Jack Cassidy and Henry Fields, participated in the Bowie Soccer Association League for girls 11-12 years old. The girls maintained an impressive 9-0-1 record for the season and defeated the lead Bowie team 1-0 to win the championship. Team members include Suzy Abresch, Teresa Alfaro, Diane Bodner, Teresa Downs, Darlene Fields, Liz Greig, Carla Hayes, Leah Johns, Julie Lasworth, Theresa Manuel, Diane Maxwell, Mary Milhollen, Karen O'Driscoll, Cindy Osborne, Claudia Watters, and Carol Wendehack.

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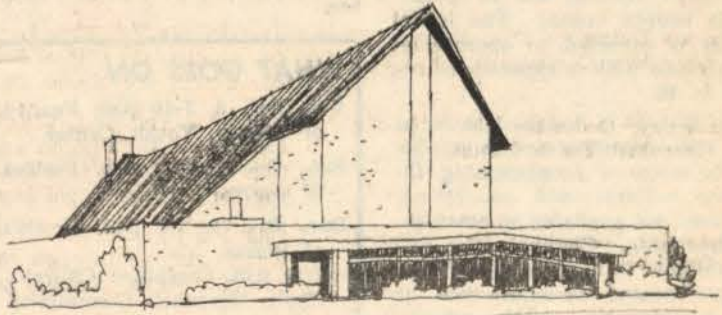
**MOWATT MEMORIAL**  
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Church School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sermon: "The Work of Christmas"  
Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,  
Pastor  
474-3381 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
(United Church of Christ)  
Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)  
Sun., Dec. 5 - 11 a.m. - Worship Service and Church School  
(Infant Care at 2-B Hillside)  
7:30 p.m. - Christmas Concert with the combined choirs  
Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, Ministers

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**Bahai Faith**  
*Helen Shaplin, Montessori Teacher, Speaks on "Education For Today's Society: A Baha'i Perspective."*  
Thursday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m.  
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### Scout Troop 746

Champion Speckled Becky, a Dalmation coachdog, and Julie, a black standard poodle, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nagler, shared the spotlight with twelve Bobcats at the recent meeting of Cub Scout Pack 746 at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagler of Hyattsville gave a very interesting demonstration of canine handling and showing with the well-trained Becky and Julie. At the end of the discussion, the two dogs were mobbed by friendly cub scouts.

The Webelos den, organized by Ralph Noble, opened and closed the meeting. In honor of the month's theme of Rural America, the pack sang "Old McDonald Had a Farm." Den 1, led by Mrs. Ruth Haynes, displayed original animal plaques in keeping with the theme.

I. R. Ralph Noble, as a long-time Scouter with the pack, lit the Spirit of Scouting candle and Jeffrey Keifline, Matthew Haynes, Tony Reneman, Steven Pasternak, Marc Schlossberg, Bobby Credeur, Jason Evans, Robert MacCracken, David Murphy, Matthew Radcliffe, and Michael Zola were inducted as Bobcats in a candlelighting ceremony. Eric Aylat, Kevin Clark, Paul Reuben and Erik Molvar were also eligible but not present.

The new Webelos leader, Stephen Hooper, was welcomed into the pack.

An unexpected special guest, Patuxent District Chaplain Rev. Kenneth Buker, gave the benediction during the Friendship Circle.

Den 3, led by Mrs. Margaret Zanin, provided refreshments for the meeting.

December 10 will be the next get-together of the pack.

### At the Library

**On-Again Off-Again Films** are On-Again this Sat., Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room with the films **FREE TO BE . . . YOU AND ME** and **JACK AND THE ROBBERS**.

**Deaf Awareness Week** is December 6-11, 1976. In recognition of this special week the following Greenbelt Library Children's programs will be interpreted by a signer for both the hearing and hearing-impaired public.

**Winter Puppetland:** Tues., Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. all children ages 6-12 and their parents are invited to spend an evening laughing at the antics of the library's star puppets as they appear in two shows. . . . **DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT** and **PUNCH AND JUDY**.

**Drop-In Stories** a program of stories, songs, action rhymes and fingerplays for children ages 3-5 on Thurs., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. All are welcome.

#### Cooking Contest

Young adults ages 13-18, are invited to enter a cooking contest on Sat., Dec. 11, at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free however advanced registration is requested. For details call 345-5800.

**Renaissance Christmas.** Mon., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room. Paint Branch Pro Musica performs seasonal music of the Renaissance and Baroque. Welcome the holidays with the sound of recorders, harpsichord, and other ancient instruments.

**Pots and Planters.** Wednesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. Meeting Room. A slide presentation showing an artist designs ceramic planters to emphasize the characteristics of individual plants. Presented by Harold McWhinnie, University of Maryland.

### Cut Your Own Christmas Tree

The Maryland Department of Agriculture announced that persons may cut their own Christmas trees in Prince Georges County at Roland's Farm, 10101 Old Fort Road, Friendly from Dec. 10 to Dec. 24. Weekday and weekend hours are from 10 a.m. to dark.

### Boys and Girls Club

The Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club held an election of officers for the 1977 term on Nov. 16 at the Youth Center. The new representatives are: Robert Hanks, president; Pat Galnor, vice president and Mike Sardelli, treasurer. Past president Jim Sacco will remain on the Board of Directors.

### Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be held December 8 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. Topics for discussion will be "How Parents Obtain Respect," and "Stress During The Holidays." Refreshments are provided and baby-sitting is available. For information call Betty Hughes at 474-3458.

### Mishkan Torah Card Party

A Card Party, sponsored by the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood, will be held at the synagogue, on Thurs., Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. Featured will be Bingo, Mah Jong, poker, bridge, scrabble, and other games. There will be a nominal donation which includes refreshments. Door prizes will be given. The Gift Shop will be open all evening.

## REAL ESTATE OFFICE of GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

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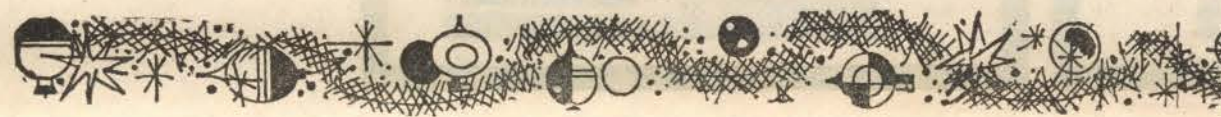
## BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City Council is seeking resumes from Greenbelt residents who are interested in serving on city boards or committees. Vacancies currently exist on the

- Advisory Planning Board
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Advisory Committee on Elderly Housing
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Citizens Advisory Committees on
  - 1 - Public Safety
  - 2 - Human Resources

and interested persons may obtain further information by calling the City Offices, 474-3870 or 474-8000.

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Friday, December 3rd 7pm-10pm  
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Greenbelt Youth Center

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Sunday, December 5th, 3:00pm  
Greenbelt American Legion Home  
Monday, December 6th, 7:30pm  
Glenn Dale Hospital Auditorium

Sunday December 5th, 7:30pm  
Greenbelt Community Church

Monday, December 13th

Friday, December 17th  
Have lights on at dusk

Friday December 17th, 8:30 pm  
Greenbelt Community Church

Saturday, December 18th, 10a-12n  
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Santa will answer every letter with a pleasant surprise.

### Herling to Speak On Israel

Albert Herling of Greenbelt will be the guest speaker at the Mishkan Torah Men's Club breakfast on Sun., Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Herling, editor of the Baker's Union Newspaper, will tell about his recent visit to Israel where he was a guest of the Labor Press.

### Beltway Plaza Developers

Beltway Plaza Developers, headed by Sidney J. Brown, has completed the moving of its offices into the Beltway Plaza Mall. The company, which owns and operates Beltway Plaza Mall, is actively engaged in the development and the construction of shopping centers, its current project being an Ocean City Mall.

### Mishkan Torah News

Rabbi Ludwig Nadelman, Executive President of the Reconstructionist Foundation, will discuss various topics of Reconstructionism at the Mishkan Torah on Fri., Dec. 3 at 8:30 p.m. and on Sat., Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m. Friday's topic is "Evolution of Jewish Peoplehood."

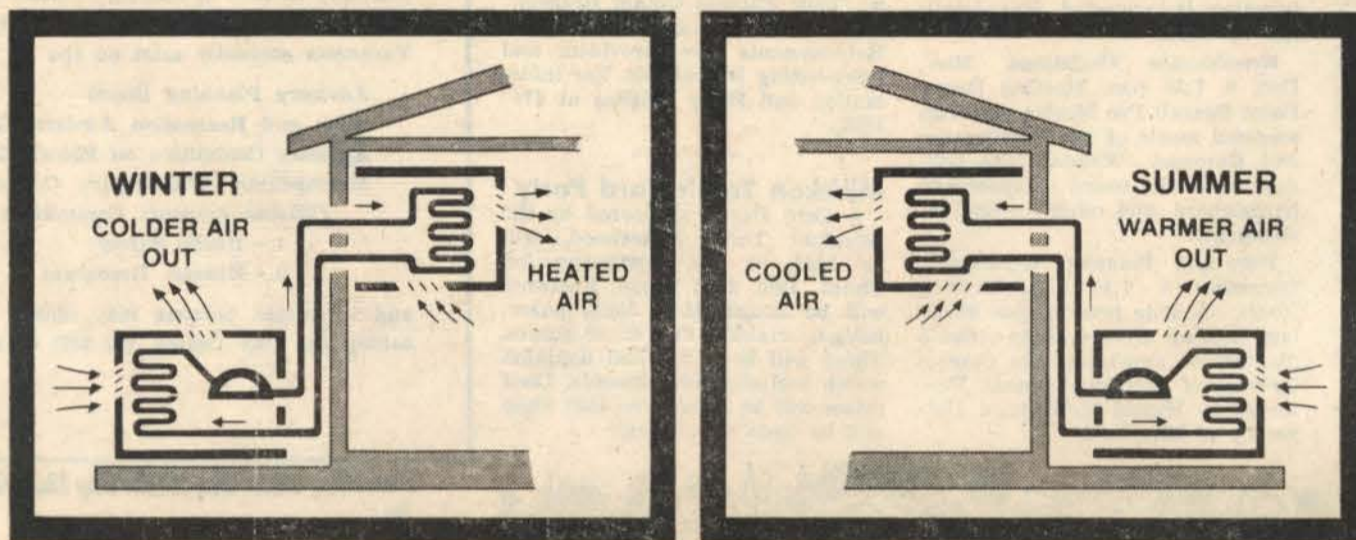


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# Understanding the Heat Pump



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In the summer, the heat pump works like a conventional electric air conditioner. The unit automatically reverses the heat transfer process, taking heat away from indoor air, and transferring it outdoors. The diagrams above show how the heat pump functions in summer and winter.

**How does the heat pump compare to available alternatives?** Very favorably. In winter, it costs about the same to operate as an oil heating system and about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cost to operate an electric furnace. In summer the system costs the same to operate as a conventional central air conditioning system.

The heat pump system may cost a little more to purchase than separate heating and cooling systems, but this expense is offset by operating savings. No exhaust flue is needed, so the total cost of construction may be less than for a home with an oil furnace.

The heat pump is exceptionally clean and quiet. It needs no fuel tank and no outdoor air for combustion. It takes up little floor space. Because it runs on electricity, which PEPCO produces mainly with coal, the heat pump helps conserve oil supplies and is not dependent on a single energy source.

**After forty years of refinement, the heat pump's time has come.** Engineers have been improving the heat pump since the 1930's. With today's technology the heat pump is a reliable, energy-efficient heating and cooling system. Builders of more than a dozen subdivisions in PEPCO's service area already install heat pumps as standard equipment. That's good news as energy conservation becomes more and more important to us all.

**No matter how you heat and cool, think insulation.** There are many different types of thermal insulation—for walls, ceilings, floors, windows and doors. All serve to slow the natural flow of heat from areas of greater concentration to areas of lesser concentration, so you need less energy, and spend less money, to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.

For more detailed information about heat pumps, and about home insulation, please phone our Energy Services Department at 872-2465, or write PEPCO, Room 528, 1900 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20068.

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### Police Blotter

A purse containing cash was taken from an unlocked parked car on the Beltway Plaza parking lot. The Department would like to caution all residents against leaving articles of value in parked autos. Items which must be left in the car should be locked in the trunk out of sight.

In an afternoon incident, the pocketbook of an elderly woman was stolen as she was returning to her home in Springhill Lake from Beltway Plaza. A young male grabbed her purse as she neared the hill behind the shopping center, took her wallet and threw the purse down. The Department advises residents to carry little cash and to leave their credit cards at home whenever possible.

On Nov. 13 the Department was advised of a burglar alarm sounding at Eleanor Roosevelt High School during the early morning hours. PFC Lann responded to the scene where, with the assistance of a Prince Georges County K-9 unit, he apprehended two subjects inside the school. The two, residents of Landover Hills, were charged with breaking and entering and incarcerated in lieu of bond.

Among the many recent juvenile complaints the majority were for juveniles acting in a disorderly manner. As the result of one complaint, a 15 year old female resident of Springhill Lake was charged with vandalism after she and a friend were observed throwing eggs at a residence.

A Metrobus was reported stolen from Beltway Plaza. It was taken while the driver was getting a cup of coffee inside the Mall. It was recovered a short time later by Prince George's County Police in Beltsville. The coin box had been removed, but no other damage was apparent.

An unusual number of brush type fires have been reported lately. Several were set with a "fire bomb" type device. One of these was set off in the immediate vicinity of the Municipal Building.

Cpl. Ernest Brumley and PFC Edward Blake have completed an Anti-Sniper Training Course held at Fort Meade, Maryland. The course was conducted by Army personnel at Fort Meade.

Cpl. Stair has conducted tours of the Police Department for school patrols from St. Hugh's, Center School and Springhill Lake Elementary School. The children also saw displays of police equipment, a movie and had a short discussion period showing how officers are trained.

### City Council To Consider Land-Replacement Reports

At its next meeting on Monday, December 6, council will take up two advisory reports dealing with land acquisition as replacement for the open-space being given over to the elderly housing project. Mortgage funds from the latter project amounting perhaps to \$91,000 will be used to finance the purchase of replacement land.

The Advisory Planning Board narrowed the choice as follows:

(1) land in parcel 2 between Gardenway, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and the Ridge Road Center. Preferred if major concern is to have an essentially passive recreation area.

(2) acreage previously designated on Hamilton Place or adjacent to the old sanitary landfill. Preferred if highest priority is more active recreation use such as ballfields.

(3) Portion of funds applied to land designated for purchase in parcel 1.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Board gave the highest priority to purchase of Hamilton Place site as a means of acquiring multi-purpose ballfields as quickly as possible, because it does not consider the landfill site as suitable for active recreation because of its isolated location. It also suggested that some portion of the funds be used to make up the difference required for the purchase of parcel 1.

#### Metal Detectors

The council will also take up a PRAB report on use of metal detectors in city parks. PRAB recommended that metal detectors not be permitted in city parks except for educational, scientific, and/or historic research conducted by organized groups approved by the city. It suggested that the search be conducted under specific rules of control established by the city and that any uncovered valuable relics should become the property of the city.

#### CARES Toy Exchange

Donations of toys are being accepted by Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau to be used in the adult Toy Exchange on Tues., Dec. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and the youth Toy Exchange on Thurs., Dec. 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at 22 Ridge Road (Ridge Rd. Center). The Toy Exchange is available at no cost to Greenbelt residents wishing to obtain toys for gift giving. For additional information contact the CARE office at 345-3456.



Principal Ray Ogden (L) and Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld (R) wield silver-plated shovels at tree planting ceremonies at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on November 15. Others pictured from left to right are councilman Charles Schwan, Jim Bruns of Roosevelt, police chief William Lane, councilman Richard Castaldi, city manager James Giese and News Review reporters Elaine Skolnik and Mary Lou Williamson.

### Meeting On Transportation

As part of a 23-county tour State Secretary of Transportation Harry R. Hughes will be in Greenbelt on Thurs., December 9, to meet with local officials on the transportation program for fiscal years 1978 through 1982.

The meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the State Highways Administration Building (District #3 Office auditorium). Comments from the meetings will be considered in the final program presented to the 1977 General Assembly.

Hughes said that the program presently includes no new primary or secondary highway projects with few exceptions. The emphasis will be shifted from costly new construction to low-capital improvements.

### Band Concert Dec. 5

The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County under the direction of John DelHomme will play its next concert on Sun., Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at the American Legion Post 136 on Greenbelt Rd. The concert will commemorate Pearl Harbor Day and also include Christmas music.

DelHomme will direct the band in works by J. S. Bach, Leroy Anderson, Johannes Brahms and others. The concert is free, and everyone is invited. For information, call 474-0543.

For those that miss the Concert on Sunday, the Greenbelt Concert Band will play the same program Mon., Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Glenn Dale Hospital. There will be minor variations in the program.

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