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Greenbriar Crime Watch Program First in City and Getting Results

by Carol Hoxie

Crime has dropped at Phase III of the Greenbriar Condominiums, since its residents started a neighborhood crimewatch program in May, 1982, Dorothy Pyles, director of the program, said.

Pyles directs both the Mobile Crimewatch and the Neighborhood Watch at Phase III. Before the program began, Greenbriar Phase III had experienced a great deal of breaking and entering incidents (especially during the day) and several cars had been stolen from the parking lot, she explained.

Since the program began, crime figures for Phase III are lower, officer Doug Sappington of the Greenbelt Police reported.

The president of the Greenbriar Community Association, Robert C. Zugby, when asked about the Phase III crimewatch, said, "I think it's been successful. The incidence of crime it's designed to prevent has gone way down." There have been almost no incidences of breaking and entering during the day, he said, but added that there had been a recent tire slashing incident.

The Neighborhood Watch program teaches watchfulness in one's immediate area and includes Operation I.D. and a Home Security Check, Pyles said. In Operation I.D., a homeowner's driver's license number is engraved onto permanent parts of valuable property, such as stereos, televisions, and appliances. Engraved stolen property is more difficult for thieves to sell and if police recover the stolen property, they can more easily trace it to its rightful owner, Pyles explained.

The Phase III program purchased several engraving pens for use by homeowners there. Homeowners from other communities may borrow engraving pens from the Greenbelt Police, Pyles said. Sappington said the pens may be checked out for two days. The police will also provide free crimewatch decals to put on home windows and doors.

A Home Security Check is conducted by the Greenbelt Police. It can be done if one resident in the building or community will invite several neighbors to his/her home. The police officer then conducts the security check for everyone present. Everyone who attends the session can apply to his own home the principals of crime prevention learned, Pyles said.

Phase III is near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and has a large parking lot, Pyles explained. These facts may have contributed to car thefts in the past and is also why the Mobile Crimewatch is an important part

of the Phase III crimewatch effort.

The community is not connected to any main thoroughfare to other streets in Greenbelt, Pyles said. Therefore, any person who is not a Greenbriar Phase III homeowner or guest of a homeowner usually does not belong in the area and should be watched, she added.

Leader in Crimewatch

Phase III has the first mobile crimewatch in Greenbelt, Pyles said. Its call number, assigned to it by the Greenbelt Police, is automatically recognized if a report is called in. Two persons ride in the mobile crimewatch vehicle and have phone ties-in to a crimewatch base telephone at Phase III, she said.

"This is not a vigilante group," Pyles stressed, but added that the program wants people to be vigilant, aware and alert. If they see unfamiliar vehicles in the area, they should report them. The trend in all crimewatch programs around the country, she explained, is to be aware of and look out for your neighbor.

Many participants in the crime-

watch programs have experienced some form of vandalism in the past, Pyles said. When one is the victim of crime, there is a feeling of having been violated. With the crimewatch program, people can feel that at least they are helping prevent a similar crime from happening to someone else.

"The crimewatchers do not apprehend criminals. They are the eyes and ears for the police department," she said. No police department can effectively monitor every community at the same time. Citizens need to shake off their apathy and offer assistance to help deter crime in their communities, Pyles said.

Crime prevention programs can be started in any community by holding training sessions. Even a small community group just starting out can be effective in cutting crime. "Each program needs to be tailored to the community it serves," she added.

Training Sessions

Phase III has conducted five training sessions, Pyles said. She

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GHI Moisture Committee Meets to Study Problems

by Mary Moien

The GHI committee to study moisture problems held a meeting on Monday, Dec. 5. About 15 GHI residents attended to describe their moisture problems. Several members of the committee also had moisture problems to discuss.

Frank Gervasi, GHI Board member, is chairman of the committee. He divided the problems into moisture by type of unit and discussed problems separately for brick, block, frame, and free-standing homes. Members in brick homes seemed to have problems mainly with mildew in attics and bathrooms. Although problems diminished over the summer, these residents are now noticing the mildew starting again. Some felt that the type of insulation in the attics was to blame. Some members had pulled back the insulation from the edges of the attics, but there was mixed reaction as to whether this helped the problem.

The problems in the block homes centered around severe wall mildew and wetness problems. Some committee members suggested air-to-air heat exchangers and/or dehumidifiers. This led to a discussion of whether the heat exchangers had been proven to help. Also, both of these pieces of equipment are expensive and there was some feeling that GHI maintenance fees should cover the cost and not the individual members who had had no moisture problems before rehab.

Committee member Lois Gorman repeated her belief that opening windows slightly and air-

ing the homes on occasion would take care of most problems. Joe Morris, another committee member, agreed with her but stated emphatically that GHI members who were told that they must install new windows to eliminate air leakage are not going to believe that they should keep their new windows open. Several GHI members also stated that they had kept windows open slightly and had noticed no improvement.

The meeting concluded with a general feeling that GHI was not interested in eliminating the moisture problems. Members spoke of calls and letters to management and maintenance going unanswered. In fact, no management representative was at the meeting. Gervasi agreed that this was a serious problem but also stated that there are now fewer GHI personnel and there are 1600 units to be served. Gervasi did state that he had taken down all the individual information and hoped that by the January meeting of the committee, most of these problems would be solved.

Gervasi also stated that recommendations for solutions to problems of moisture in brick home attics would be presented at the December 15 board meeting

CITIZEN GROUP ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT POLICE DEPT. OPERATIONS

by Bill Rowland

A small group of residents asked Greenbelt's city council on December 5 for an impartial investigation into the circumstances that have led city police corporal E. Daniel Blake, age 36, to request medical disability retirement. The residents, spearheaded by Herbert Jones and Eunice Coxon, also want an independent evaluation made of police department effectiveness and integrity.

Blake, with about 11 years on the city's police force, won recognition in 1983 both as the city's Outstanding Employee of the Year, and as the local American Legion Post's choice as Policeman of the Year.

Blake was subpoenaed by plaintiff Peter Ladnier to testify in a federal court trial in July 1983. The trial primarily involved charges brought by Ladnier against Greenbelt police officer Fred E. Murray alleging unnecessary use of force in restraining Ladnier after a police car-motorcycle collision two years earlier. Blake, testifying in his capacity as a police officer, was required to appear in court and to answer questions about a previous incident in which Murray had been involved. The judge in Ladnier case several months later decided that Murray, in his individual capacity, was liable for \$65,000 in damages awarded to Ladnier. The judge has not yet handed down decisions on post-trial motions.

Ladnier had also brought related charges of improper actions against the city, the police department, and Police Chief William T. Lane. The judge in his decision exonerated these parties to the case.

Within a matter of days after he gave his court testimony, Blake was ordered by Lane to undergo a medical examination, and was subsequently referred to a psychiatrist. According to City Manager James Giese, Blake has requested medical disability retirement on the advice of the physicians, and has been on administrative leave for several months pending the final decision by the Maryland State Retirement System.

The Debate

The residents who addressed council voiced their concern that some kind of retaliation might have been taken against Blake because of his testimony regarding a fellow police officer. Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski joined them in wanting to know why the medical referrals occurred so immediately after Blake gave his testimony.

But the long hour of debate on

Free Food Distribution To Be Held in City

On Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15, the city will again participate in the free food program sponsored by Prince Georges County. Cheese, butter, cornmeal, dry milk and honey will be distributed to eligible persons on these two days from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Eligibility requirements are: (1) Receipt of food stamps, unemployment compensation, Medicaid, welfare or Supplemental Security Income; or (2) An income that is lower than 150% of the poverty level (one person—\$7,290; two people—\$9,910; three people—\$12,330; four people—\$14,850).

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the distribution or needing additional information should call the City Offices at 474-8052.

This issue shed very little light on the matter, and almost no clues as to what decisions council might reach. The knowledge of the residents who spoke to council was based on what Blake has told them, on hearsay, and on supposition. Giese told council he found the matter difficult to speak to because it involves sensitive personnel issues. And council itself split over the question of how much should be addressed in public, or whether an executive session would be useful or proper—and whether, even in executive session, Blake should be present to speak for himself.

Giese did tell council, in a prepared statement, that "if Officer Blake has any grievance relating to his treatment by the city, he may seek redress by filing a complaint with the Employee Relations Board." Blake has not filed such a grievance with the board. Giese also told council, "Blake is eligible to return to work whenever the city is advised by a medical professional that he is able to assume the duties of a police officer. He is not required to use the city's doctors and may use his own."

As to the broader issue of an evaluation of the police department by an independent body, both councilman Thomas White and Pilski took particular note of this concern of the citizens. Pilski spoke of his pride in the department, and of the fact that now a stigma is attached. Pilski declared, "We've got a problem, and it's a very sensitive problem!"

At the end of the evening's agenda, on a three-to-two vote, council went into executive session, but with Pilski and White not attending.

Matching Grant Received By Cultural Arts Center

by Lindley Darden

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center has received a matching grant from the Maryland State Arts Council for \$1500 for its 1983-84 season. The Center must match the funds on a one for one basis and thus will be conducting a fund drive among its members and others interested in supporting the Center. Donations are tax deductible.

The Grants Subcommittee of the Center successfully completed a lengthy application and received this award in competition with other arts groups throughout the state. The money will be used to support the programs of the Center, including the plays by the Greenbelt Players and the upcoming performance of the Nutcracker by the Maryland Central Ballet Company. However, this sum covers only a small portion of the season's expenses. Memberships and ticket donations and other donations also contribute to the Center's budget

Music at Beltway Plaza

The Eleanor Roosevelt Symphony Orchestra will be performing at Beltway Plaza on Wednesday evening, December 14. The community is invited to attend.

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Keep Porch Light On And Dogs Under Control To the Editor:

My daughter Kim and I have been delivering the News Review for three years. Because of the recent frequent late arrival of the paper in Greenbelt from the printers we have had to deliver the paper late Thursday or Friday.

I would like to thank those people on our route for their patience. It is always helpful when they keep their porch lights on and have the dogs under control. My thanks to those folks of 17-27 courts of Ridge Road and 1, 2, 4 and 7 courts of Southway.

—Donald I. Miller

Slayden-Slaughter

William D. Slayden of Front Royal, Virginia announces the engagement of his daughter, Mary Jo to Kevin Lee Slaughter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Slaughter of Marshall, Virginia. Miss Slayden is also the daughter of the late Julia B. Slayden.

Miss Slayden is a 1976 graduate of Warren County Virginia High School and a 1980 graduate of Lord Fairfax Community College where she received her AAS Degree in Natural Resources. She is currently employed with Atlantic Research Corporation in Gainesville, Va.

Mr. Slaughter is a graduate of Warren County High School and attended Concord College in Athens, West Virginia. He is currently employed by James E. Federline, Inc. of Chantilly, Va.

Mr. Slaughter is the grandson of Mrs. Leo Slaughter, Sr. of Greenbelt and also the grandson of Ernest DeGagne, former GHI employee and long-time Greenbelt resident, now residing in Largo, Fla.

A May 19 wedding is planned.

Library Panel to Discuss Marketing Travel Writing

"Marketing Your Freelance Travel Writing" is a free program designed to help people do just that. It features Panelists Ray Lane, who has published in The Washington Post, the New York Times, Playboy and others, and Joan Trapper, who is editor of the National Geographic Traveler and travel editor for The Baltimore Sun. Together they will discuss the travel writing field and answer questions on Tuesday evening, December 13 from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. This program will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. The Library is accessible to the handicapped. For more information please call 699-3500.

Ridout - Newport

Mr. and Mrs. Folger McKinsey Ridout of Annapolis announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Erich M. Neupert. Mr. Neupert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Werner M. Neupert of Greenbelt.

Miss Ridout, a 1983 graduate of Towson State University, graduated from Annapolis Senior High School in 1979. She works for the Annapolis Banking and Trust Company.

Mr. Neupert, currently a senior at Towson State University, graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School in 1980. He is a summer director for the Parks and Recreation Department in Boulder, Colorado.

A June wedding is planned.

Fire & Rescue Review

by April Walker
Weekly Runs

For the week ending December 3:

Fire calls included: three structural fires, two transfers to other stations, leaf fire, flooded condition, auto fire, and fuel spill control call. Rescue calls included: six vehicle accidents, three ill people, two injured people, two back injuries, one dead on arrival, one diabetic, one pedestrian struck, obstetric call, one routine transport, and one non-service call.

Holiday Project

This Christmas the fire department is participating in the Prince Georges County Public Safety Christmas Food Program to assist as many needy families in the county as possible. Local merchants and residents may drop off food donations at the fire department anytime between now and December 20. If transportation is a problem please call the fire department at 345-7000 and we will try to make arrangements for your donation to be picked up.

Checks may be sent to: Prince Georges Public Safety, Christmas Food Program, P.O. Box 548, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772.

We at the fire department hope to make this project a success so that as many families as possible can have a happy holiday season. Your help in this endeavor is greatly needed.

Woman's Club News

The Christmas party of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held on Monday, December 12 at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Members are reminded to bring gifts for any guests they invite to the party, as well as for themselves.

"TOYS FOR TOTS" DRIVE AT UTOPIA

Directed by Dee Raley and sponsored by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, a competition of donated hand-made dolls on Saturday at the Utopia Theater will highlight a "Toys for Tots" drive in Greenbelt.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Greenbelters are invited to bring their hand-made dolls for display and to compete for ribbons and prizes donated by area merchants. From 12 to 12:30, three judges—Louise Edinger of Green Ridge House, Sherri Raley and a member of the Cultural Arts Center Board will look over the entries and make their judgments.

New dolls or other toys of any kind may also be brought to the theater to be part of a collection to be formally given to a U.S. Marine Sergeant at about 12:45. The Marine Corps conducts a massive "Toys for Tots" drive at this time of year, and Mrs. Raley, a former Greenbelter who is an assistant rental supervisor at the Springhill Lake Apartments, has made available free doll patterns to any Greenbelter wishing to use them. Dolls made to any patterns are also welcome.

Raley welcomes requests for patterns from anyone wanting to get a head start on next year's drive. She may be reached at the theater on Saturday or at 627-8778 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Free Magic Show Teaches Children Drug Awareness

A free magic show will be presented on Saturday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center. Everyone is invited. Designed to be entertaining, the Magic America Show is a blend of magical fun and drug awareness education which presents young people magic with a message.

Co-sponsored by Greenbelt Youth Center and KIDS (Kids Informed about Drugs), the program targets the drug-vulnerable children ages 6 to 16. It has been approved for presentation in the Prince Georges County schools by the Health Education/Health Services/Safety and Drug Area Team.

Local Violinist to Play At American University

Greenbelter Laura Millman will be the featured soloist with the American University Orchestra in performing the "Symphonie Espanol" by Edward Lallo. The concert will take place Saturday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at American University's Kay Chapel. Millman, a violinist, is concert mistress of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School orchestra.

Novena to St. Jude

O holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known, and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glories. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail and must be said for 9 consecutive days. Publication must be promised.

(Paid Ad)

Lakewood Watch Program

There will be another meeting for any citizen of Lakewood who is interested in either a static or a mobile crime watch. Plans are being firmed up and people are urged to come to this important meeting to find out the latest information.

The meeting will take place this coming Monday evening, December 12 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church.

At the Library

Wednesday, December 14—An Evening of Song with the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir. 7:30-9 p.m.

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The Greenbelt-Lanham Chorale will host a community sing of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 17 at Grace Brethren Church, 8410 Good Luck Road, Lanham. There is an admission charge. For more information, call 459-1336.

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Crime Watch

(Continued from page one) estimates that at least 50 people were trained.

Phase I held a training session Nov. 29, to begin its own crimewatch program. Forty-two persons from Phase I and three from Phase II attended the session, Sappington said. Of those who attended, 25 volunteered to participate in a crimewatch program, he said.

Sappington, the crime prevention officer who has given training sessions in the past, said the Greenbelt Police hope to see more interest in the sessions in the future. Community groups may call 474-7200 to arrange the date and time for a training session with Sappington or officers Juan Turner and Danny Love. Many crime prevention pamphlets are available at the police department.

"My time is much better spent trying to prepare citizens to prevent crime," Sappington explained, rather than trying to solve crimes after they happen. He said the police, through the crime prevention effort, are trying to increase the risk of criminals getting caught in the commission of a crime.

He said awareness of what's going on in your neighborhood goes a long way toward preventing crime. Be suspicious, he advises. "Alert citizens are safe citizens."

Other Programs

Greenbriar is not the only community that is crime prevention-minded. Pyles said Boxwood Village has a crimewatch program, Springhill Lake has been organizing one, and Lakewood has had a training session and may start a program.

These are all positive signs to Pyles, who is also active in the Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee. The committee soon hopes to present programs to the city council for citizen participation in crime prevention she said.

The crimewatch program at Phase III is just a part of the numerous programs that make up the National Coalition of Crimewatchers. In July, 1983, Maryland became the first state to receive an award from the Coalition. The Neighborhood Watch and Crime Watch are also part of the Coalition.

Arts Center to Show Christmastime Classic

Greenbelt will be treated to four sessions of holiday-theme fantasy as the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center brings Tchaikowski's "Nutcracker" ballet to the Utopia Theater beginning Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Continuing Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m., the performances will feature the Central Maryland Ballet Theatre troupe of 30 dancers ranging in age from seven to adult. Friday evening's opening gala will feature light refreshments after the show. At all performances, children in the audience will be invited on stage to meet the dancers and will receive candy canes. Nutcracker ornaments, coloring books and T-shirts will be on sale after the performances.

The Snow Prince and Cavalier role will be danced by Ernesto Fernandez, of Ballets Contemporaneo de Puerto Rico and currently a Performing Arts degree candidate at American University. Suzanne Harty, the artistic director of the production, will take the role of the Snow Princess. The Sugar Plum Fairy will be 17-year-old Jackie Orndorf of the North Carolina School for the Arts.

Central Maryland Ballet Theatre was founded by Nancy Wire, director of the Central Maryland School of Ballet, Laurel, Md.

A donation will be received at the door (see details in ad). For further information, call 345-2454.

Citrus Fruit Sale

Music Department students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are again selling citrus fruit this year as a means of financing the activities of the orchestra and three bands. Boxes of naval oranges and pink grapefruit may be ordered before Dec. 12 by calling 441-2662. The fruit will be delivered Dec. 20.

Holiday Music Programs Offered Free at ERHS

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music Department offers twin treats for the holidays—free concerts on Thursday and Friday, December 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The two evenings will provide a variety of music including many holiday specials by 400 students performing in nine musical groups.

The Symphonic Band and Concert Band I, both under the baton of Sally Wagner, will lead off at Thursday's concert. Also performing will be the Chamber Choir and Gospel Choir, directed by Dr. Barbara Baker.

Friday's concert will offer the Concert Band II, directed by Wagner, and the orchestra, under the baton of Dorothy Pickard. Next on stage will be the Concert Choir, directed by Baker, followed by the Guitar Ensemble and this year's new Flute Choir, both directed by Judy Moore. The highlight of the program will be the finale—"The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah sung by the Concert Choir accompanied by the orchestra.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Red Cross needs night duty workers to respond to emergency communications from home. Also needed are volunteers to work in the Leland Hospital. Call 559-8500, Ext. 14.

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City Council Okays Another Site Plan Recommends Approval of Revenue Bonds

by Sandra Barnes

If Greenbelters feel that they have heard the last of office complexes, hotels, shopping malls and trade centers to be constructed within the city's corporate limits, such is not to be.

The city council members listened patiently on Monday, November 21, to discussion on the Maryland Trade Center Office Park building (not to be confused with the giant Maryland Trade Center Building already constructed or with the Baker property, as it was formerly known). Got that? One can think of it as the Maryland Trade Center "spawning" a companion mini-center.

The new Maryland Trade Center Park, a mere four-story, 25,000 square foot building, is to be constructed on a .88-acre parcel on the southern side of Greenway Center Drive, between the "big daddy" trade center building and the Greenway East office development.

Since the County Council was holding a hearing on November 29 to authorize the issuance of a \$2,000,000 industrial development revenue bond for acquisition of the property and the construction of the office building, attorney Ellis Koch, representing developers and owners Dennis Laskin and Ed Curley, was eager to receive approval of the site plan from the city.

Of concern to council and the Advisory Planning Board (APB) was that one of the proposed tenants for the new building is the Yorktowne Business Institute. Since schools tend to generate more traffic congestion and parking problems than offices, both council and APB felt that the school would exacerbate the parking and traffic problems that already exist.

Koch assured council that the space reserved for Yorktowne will be used for classrooms only if sufficient parking is available. He said that he planned to negotiate with Coakley and Williams, owners of the Maryland Trade Center, for the additional parking. If such negotiations proved unsuccessful, Yorktowne

would lease space for administrative offices only, he maintained. Laskin Development, Inc. and Early Learning, Inc. are also expected to locate their corporate offices in the building.

Bill Wilkerson, chairman of the APB, expressed his doubts that another property owner would make available parking for use by tenants of the building. He feared that the owners of the building could later request a zoning variance from the county to use the space for a school. He reminded council that the city had had no prior knowledge that school facilities would be located in the new Prudential Building and traffic problems have resulted. "There are real and serious problems if parking and traffic patterns are not resolved on this site," he cautioned.

Koch then promised that a letter would be sent to the County Council reaffirming the stipulation that sufficient parking must be a prerequisite if the building is to be used for classrooms. Further recommendations by APB regarding signs, a sidewalk connecting the two buildings, landscaping, shrubbery and screening for the refuse dumpster were reaffirmed by council. Council then recommended approval of the site plan and the bond issuance.

Storer Cable

Council heard with interest city manager James K. Giese's informal report that former county executive Winfield Kelly and other investors were proposing to purchase Storer Cable TV. Storer operates within Greenbelt as well as 18 other area jurisdictions. City approval of such a shift in ownership would be needed, Giese commented.

Slide Show

Hank Irving, recreation department director, treated council to a 15-minute slide presentation depicting typical recreation activities within the city. The show highlighted the many volunteer organizations within the community and was entered in competition for the National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, sponsored by the Sports

Foundation, Inc. The recreation department was a finalist, but did not receive the Gold Medal Award, a distinction it had earned five years previously. The slide/tape show is available for use by community groups and has been video-taped for future presentation on Greenbelt's cable TV channel.

Significant Other

In response to a question from a member of the press, council requested the city manager to make recommendations on defining the boundaries of and officially designating the Center Mall as the "Roosevelt Center Mall" in honor of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, whose presidency was responsible for the town of Greenbelt being built in the late 1930s.

Council approved the sending of a letter by Greenbelt CARES director Carol Leventhal to CARES' clients advising them that state funding partially supports the CARES programs. Since CARES has at times been vulnerable to state funding cuts, letters to state officials citing clients' appreciation for services rendered by CARES are helpful in sustaining state funding.

The city contract with Com-

GHI BOARD MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Thursday, December 15
GHDC, 8 p.m.

- Update, specifica. for struc. repair; painting
- GHI, immediately following
- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Membership Applications
- 3. Visitors & Members
- 4. Manager
 - a. Expenditure auth. #1
 - b. Testing attic moisture
 - c. NCCB, patronage refund offer
 - d. Recommendations, A.&E. Comm. report
- 5. Committees
- 6. President
- 7. Board Members

community Realty for the management of Green Ridge House was extended for two years. . . Council waived city bid procedures and authorized the purchase of rock salt on the basis of the state's bid from the International Salt Company at the bid price of \$25.62 per ton. Concern was expressed by councilman Tom White on the deteriorating condition of the State Highway Administration's lot and surround-

ing salt compound. Giese agreed to review the condition and communicate the city's concern to the Department of Transportation. . . Council approved granting extra time off to city employees in view of the fact that Christmas and New Year's Eve fall on Saturdays. Employees can select a day of leave at their convenience. . . Council changed its January meeting dates to January 9 and 23.

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Police Blotter

compiled from information furnished by the Greenbelt Police Department

An attempted armed robbery occurred on Dec. 2 about 8:30 p.m. when a woman was approached by another woman who demanded her purse. The suspect threatened the victim with a large screw driver. The suspect was described as a white female about 17-20 years old, 5'4" or 5'5", with brown hair pulled back in a pony tail. The incident occurred in the parking lot next to the Equitable Bank in Beltway Plaza.

Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil arrested a non-resident male for trespassing at El Torito's in Greenway Shopping Center.

Officer Alan J. Riskin arrested a non-resident adult during an attempt to break into the Greenbelt library. A second suspect escaped. The incident occurred late on Dec. 5.

A case of indecent exposure occurred in the parking lot at Greenway Shopping Center on Nov. 30 at 5:45 p.m., when the suspect drove up to the victim and exposed himself. The suspect was described as a white male, 25-30 years old with dark blond hair and a heavy-set face, wearing glasses.

Between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, a green 1964 Volkswagen was stolen from a parking lot in the 9000 block of Edmonston Rd. The Maryland registration is ECT 893. A green 1974 Chevrolet Impala, Md. registration CWZ 279, was stolen from the parking lot at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Dec. 1 between 9-11 a.m.

On Dec. 1, two non-resident juveniles were arrested while riding a moped, which had been stolen more than a year ago, in the area of Cherrywood La. and Breezewood Dr. They were arrested by Cpl. Daniel P. O'Neil.

Social Security Center

A new Social Security Information Center is available to answer public inquiries, including changes in address or work situation, death of a recipient, or to ask questions about Medicare. Call 531-5142 for information.

Officer Daniel Allwang arrested two juveniles on charges of tampering with an auto on Dec. 2. Subsequently, one of the juveniles was also charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

During the night of Dec. 2-3 unknown suspect(s) threw rocks through two windows of the Mishkan Torah on Ridge Rd.

A theft from an auto occurred in the 6200 block of Breezewood Dr. during the night of Nov. 30-Dec. 1. Tires and rims were stolen when the car was jacked up and put on cinder blocks. A battery was also stolen from a postal truck parked behind the post office on Dec. 4-5.

Two 10-speed bicycles were stolen from a storage bin in the 9100 block of Springhill La. between Dec. 1-3. Jewelry was stolen from a residence in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court on Dec. 2. A breaking and entering occurred in the 400 block of Ridge Rd. sometime during the last month while the owner was away. Money, TV and a radio were taken. A 3' x 18" sign bearing the restaurant's name was stolen from El Torito's on Dec. 4 at about 11:45 p.m.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Mary Margaret ("Peggy") and Timothy Allen Delp on the arrival, on November 16, of their second child, Jason Reginald. The 21-inch, 9 lb. 8 oz. baby has come home to parents and 2-year-old brother Timothy, Jr. The Delps are new to Greenbelt, having moved to the 13 Court of Hillside in mid-August.

Congratulations are also in order for Scott Peltin of Pinecrest Court and a senior at the University of Maryland. Scott has been nominated by the University for inclusion in this year's edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Scott will graduate this month with a B.S. degree in Kinesiological Science and a cumulative grade-point average of 3.52 out of a possible 4.0.

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III. Robert's parents are Carol (Collins) and Bob Everett, formerly of 14 Court Laurel Hill Rd. Young Robert was born on November 9 and joins sister Michelle, who will be two this month.

Thomas E. VanValkenburgh, former citizen and police sergeant of Greenbelt, has been appointed Director of the New Mexico State Police Crime Laboratory in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Santa Visits Youth Center

Don't forget! On Saturday, December 17, Santa Claus and his helpers will be at the Youth Center from 10 a.m.-12 noon, listening to all the 'good little boys and girls' Christmas lists. Youngsters can also participate in the Toy Exchange. Bring a toy (new or used); take a toy. Or, bring one for a needy child. Movies and treats for all.

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