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Possible Federal Funding Cut Threatens Greenbelt Metro

by Betsy Likowski

Another dark cloud has appeared on the horizon to threaten completion of the Metro Green Line, and the question of whether Greenbelt will ever get its subway station goes on and on and on.

According to the December 14 edition of the Washington Post, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recommended halting all federal spending for subway construction. This would mean that Metro would probably only have enough funding to build 70 miles of the proposed 103 miles of the subway system.

The subway system is now about 65 miles long. Among the portions yet to be built are: the Green Line from Fort Totten station to Greenbelt; the Green Line in southern Prince Georges County; and the Red Line from Silver Spring to Wheaton.

The OMB recommendation came about as a result of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation that recently was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. As a result of this "balanced budget" legislation, efforts are under way to reduce federal spending, including the proposal to cut funding for Metro subway construction.

Area Congressmen, including Senators Paul Sarbanes and Charles Mathias, and Representative Hoyer, sent a letter to Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole requesting a meeting on the proposal.

Local elected officials, including Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, County Councilman Richard Castaldi, and County Executive Parris Glendening, were quoted by area press sources as reacting strongly against the proposal.

A Metro official would not comment on reports of the proposal. And Congressman Hoyer's office declined to comment.

The OMB proposal has added further confusion to the uncer-

tain state of Metro funding. Congressional debate continues on a resolution that includes \$227 million for Metro construction funds in 1986. This amount is probably sufficient for construction scheduled for 1986.

Council Sends Letter

The Greenbelt city council voted at its Monday night meeting to send a letter to the state Transportation Oversight Committee expressing the council's concern that the committee failed to notify city officials of a December 3 meeting at which decisions were made about state roads in Greenbelt. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said that it was "a sorrowful note for the city to learn" about these decisions from the developer two days later in the middle of the planning board's hearing on the Greenbrook subdivision plan. Weidenfeld explained that the letter was being sent in the hope that the committee's procedures would be modified in the future.

Parcels 1&2 Issue Is Withdrawn from Board

The Prince Georges Planning Board was asked to cancel its planned December 12 consideration of the rezoning requests for Parcels 1 and 2. Russell Shipley, attorney for the owners of the tracts, explained in a letter to John Rhoads, board chairman, that the rezoning requests were being withdrawn from planning board consideration because of a pending meeting with the Greenbelt mayor. According to the letter, Shipley anticipates that "... this meeting will resolve many of the issues and therefore eliminate the previous need for the Planning Board's consideration."

At its Monday night meeting, the Greenbelt city council scheduled a work session for January 8 to meet with Shipley. The rezoning requests for Parcels 1 and 2 are scheduled to come before the county zoning hearing examiner on January 24.

The requests involve 112 acres located between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property. About 102 acres (Parcel 1) are located north of Northway extended and 10 acres (Parcel 2) are between Hamilton Place and Gardenway. The parcels are now zoned R-R (single-family homes, two units per acre). The owners are requesting that the zoning be changed to R-T (townhouses, up to 12 units per acre).

An Editorial

Bad Old Days and Bridges

What's going on here? It begins to seem like a case of *deja vu*. Parcels 1 and 2 are back on the county Zoning Hearing Examiner's docket for rezoning consideration. And rezoning of Parcel 15 is up this week for yet another review by the city's Advisory Planning Board. These were premier among the pieces of land over which Greenbelters were so exercised back in the '60s.

But what else is familiar is the general climate within the Prince Georges County administration concerning development. In the bad old days the county regularly rode roughshod over the interests of local residents whenever a proposal surfaced for new development. Prospects of future income from property taxes appeared then to drive the County Commissioners. They gave nary a glance, it seemed, at costs of increased services that would have to follow, nor to destruction of the quality of life within the jurisdiction to be touched.

Greenbelters, who organized themselves to scream loudly about all of the worst ideas affecting the city, were able to hold off some of the proposed development. (Remember proposals for hotdog stands and used car lots on the Golden Triangle, or the three-school complex slated for parts of Parcels 1 and 2?) The worst part about those bad old days, however, was the virtual lack of control by those most affected by the changes being proposed and the inside track that developers seemed to have with county officials.

Perhaps naively, we thought those bad old days were gone for good. But then county executive Parris Glendening, without the prior knowledge of Greenbelt officials, recently favored revenue bonds to facilitate construction of the Sunrise Village Apartments. Our city council angrily demanded and received written commitments from Glendening that supposedly would keep future development and population increase within the city within the scale of the public facilities (primarily roads) actually in place.

Now, only weeks later, an end-run seems to have been taken around these commitments to the city. A meeting was called last week (on Dec. 3) by the Prince Georges County Transportation Oversight Committee (a state committee), with developers' spokespersons, county and state technical specialists, a representative of U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer, and two representatives of Glendening's staff in attendance — but with the city conspicuously absent and uninformed that the event was taking place. Those in attendance were apparently able, by means of two key letters written the very next day (Dec. 4), to persuade members of the Prince Georges Planning Board on the day after that (Dec. 5) to approve the preliminary plats of subdivision for the Greenbrook and Smith-Ewing tracts in Greenbelt East. Although both the city and the Planning Board's technical staff had disapproved the plats because all of the necessary road improvements are not "programmed," the Planning Board accepted the argument of attorney George Brugger, representing the developers, that the roads will be up to the required standard within the near future.

That's where the importance of the two letters comes in. The first came from Representative Hoyer concerning prospects for the crucial construction of a widened Greenbelt Road bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Because the Parkway is under the jurisdiction of the federal government, neither county nor state officials can guarantee that necessary funding for the bridge and its improved exit ramps will be forthcoming. Although the county has made a commitment to widen Greenbelt Road to six lanes on both sides of the bridge, it takes no great intellect to realize that without equivalent widening of the bridge (and ramp improvements), a traffic snarl of staggering dimensions will necessarily result.

And what was the message in Hoyer's letter? That the U.S. House of Representatives has approved a \$6.5 million appropriation for overall Parkway design and preconstruction work, which may include the bridge and ramps. As Brugger admitted to the Planning Board, the Senate has committed "something less." What he did not disclose was that the something less was **nothing at all**. Since House and Senate bills when they differ are compromised, Hoyer's office expects final approval of only a \$3 million design and preconstruction appropriation. In the words of his letter, "I fully anticipate the appropriation of construction funding in fiscal year 1987" — that is, a year or more from now.

The second letter, from State Highway Administrator Hal Kassof, assured the Planning Board of the state's recognition of the importance of highway improvements on Greenbelt Road. That's it. (The county, not the state, is to provide the money for widening Greenbelt Road, a state highway.)

In the meantime, the Washington Post prints a front-page story on possible repercussions in the local area from passage the other day of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill that mandates drastic reduction of federal spending. One such effect may be the scrapping of the entire Metrorail Green Line extension to Greenbelt. In the light of such a prospect, what would seem to be the chances for the Parkway bridge?



The City tree lighting ceremony, held on Friday, December 6, at the entrance to Centerway, kicked off the 1985 Festival of Lights.

— photo by Nick Pergola

Santa Visits

The Youth Center

On Saturday, December 21, Santa Claus will be at the Youth Center from 10 a.m. - noon. Children can come and sit on Santa's lap and tell him all their Christmas wishes. Santa will have a treat for each child.

Newspaper Office

Closed Tuesday

The NEWS REVIEW office will be closed Tuesday night, Dec. 24. However, the office will be open Monday, Dec. 23 from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10. In addition, the office will be open Sunday night from 8 to 10 p.m. for ads.

Copy to be left in the News Review box at the Co-op should be deposited by 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

The same schedule will be repeated the week of December 31.

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Happy Holidays
 from the
News Review Staff

Vita-Peltin

Maria Vita and Scott Peltin were married on November 23 at 6 p.m. in the University of Maryland Chapel, College Park. Maria is the daughter of William and Delores Vita of Lanham and Scott is the son of Deanne and David Lange of Greenbelt and of Isidore and Joan Peltin of Wheaton.

Joan Vita was the maid of honor for her sister, and the bridesmaids were Connie Beitzell, Sheryl Peltin, Alice Lange, Theresa Vita, and Mary Beth Bailey. Jeffrey Peltin was the best man for his brother, and the ushers were Joseph Morabito, Joseph Culmone, Joseph Vita, Jonathan Lange, and Michael Marsico. Giulia Vita was the flower girl and Austin Espeut was the ringbearer.

Father Dino and Ari Eisner officiated at the wedding. Friends and family members gave readings, Mary Kay played the harp, and Greenbelter Mickey McGee sang.

After a reception at St. Ambrose's in Cheverly and a honeymoon in New Hampshire, the couple drove to Phoenix, Arizona, where they will reside. Scott, a graduate of the University of Maryland, is pursuing a career in the field of accounting.

Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

Because of the Christmas Holiday, Wednesday, December 25, 1985, there will be NO PAPER PICK UP THAT WEEK. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.

SoberRide Offers Rides Home for Alcohol Drinkers

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program, Red Top Cab Company, and AAA Potomac announced the start of the 1985 SoberRide Campaign Fri., Dec. 13.

"Because We Care" is the theme of this year's campaign offering rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Washington area.

578-HOME is the number to call for a ride home from a party, bar or restaurant after drinking too much, making it unsafe to drive.

SoberRide will be available from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. in Prince Georges. This year's program is sponsored by Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems Bud Light and WKYS Radio.

THANKS

To the Editor:
 Since I was left incapacitated, in large measure, with a broken arm suffered in a recent fall, I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and good deeds of friends and neighbors — particularly members of the Catholic Community of Greenbelt. I take this means to thank you and assure you of my grateful prayers. May the Christ Child bring His Peace and Joy to all!

Margaret M. Loftus

Greenbelter Performs In Area Nativity Production

The National Nativity Drama, "In the Fullness of Time," which has been presented for many years at the Ellipse as part of the Pageant of Peace, is a little closer to Greenbelt this year and at least one Greenbelt resident is participating. Douglas Love, a computer programmer analyst who moved to Greenbelt over a year ago, has landed a part in this year's Nativity production.

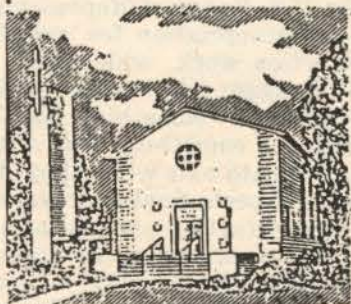
Washington area radio personality Jerry Fuller will narrate the story, backed up by the music of Maestro Francisco de Araujo's choirs and orchestras. The drama will be given in Takoma Park from Dec. 18 to Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. in front of the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church at Carroll and Eastern Avenues. The performance is free.



Greenbelt Development To Be Discussed by Dems.

At its regular meeting on Friday, December 20, the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club will have as its guest speaker, Bob Kaufman, vice president of the Prince Georges County Economic Development Corporation. Kaufman will discuss the development occurring in and around Greenbelt and its anticipated impacts on the quality of life in our city. His presentation will follow the club's business meeting, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building off Hanover Parkway. All are invited to attend. Refreshments are served. For further information, contact Bob Zugby, club president, at 345-2065.

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CORRECTIONS

•Last week's correction concerning comments made by Eunice Coxon at a recent Greenbelt Homes board meeting contained a new error. What Coxon originally said was that while she could get work done more cheaply by workers outside of GHI, she did not say that work was better.

•In one of last week's city council stories, councilmember Toni Bram's name was misspelled.

The News Review regret the errors.

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 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
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Bonnie Kris

Bonnie Harper Kris, 42, 11 K Laurel Hill Road died December 17 at the Washington Hospital Center. Kris was a medical secretary for John M. Shadid, M.D. for 19 years. She was a former resident of Camp Hill, Pa.

Survivors include her husband George Kris; her mother Virginia Harper of Halifax, Pa.; two brothers, William Harper of Halifax, and Michael Harper of Harrisburg, and one sister, Virginia Champagne of Harrisburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be sent to the American Cancer Society.

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- 10:00 p.m. The traditional Candlelighting Service. Special music by the choirs of Holy Cross. Pre-service program begins at 9:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE

- 11:00 a.m. After the excitement of opening gifts, visiting with friends and relatives, a time to gather with brothers and sisters in Christ and praise God for the unspeakable gift He has given us in His Son. The Adult Choir will sing. Christmas message by Pastor Birner.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes - 9:50 a.m.
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 Young Adult Fellowship for Singles - 7:30 p.m.
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County Councilman Richard J. Castaldi Wishes You The Best For The Coming Year

Dear Friends,

Before we usher in 1986, I want to wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a very happy New Year. Health and friendship cannot be bought; yet without them, money means nothing. I wish each of you these precious gifts in the year to come.

Serving as your representative on the Prince George's County Council for the past 3 years has provided me innumerable professional and personal awards. This holiday season seems the perfect opportunity to express my appreciation to those of you who have taken the time to share your concerns and opinions with me. Open responsive government depends on communication between elected officials and citizens. I depend on you to be my eyes, & ears, and deeply appreciate the response I have received as I travel throughout the city of Greenbelt.

My staff and I are particularly interested in those problems you may confront in dealing with County Government. We are anxious to be of service to each of you in any way we can. While I cannot promise that I will be able to solve every problem that you bring to my attention, I can pledge that we will give it our best effort. Toward this end, I have made a major commitment of my staff and resources to enable prompt personal response to your individual concerns. Therefore, I welcome any views, inquiries and/or suggestions that you may have. Please feel free to write me at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro, or call my office at 952-3094. I look forward to hearing from you and working closely together in 1986.

May the joy and peace of the holidays be with you now and throughout the New Year!

My staff and I extend . . .

Warm wishes,

Councilman Richard Castaldi, County Executive Parris Glendening and Congressman Steny Hoyer break ground for Metro's Green Line.



Councilman Richard Castaldi assists children visiting Greenbelt Lake.



Councilman Castaldi inspects the development of new townhouses in Greenbelt.



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One Year Along

Greenway East Professional Center - "On the Cutting Edge"

by Mary Lou Williamson

"I wanted to bring something dramatic, on the cutting edge, to Prince Georges County," says developer Gary Baxley, 33, of his Greenway East Professional Center building at 7525 Greenway Center Drive. At the same time, the building should "have appeal to more people and last through the years." The building, pictured on the opposite page, may look familiar now to many Greenbelt residents, but not the name or even the address.

One year after the first condominium units were occupied, Baxley says the building is over 95 percent sold and his attention has turned now to a new project in Annapolis. But his headquarters will stay in Greenbelt. Raised here, he looks upon Prince Georges County as home and his knowledge of the county as an advantage in his business — commercial real estate and development.

"The project was a risk and yet it wasn't," says Baxley, thinking back to his decision in December, 1982 to purchase the land behind the Greenway Shopping Center. "We knew what was on the drawing boards." Everything was right for success, Baxley says, "the location, timing, interest rates and the economy. . . . We were marketing the building long before a brick went into the ground. Sales were excellent," he says, and that's a "tremendous accolade to the location here in Greenbelt."

The condos, he says, are two-thirds medical and one-third general office. The owners typically provide services and do not anticipate major expansion or contraction of space needs for some years. Baxley has a professional management company to care for the building, "keep it top notch," he says.

Baxley graduated from the University of Maryland in 1974. Later he managed the Nyman Realty office in Greenbelt before breaking out on his own. The Greenway East Professional Center, 76,000 sq. ft., was his first project. "That is a large building," (Baxley emphasizes the word large). "To arrive at contemporary styling but not the plainness of the buildings of the sixties, with lasting qualities and a feeling of structural strength was hard to do." Baxley is right when he says his building is "far different from most of the building being done in the county."

He is pleased by the way development has occurred in Greenbelt and considers it the ideal for the future. "Three base areas have been utilized, thus keeping new construction confined in business parks. In this way," he

comments, "we can have top quality development here in the least obtrusive way to the residents of Greenbelt."

Baxley has attracted businesses that had been in the Greenbelt area for a long time and were ready to relocate, such as dentist Norman Mitchell and pediatrician S. Mahallati. He has attracted medical specialties that are new to Greenbelt, such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and new businesses such as Lamarian Systems, a burgeoning computer software consulting firm only four years old, but already with a hundred workers.

Taking a Building Tour

It would be fair to say that Baxley delights in the building he has created. "It's difficult to distinguish yourself" in this business, he says. At first he terms the building interesting, but later in the conversation the word "stunning" slips out. The building both "looks great and has a look of permanence," he says with obvious pride.

The elevated office building, he explains, is one of very few multi-storied condominiums around. There are 48 units, 16 on each floor. The ground floor suites are entered through covered outside doors, the upper floor suites open onto a central, five-foot-wide, well-lit corridor. The corridors are carpeted, the walls vinyl-covered, the soft color scheme is green, mauve and purple. Original water colors hang on the walls opposite the dual elevators on the upper floors. The main lobby has a white marble floor, seating, and original art on the walls. A cardboard directory awaits the permanent one hanging across from the elevators.

Suite doors are solid-core wood (fire-rated). All building entrances are barrier-free, meeting handicapped access codes, and each suite has handicapped-accessible powder rooms with lavatory.

Baxley selected the architect, Allen H. Mushinsky, AIA. "I liked what he had done," Baxley says.

The outside of the sand-colored brick building with the dark brown roof, windows and trim has no back or front. It is equally attractive on all four sides—a concept that was a prerequisite for building design, says Baxley.

Baxley is proud of the fact that trash cans, condenser units, meters — everything is hidden from view inside or on the roof. Even the dumpster is hidden inside the building.

The roofline, distinctive dark brown brick linear lines and broken exterior walls of the building help disguise its mass. The building is all brick, block and concrete with a steel superstructure. "Only the roof trusses are wood," says Baxley. The roof is a combination steel and rubber membrane. "Thus the exterior is completely maintenance free, there is nothing to paint," he explains. "Everything is designed to offer the longest possible life."

Baxley is almost apologetic about the landscaping, not because it isn't in line with everything else, but because it won't show its design for another five years, when the shrubs and trees have grown.

Seated in the center of a triangular parcel of land at the corner of Greenway Center Drive and Hanover Parkway and surrounded by parking, the building parallels Hanover Parkway. As the parcel lies in the path of storm water (just across the street from where the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission plans a stormwater management facility), Baxley had the entire lot underdrained to prevent the breakup of the parking area pavement. There are 300 to 400 feet of French tiles under ground, he says. No one can see them.

"We've taken great pains to provide the best quality within and without," says Baxley.

The Owners

Within the building there are 38 owners of 46 suites with two suites still on the market. About 20 medical or health-related specialties are represented — the largest groups being dentists and gynecologists. Some of the owners are doctors and dentists who have had practices elsewhere in the Greenbelt area, like Chris Moody, Norman Mitchell, S. Mahallati, Jessica Ratra, and David Schachter. Each has had the opportunity to design the new quarters — a shell when purchased. In other cases both the doctors and their specialties are new to Greenbelt. Here are a few examples:

Mahallati, a pediatrician prac-

ticing 12 years in the area, had wanted to own his own condominium office. When plans to convert Science Park to condominiums fell through, Mahallati allowed his lease to expire and purchased office space at Greenway East. His new suite on the first floor just suits him, he says. "I designed the office myself." It is tuned to the way he runs the office, "the space is more useful," he notes. For example, separate doors and waiting areas keep sick and well children apart.

Dentist Norman Mitchell totally designed his office also.

"The equipment defines the spaces in the office," he says, so do the human needs. Mitchell has used blond oak and soft natural green for his color scheme. The reason is interesting — nature, he suggests, is the opposite of high tech. "People get very uncomfortable with high tech if the surroundings are sterile." He selected the suite location within the building for the view of woods and greenery across Hanover Parkway and then brought those same colors and feelings inside.

Moody's suite, also designed for a family dentistry practice, has a very different personality. Color scheme and decorations are bright and cheerful and humorous. The waiting room bustles with activity and carnations are handed out to patients as they leave.

Variety of Care

One of the striking changes he has seen in Greenbelt in the past few years, Mitchell says, is the "increased availability of medical care." Mahallati says much the same thing. He is pleased at being part of the new medical center at Greenway where, he notes, one can find almost every kind of primary and specialty care.

For example, one group of dentists specializes in oral and maxillofacial surgery, which means reconstruction to improve facial appearance marred by a lower jaw that protrudes or a smile that shows too much upper gum area. There is a general surgeon and a neurosurgeon, a neurologist and a podiatrist. There is a chiropractor, an orthodontist and a nephrologist (allergist). A radiologist, physical therapists, weight loss center and hematologist (blood specialist) are also in the building.

There are a handful of non-medical offices in the building. Baxley's development company; CSL Realty, his management company; and his Consolidated Commercial Realty company are on the top floor. Mary Luddy's (hair) Cutting Gallery is the only suite to open onto the ground floor lobby. Others in the building are Lamarian Systems, computer consultants; Stemmy & Tidler, accountants; Herbert Nelson and Senator Thomas Patrick O'Reilly, attorneys; Donald Beck,

surveyor; and the Justice Department's Federal Credit Union. (See directory of advertisers on this and facing page.)

Select Location

A 19-year veteran of computer systems, Harry Latimer founded his own computer consulting company, Lamarian Systems, four years ago with partner Mike Laver. Working out of his home for a year and rented space for another three, Latimer selected Greenbelt in part for its location. "We needed to be close in to D.C., where the bulk of our business is located, but also convenient to Baltimore," says Latimer. "Greenbelt saves us the price of needing two offices."

Senator O'Reilly calls Greenbelt "the hottest location in the Washington Metropolitan area" and Gary Baxley's building a "class act." The building sounded great, O'Reilly says, when he first became seriously interested in purchasing a unit, adding that Baxley has produced more than expected. O'Reilly moved into the building in July. "My clients can find it. The access is easy and will be improved when Hanover Parkway is opened up."

"The City of Greenbelt does an excellent job providing services to this community," comments O'Reilly. "The police department patrols diligently and the city council shows genuine and continuing concern in encouraging quality development."

A New Technology

A new technology — Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI — is available in Greenway East. The Radiology Group purchased a ground floor suite and then began to look into what equipment they would put into the new office. Their decision to go "state of the art" brought the fifth such machine to the State of Maryland. Others are currently in Chevy Chase, NIH, Walter Reed and Clinton.

MRI is a new way of looking at soft tissue of the living human body, using a magnet, a computer and a trained technician. The magnet, directed by the technician through the computer, sends radio waves to excite certain chemicals in the body tissue and then the computer records on tape what it "sees." The results are a detailed look at a plane bisecting the brain or spinal column or prostate gland or wherever the prescribing doctor suspects trouble. Brain tumors, MS, pinched vertebrae — all are candidates for MRI's non-invasive look into the body.

The strong and very sensitive magnet required shielding from possible interference. Says manager Phil Adzima, "We first had to look at the ground before the building went up." Surrounding the room that contains the unit is a two-inch-thick steel box to shield the room. "Without that shield, a car going by would distort the field," says Adzima.

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by B. Rowland Jr.

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- 4) Turn lights "off" when leaving home.
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Tips on Toys

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Library Hours Changed During the Holiday Weeks

All branches of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25 for the holidays. Branches will close at 5 and will be closed on Wednesday January 1. Regular hours resume on Thursday, January 2.

Bookmobiles Off-the-Road Dec. 23 through Jan. 3

All bookmobiles of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will be "off the road" for their annual preventative maintenance from December 23 through January 3. Regular bookmobile service will resume on Monday, January 6. Bookmobile patrons who need materials during that period should contact their nearest branch library or call 699-3500 for a branch location convenient to them.

Rabbi of Mishkan Torah Imprisoned For Demonstrating for Soviet Jewry

by Jordan Choper

Rabbi H. Steven Bayar of Mishkan Torah was sentenced to a federal penitentiary in Petersburg, Virginia, for fifteen days. Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly sentenced 21 rabbis and the Lutheran pastor of Luther Place Church, the Rev. John Steinbruck, to 15 days in jail, a \$50 fine, and six months of unsupervised probation for the misdemeanor charge of congregating within 500 feet of an embassy. The jail term was suspended.

However, Rabbi Bayar and four other rabbis, Mark Levine of the Board of Jewish Education, David Oler of Gaithersburg Hebrew Congregation, Leonard Cahon of Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, and Bruce Kahn of Temple Shalom of Silver Spring, opted for 15 days in prison, rather than pay the fine in order to bring to the attention of the public the plight of Soviet Jewry. They entered prison on December 13.

Rabbi Bayar was a participant in the initial demonstration in front of the Soviet Embassy that was organized by the Washington Board of Rabbis as a means

Rabbi Steven Bayar of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will be welcomed home after serving his 15-day prison term, on Friday evening, December 27 at 8 p.m. All are welcome!

to refocus world concern for Soviet Jewry. The demonstration was similar to the demonstrations against apartheid at the South African embassy.

Rabbi Bayar said that at the trial the rabbis argued that Judaic tradition demanded of them to take steps to help save their brethren in the Soviet Union who are being persecuted, imprisoned,

and in some cases physically beaten while in prison. Imprisonment of Soviet Jews occurs as a result of the defendants teaching Hebrew and Judaism to other Jews. This is especially true of those Soviet Jews who have applied for exit visas. According to a Washington Post report of December 13, the rabbis' defense attorney also tried to argue that the principle of "equal justice under law" demanded that they be treated in the same manner as they would have been treated if they were demonstrating against apartheid at the South African embassy. However, Judge Kollar-Kotelly denied the defense attorney the right to in-

vestigate the subject. Bayar said that the major difference between the two demonstrations is that the South African embassy is not pressing the Justice Department to prosecute those who are arrested, but the Soviet Union is demanding that the Justice Department prosecute those who demonstrate in front of their embassy.

According to Ilene Bayar, just before the rabbis went to prison, they informed those who were present that the public should focus on the fact that they are going to jail in order to aid Soviet Jewry and not because they are angry over the law by which they were convicted.

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Roosevelt Swim Club Is Undeclared In Relays and Three Dual Meets

by Doug Sutherland

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Swim Club is off to its fourth season on a winning note under Coach Gary King. The Raiders boys and girls, have each won dual meets against Laurel, Oxon Hill and Surrattsville. On December 7, Roosevelt won the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) Relay Carnival against Crossland, Douglass, Friendly, Gonzaga (boys only), Laurel, MSSD, Oxon Hill, Paul VI and Sidwell Friends. The remainder of the season includes five dual meets, the 7th Annual Championships, MSSD Invitational and the 22nd Annual Metros Championship finale on March 1.

Greenbelters and/or Greenbelt Swim Club members on the Roosevelt Swim Club include: Kathy and Bill Barwick, Carolyn Drake, Gail and Karen Sutherland, Leah Choper, Tammi Royce, Kelly Flenner, Tami Myers, Tara Yaney, Oren and Allon Stern, Tom Jones, Robby Reed, Marcel Treacy, Robert Caicedo, Neil Lofgren, Scott Luddy, Nanda Stelling, Kevin Myers, and Steffan Sonneveldt.

The PG High School Swim Club program has expanded again this year with the addition of Douglass and Surrattsville. There are now nine high school swim clubs and over 250 swimmers, involved.

Each year since it was formed in 1981, the Committee for Prince Georges County High School Swimming has worked to coordinate the program and have swimming included as an interscholastic sport in the county. The committee is made up of swimmers coaches, parent representatives and other individuals. Last spring and summer an Athletic Program Task Force, commissioned by the Prince Georges County Board of Education, met and surveyed a cross section of the students, par-

GHI NOTES

The GHDC Board of Directors will meet briefly at 8 p.m. December 19 in the GHI Board Room. Immediately afterwards, the GHI Board of Directors will meet. GHI agenda items include 2 court Gardenway parking request, committee meeting policy, serviceside addition regulation for masonry homes, selection of auditor, kitchen heaters in units converted before rehab and recognition agreement with Ronzetti Mortgage Company.

GHI offices will close at noon December 20 for the annual Christmas party. In keeping with the city of Greenbelt, GHI offices will close at 12:30 p.m. December 24 for the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen on December 26 Emergency maintenance service will be available by calling 474-6011.

New monthly charge statements for 1986 have been mailed to members. Anyone who has not received this statement may call the Fiscal Department at 474-6601.

IRS Moves Office To Landover Site

formerly located in the Penn Silver Office Building, 5408 Silver Hill Road, Forestville, has moved to a new location at Metro-Plex I, Room 300, 8401 Corporate Drive, Landover.

The office is now open for business at the new location from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the filing season, Taxpayer assistance will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

ents, plus the lead coaches and principals. Swimming came in fourth, behind football, basketball and baseball/softball as a sport of interest to high school students. Swimming was also ranked as the first choice of a sport to be added to the High School Athletic Program. The task force recommended that swimming should be added as an interscholastic sport in 1986/1987 season—that is the next school year. The swimmers and the committee need everyone's support to help make this a reality.

As a final note the Raider Swim Club is just one of many groups and individuals, young and old, looking forward to Greenbelt's indoor pool becoming a reality at the earliest possible date.

Mental Health Opens Suicide Prevention Center

The Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County will open a suicide prevention center on Dec. 24. Operating in conjunction with the association's crisis hotline, the center will provide a 24-hour telephone service, crisis outreach, and public information and education as well as training and consultation.

Persons in need can call the general crisis hotline 577-4866, 577-4687 for drug intervention or 731-0004 for suicide prevention. TTY for the deaf is available at 577-0577. For additional information or to become a volunteer crisis counselor, call 577-3140.

Greenbelt Firm To Manage County Fair

R. Calvert Steuart, President of the Prince Georges County Fair Association, has announced that his organization has retained Richard Scott & Associates to handle the management and promotion of the 1986 County Fair.

The Greenbelt public relations and advertising firm has represented the Fair Board in a similar capacity for the last three years.

Since moving its home to the County Equestrian Center in 1983, the Fair has attracted over 150,000 visitors. The 1986 Fair, which has been expanded to a 5-day event, will run from Wednesday, September 10 through Sunday, September 14.



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Greenbelters Tour Greenhills, Ohio, Find Many Similar Features

by Mary Lou Williamson

Eager to see their sister city, 13 Greenbelters traveled to Greenhills, Ohio, Sunday afternoon, November 17, following their two-day participation in the All-America Cities competition. Greenhills lies five miles north of Cincinnati, just inside the beltway.

The parallels between Greenhills and Greenbelt are many and striking, but so too are the differences. First, one has to imagine Greenbelt as just the Greenbelt Homes community—no Boxwood or University Square, no Springhill Lake or Greenbelt east, in order to visualize the size of Greenhills. "You can stand on the highway and see the whole town," exclaimed Mayor Gil Weidenfeld.

Greenhills, with a population of less than 5,000, is much smaller than Greenbelt and a total bedroom community. "There is only one commercial establishment outside of the neighborhood shopping center," said Weidenfeld.

Most of the rest of the land is now a greenbelt. Winton Woods. No longer a part of Greenhills, the land was deeded to the county park system. A lake added later at the southern end of the town covers 187 acres. To the northwest, one large chunk of the greenbelt was sold for development and is now a separate and much larger municipality, Forest Park.

The houses are very similar in appearance to those in Greenbelt—that is, those that are still in or close to their original form. But here is one of the most striking differences. Substantial and varied modifications have been made over the years. New fronts, gable roofs (originals were almost all flat), porches, windows, additions and siding have changed a much larger number of the homes than has been the case here. "Our housing," says Greenbelt's city manager James K. Giese, "is purer 1937 in spite of rehab." Giese was the organizer of the tour to Greenhills. His letters to Greenhills officials resulted in a reception for the Greenbelt delegation and a dozen of Greenhills' first residents, its pioneers. (See separate story.) Next came a two-hour tour of the town by David Moore, town administrator, and Kathy Brokaw, deputy town clerk and treasurer.

Homes

The original homes are multi-family row houses, in series of 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 or 12 units in length, some 25 are free standing units. In another variation two houses are joined in the middle by two one-story garages. The third sister city, Greendale, outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, had close to 50% free-standing units. Greenbelt had only a handful of experimental prefabs on Woodland Way.

The layout of the streets, too, is different from both Greenbelt and Greendale. Following the lay of the land, Greenhills' "B Block," for example, has a loop, Burley

Circle, with smaller loops and curving "finger streets" with their names each beginning with the letter B. They are separated from "A Block" and "C Block" by intrusions of the greenbelt. Moore says the original homes now sell for \$40,000 to \$50,000, depending on size and location. All sell quickly, he added, but those most sought after face the greenbelt.

The reason for the wide variations in the houses is the individual ownership of the units. Thus one row of four units may be held by one to four separate owners. Absentee landlords have sometimes been a problem, says Moore. "We can't evict for unsightliness, only for health and safety," he explained.

As in Greenbelt, the smaller units attract smaller families who later move up to larger homes within the community. Native of Greenhills Vicki Otting, wife of one of Greenhills' former mayors who is himself the son of a pioneer, has lived in three homes

during her lifetime—all in "B Block." As in Greenbelt, some who move away, return. The delegation met one who had worked on the construction of Greenhills and had then returned to live in the community. Another was Brokaw's husband.

The first newer housing was built during the late 40's—square, one story, brick units, with basements just slightly larger than the original homes. The last group was added in the late 60's and is similar to Boxwood or new Lakeside houses, except for the price. They are selling for \$80,000 to \$90,000.

Tucked into one neighborhood, in a closed elementary school, is an elderly, assisted-living facility for 81 tenants. Food and laundry are provided, medical and nursing care are not.

(This is the first in a series of articles on Greenhills.)

The houses are very similar in appearance to those in Greenbelt, but different.

—photos by Mark Davis



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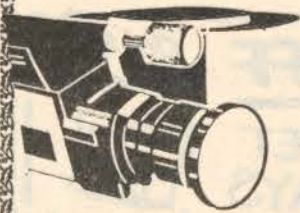
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Sister-city's Native Offers Fresh View of Greenbelt

(Editor's Note: Recently, the News Review received a copy of a letter sent to the mayor of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio, Greenbelt's sister city. The author, a long-time resident of Greenhills, came to the Washington area for a vacation with her family and couldn't resist exploring Greenbelt. Given her perspective, we found the author's comments interesting. This letter was originally published in the Greenhills-Forest Park Journal.)

This summer we traveled to Washington, D.C. for our vacation. We just happened to camp at Greenbelt Park, Greenbelt, Maryland. Of course, we could not resist driving through Greenbelt. As we drove through the town, it was like a dream: it seemed like we were in Greenhills but everything was JUST NOT RIGHT! Yes, the shopping center was in the center of town with the sycamore trees in front. The school . . . was white. Off to the side, directly in back of the shopping center was the swimming pool. The bath house was exactly like Greenhills' swimming pool bath house. It seemed a little strange.

The houses, however, were mostly like the Greenhills town-houses with street after street of them. There were three-story apartment buildings scattered throughout.

Greenbelt is crescent-shaped instead of the many circles Greenhills has. There was actually no greenbelt surrounding the town. However, there were many clusters of wooded areas with playgrounds. There are walkways that go under the streets so no one has to cross a street to get to the shopping center, school or pool.

My oldest daughter and I returned to Greenbelt several days later. We got lost driving the streets of Greenbelt like so many people have in Greenhills, especially when I was a youngster. I was telling my daughter that if I kept on the same street we would surely end up at the beginning. I forgot the streets were not complete circles, however.

Finally, we came back to the shopping center and City Hall. City Hall is a new building compared to the rest of the town but built to compliment the older

buildings.

We introduced ourselves, explaining that I was a "green-belter" from Greenhills, Ohio. And, that was all we needed to say; we were treated like long-lost sisters. They started pulling from their files old pictures of the new Greenbelt, dated 1937. Booklets, newspapers, a 25th Anniversary edition etc. and so on, were given to us. . . .

So my daughter and I set out on our walk. . . . Walking under the road we came to a wooded area and playground. On the other side there was a house "similar" to my parent's home. It was not constructed with the same materials although the interior could have been the same. I had to remind myself that I was not in a dream after all. . . .

My impression of Greenbelt was that it was more experimental. There was a wonderful improvement when Greenhills was built, as if they learned from their mistakes in Greenbelt. . . . I feel Greenhills' homes and

Adult Basic Skills Classes Offered in Greenbelt Area

The Adult Basic Education Department of Prince Georges County Public Schools offers elementary skill development classes for adults. Many of these classes are free. Some of the people who may be in need of the program can neither read nor write and so it is difficult to inform them about the program. Since about half of the students are referred to the program by friends and relatives, people are asked to inform their relatives, friends, and neighbors about the program.

In the Greenbelt area classes will be held during the evening at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and during the daytime at Greenbelt Middle School. Free classes include Beginning Reading and Math, Citizenship, English as a Second Language (ESL-Levels 1-4) and Preparation for GED classes. Tuition classes are GED (preparation for high school equivalency examination and ESL (Levels 5-6).

Registration will be held on Monday, January 13. For further information call 952-4562. Brochures may be obtained at the library.

buildings, their architecture, are far more attractive; Greenhills' street layout is more interesting and variable.

The people of Greenbelt seem very proud of their city. . . .

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CITY NOTES

The contractor, Arundel Asphalt Co., continued with the paving project on Ridge Road. A sidewalk was installed on the south side for nearly the full length and paving was installed on the east third on the south side. Public Works Department employees watched concrete in the curbing process for four nights.

The general crew rebuilt the path between St. Hugh's and the tennis court. This path has been raised and landscaped on each side to eliminate the water holding problem in the existing path.

The general crew also has been assisting at the Arts Center; a rail was installed at the rear entrance and the electrician worked on the emergency lighting system for the theater. The general crew also transported items for the theater.

The parks crew trimmed and removed trees in the Valley Stream park near the intersection of Fayette with the Valley Stream. This would be south of Fayette and west of the Valley Stream ditch. The leaf vacuum has been in operation all week. A tree was removed from 2 Court Northway playground. Mums were removed from around the Municipal Building in the Center. Richard Mills advises three large elm trees in the Center have died over the summer.

Special trash pick up is behind schedule because of the numerous requests for bagged leaves.

The city has received without any transmittal correspondence, a deed from Prince Georges County, conveying to the city the Boxwood Village buffer strips.

Recreation Review

Holiday Hours

Hours will be extended to the public at both the Youth Center and SHL Center during the holiday season. Facilities will be open as follows:

Sat., Dec. 21 - 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 22 - 1 - 10 pm; Mon., Dec. 23 - 12 n. - 10 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 24 - 12 n. - 6 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 25 - 12 n. - 10 p.m.; Thur., Dec. 26 - 12 n. - 10 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 27 - 12 n. - 10 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 28 - 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 29 - 1 - 10 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 30 - 12 n. - 10 p.m.; Tues., Dec. 31 - 12 n. - 6 p.m.; and Wed., Jan. 1 - 12 n. - 10 p.m.

Volleyball and Roller Skating Programs

The Recreation Department's programs, held at Center School will recess over the Christmas holiday. Activities will resume on Monday, January 6.

Entertainment '86 Discount Books

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now selling the Entertainment '86 books. Save all year on dining, movies, sports and more. Join the nation's largest discount club and enjoy hundreds of get-acquainted-two-for-one offers from wellknown attractions in this area. Hundreds of 2-for-1 coupon offers include family dining, fast foods, movies, concerts, sports, hotels plus other valuable coupons. Contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department Business Office, weekdays, 474-6878 for further details on obtaining this book.

At this time, the Greenbelt Recreation Department Staff wishes to thank residents for their patronage and wish each and everyone a joyous holiday season.

Largo High Class of '76 Reunion Planned for Sept.

Largo Senior High Class of '76 has slated its 10 year reunion for September 6, 1986 with a family picnic the following day. The festivity will take place at the new Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt. A gala weekend is planned. Tickets are now on sale with a discount for those who buy before March 1.

A good number of grads have been located but some have not. Anyone who can help find class members, please call 249-3342, contact Largo High, or write to Box 724, Lanham, MD. 20706.

Md. Employment Expected to Grow

A recent U.S. News and World Report article named Maryland as one of the states where employment will grow the most over the next three years.

The October 14 article uses figures compiled by Chase Econometrics, a nationally recognized research firm. Maryland ranks eighth, with a projected rate of 2.6 per cent.

Selected top industry executives, interviewed for the article, said they foresee a "lethargic but growing economy," in the next 15

months, thus making the growth rate in Maryland even more notable.

The 2.6 percent growth rate for Maryland can be attributed to several factors, including a tremendous increase in service-oriented jobs in Baltimore and a booming defense industry, state-wide, said Chase's Stanley Duobinis.

Duobinis said that higher employment growth occurs in states where manufacturing is less important, as in Maryland, where blue collar employment has declined steadily since 1970. Meanwhile, the state has seen an explosion of jobs in finance and other service-oriented fields.

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- In the Warehouse — thermometers (\$2.00) and hygrometers (\$4.00) will help members measure temperature and humidity. Mildew stain killer, De Moist Bags, and Dri-Air Canisters are free for members. The Warehouse also sells water heater jackets (\$10.00), smoke detectors (\$15.00), 9-volt batteries for smoke detectors (\$2.00), and metal trash container cabinets (\$60.00). Hours: 7:30-11:45 a.m. & 12:30-4:00 p.m. weekdays.
- In the Member Relations Office — GHI members can join the discount purchasing program for the small fee of \$1.00. The 20 merchants participating in this program offer a variety of discounts. Items available include plants, upholstery, appliances, awnings, carpeting, fences, paints, and wallpaper. Hours: 8:30-5:30 weekdays.

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Ice Skating Trip

WHEN: Monday, December 30, 1985

WHERE: Wells Ice Rink, College Park

TIME: Leave Youth Center at 1:45 p.m.; Skate from 2 - 4 p.m.

COST: \$2.50 includes admission, skate rental and transportation.

DEADLINE: Register at Youth Center by Saturday, December 28, 1985

Contact Anne Herink, 474-6878, for additional information.

Dinner's Honoree Gov. Hughes Avoids S&L Demonstrators

by Sandra Barnes

When Governor Harry Hughes decided not to face the 200 savings and loan depositors gathered outside the Greenbelt Hilton on Tuesday, December 10, the crowd was incensed.

In the prior two hours, standing in the chilly December night, their mood had been tentative—swinging from anger to embarrassment. These were not people used to demonstrating, to carrying placards up and down the street. Middle-class people who pay their taxes on time and save their money for that rainy day, they put their faith in the system. And now they felt the system has cheated them. Their placards told the story. "Broken Dreams, Broken Promises," said one. "We Paid Insurance, Now Pay Us," demanded another. "Governor Hughes, We Trusted You," proclaimed a third.

Retirees marched alongside middle-aged men and women in a line which often broke at odd places. There was no coordinated effort to keep people together or to form any sort of strategy, but eventually the group congregated along the driveway entrance to the Greenbelt Hilton. An organizer with a bullhorn tried to rally their spirits by leading them in a chant of "We Want Our Money. An' We Want It Now." But enthusiasm waned after a few minutes. It would pick up as the Cadillacs and Mercedes began to arrive, whose occupants were to attend Hughes' \$1,000 a plate dinner. Their elegant dress and expensive cars seemed to mock the very purpose of these demonstrators, who booed vociferously and shook their fists and waved their placards with political messages: "No Money, No Votes." "Maryland Stole My Xmas." "Senator for Sale. Inquire Within." The angrier ones yelled. "There goes another crook." This was often followed by embarrassed laughter.

Sometimes it was hard to tell whether a vehicle contained a dinner guest or a hotel clerk. If

the crowd felt they booed the wrong person, they wanted to rush after the car to say they were sorry.

As the minutes and hours ticked by, many wondered if the governor would show up, and if he did, would he try to elude them. Greenbelt police patiently steered the guests' cars through the line of protestors. A state police car cruised the area twice. Tension mounted. And frustration. Some people went into the hotel lobby to warm up. Others were hungry and wanted to go home. March organizers kept busy giving television interviews, selling buttons and bumper stickers with the slogan "Victim of Trust" emblazoned in black letters on a vivid yellow background.

Finally, near seven o'clock — after two hours of waiting — the governor's car was spotted racing around to the back entrance. The crowd sped (or limped) down the driveway, placards waving. Many of the elderly could not run fast enough. But all shouted in unison. "Back door Harry. Back door Harry." It seemed a fitting conclusion to the evening. If the protestors had been uncomfortable in their position, the fact that they had made the governor of the state—as well as the rich and powerful who had contributed to Hughes' senatorial war chest — equally uncomfortable was soothing to their spirits. "We're all hardship cases," one sign carrier reminded the group. The crowd soon dwindled. A reporter rushed up to a protestor. "Did the police tell you you had to move away?" he inquired.

"No, We achieved our purpose," was the response. And the vow was to dog Hughes' trail until there was a resolution to the savings and loan crisis and the depositors had their money.



Holiday Greetings



1985 has been a most eventful year for Greenbelt — one filled with hope and promise for the future. At this holiday season, the more than 200 members of the official city family take this opportunity to wish you the happiest of holidays and an All-American, All-Greenbelt New Year of joy, happiness, peace and the realization of your fondest wishes.

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LOCATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the following locations for pickup by the City beginning January 2, 1986.

- Playground opposite 73 court Ridge Road
- Corner of Research and Hillside Roads
- Playground at Plateau Place and Ridge Road
- Corner of Eastway and Crescent Roads
- Entrance to 21 court Ridge Road, (Across from Green Ridge House)
- Area adjacent to Candy Cane City
- Playground at junction of Crescent and Ridge Roads
- Playground at Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane
- Charlestowne Village & Charlestowne North - Adjacent to Lake Park service road
- University Square - Front of Swimming Pool
- Lakeside North - Near Swimming Pool
- Springhill Lake Community Building
- Greenbriar
- Between Buildings: 7708 and 7710; 7728 and 7730
7826 and 7828 Hanover Parkway
- Between Buildings: 8003 and 8009 Mandan Road
- Glen Oaks
- Between Buildings: 7903 and 7905; 7509 and 7511
Mandan Road
- Hunting Ridge
- Between Buildings: 6936 and 6978 Hanover Parkway
- Windsor Green
- Adjacent to playground on Canning Terrace
- Court Entrances: 7248 - 7294 Mandan Road
7200 - 7246 Mandan Road
- Entrance to Burkart Court
- Entrance to Bird Lane
- Opposite 7320 Morrison Drive
- Between 7357 and 7315 Morrison Drive
- Opposite 7430 Emily's Way
- Greenwood Village
- Along Mandan Terrace, Opposite 8715



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The program is open to degree-seeking students attending an accredited U.S. college or university. Students must be at least 18 years old; appropriate language proficiency is required. For more information and application forms, contact the Council on International Education Exchange, PR-WA, 205 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017, (212) 661-1414.

LOOKING FOR HALLEY!

At 12 Noon on 15 December 1985, the U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO) and the American Astronomical Society (AAS) inaugurated an AT&T "900" service to handle the overwhelming interest in our Comet Halley Hotline. The "900" number will be: 900-410-USNO; (900-410-8766).

This service will operate through 15 April 1986. It is a commercial service, for which AT&T charges \$.50 for the first minute, \$.35 for each additional minute. The local number, 202/653-0258, which has been in operation since 3 September 1985, will be maintained for Washington, D.C. area callers.

The "900" service will allow anyone in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to access the Comet Halley Hotline. All other countries can access this service at International Direct Distance Dialing rates. A total of 14,000 calls can be handled simultaneously, and callers will be able to stay on the line as long as they wish.

The Naval Observatory and the American Astronomical Society will use a several week period to test the new service. A minimum of 2,000 call-minutes per day must come in on the "900" line in order to be cost effective. If this minimum is not met, costs to the USNO and the AAS are incurred. If prolonged, service would be terminated under these circumstances.

The Comet Halley Hotline was originally conceived and put in operation to handle local inquiries on Comet Halley, and to take the occasional long distance call. To date roughly 20,000 calls have been received. This has been on a single line that can handle only one call at a time, and the public has been advised that due to heavy interest the best time to call is in the late evening or early morning. Unfortunately, even during these times, the line is nearly always busy. The "900" service should alleviate these problems.

County Arts Council Will Award Grants

The Prince Georges County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has given the Prince Georges County Arts Council the job of awarding grants to local cultural arts groups. Under the agreement the Council will:

- Solicit grant application from non-profit, County-based groups that have been in operation for at least one year before date of grant.
- Establish a grants review panel to report to the Board of Trustees.
- Approve all projects along guidelines.
- Provide the Planning Board a list and financial profiles of applicants.
- Provide the Board a list of grant recipients by July 30 each

NEED A FUNDRAISER?

Organizations interested in using a play as a fundraiser or simply as a night out with friends should begin planning now for the January opening of Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee" at the Utopia Theater. Presented by the Greenbelt Players under the direction of Marie Tousignant, the play will begin on Friday, January 17, and run weekend evenings through February 1. Special discounts are offered for groups of ten or more people. For information, leave name and number at 441-8770.

- year.
- Assure that Planning Board is listed as a contributor and supporter in all literature prepared.
- Distribute grants within 30 days of receipt of funds.

STATE PUBLISHES CONSUMER NEWS

The Consumer Protection Division of Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs' office has begun publication of the Maryland Consumer Courier, a quarterly newspaper containing consumer information which is being distributed free to an initial 10,000 organizations statewide.

The eight-page tabloid news-

paper contains consumer news on the local, state and federal levels.

The Division is seeking the assistance of businesses, community organizations and public institutions to distribute the newspaper. Those wishing to receive a supply of the paper to distribute should write the managing editor, Lisa A. Jose, Consumer Protection Division, 7 North Calvert St., 3rd Floor, Baltimore 21202.

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Police Blotter

On December 7 a residence at 5815 Cherrywood Terrace was entered by forcing a patio door. The premises were ransacked and approximately \$4,000 in cash was taken.

A Greenbelt resident living at 5134 Edmonston Court and employed at Marshall's Department Store in Beltway Plaza was arrested after a lengthy investigation in connection with the theft of over \$8,000 in merchandise from the store.

A twenty-five year old man was the victim of a strong-arm robbery about 4 p.m. December 12 in the parking lot at Greenway Center when a man bumped into him and grabbed his wallet from his pants. The suspect was black, in his late twenties, 6'2", thin build, wearing a black leather jacket and tan pants. He fled in a 1972-74 green Ford Torino bearing possibly Virginia tags.

A residence at 9116 Edmonston Road was broken into on December 8. Two handguns, a Ruger .44 cal. magnum and a Dan Wesson .357 cal. magnum, and about \$400 in cash were stolen.

About 11 a.m. December 9 more than 30 watches valued at over \$600 were stolen from the Fifth Avenue Card Shop in Beltway Plaza.

Shortly after midnight, December 6 a resident of 6005 Cherrywood Court was arrested on a charge of trespassing (peeping tom) after he was seen by a citi-

zen peeping into a young woman's apartment at 5909 Cherrywood Terrace.

About 2 a.m. December 10 two young women reported an intruder peeping into their window at 9000 Breezewood Terrace after which he made an unsuccessful attempt to enter through the door.

The residence at 20-G Ridge Road was entered during the day on Dec. 6 through an unlocked back door and a 19-inch Hitachi color T.V. was taken.

Over the weekend of December 7 and 8 an office at 7500 Greenway Center Drive was broken into and a JVC video cassette recorder was taken. There were pry marks on the door.

During the night of December 10 Godfather's Pizza at Greenway Center was entered. The restaurant was vandalized by spraying the area with fire extinguishers and turning on beer taps allowing the beer to run all over the floor.

Officer Troy Harding arrested two 28-year old non-residents about 6:30 p.m., December 9 after a shoplifting incident at Best Products store in Beltway Plaza. He located the suspects sitting in a vehicle in the parking lot and

recovered the stolen items.

Two Huffy 10-speed bicycles were reported stolen from a storage shed at 45-B Ridge Road on December 7.

On December 9 an attempt was made to break into a home on Whitebirch Court between 9 and 11 a.m. by prying molding off a window frame. Entry was not gained.

About 5:30 a.m., December 8 Officer Timothy Hahn arrested a 19-year old Greenbelt resident of Lakecrest Drive on a charge of malicious destruction to public property after he saw the suspect destroying a construction barrier at Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road.

About 3 a.m., December 9 Cpl. Thomas Miskell recovered a 1985 Toyota Carolla which had been reported stolen by the Alexandria Police Department. The ignition and a door lock had been popped. The car had been left at the Phillips 66 station on Greenbelt Road.

A Zenith color T.V. was taken from a vehicle parked in Beltway Plaza about 7:30 p.m., December 10. Thefts of this type are frequent during the holiday season. Residents are reminded to

Central Committee Seeks New Member

The Prince Georges County Democratic Central Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday evening, January 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ramada Hotel located at 6400 Oxon Hill Road in Oxon Hill. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and resumes from those individuals interested in being considered for the Central Committee vacancy created by the appointment of David Valderrama to the Orphans Court.

All interested persons are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes and should be prepared to give a brief oral presentation about themselves.

December 10. Thefts of this type keep their purchases left in cars locked in trunks out of sight.

A demonstration was held at the Greenbelt Hilton during a political function attended by Governor Harry Hughes about 5:30 p.m. on December 12. The demonstration consisted of approximately 230 people protesting the governor's handling of the Maryland Savings and Loan crisis. No arrests were made.

MDOT Warns Against Drugs & Driving Mix

December 15-21 is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. In focusing on this growing problem, a safety specialist from the Maryland Department of Transportation noted that "One in every 100 arrests for driving under-the-influence involves a drug other than alcohol." According to Safety Specialist Jim Lang, "All drugs, including cold and flu medications, not just alcohol, can impair the senses and alter perceptions."

The department suggests that those taking medication ask their doctors or pharmacist if it is safe to drive after taking a prescribed or over-the-counter drug; read the label for warnings describing potentially adverse effects such as dizziness or drowsiness; and refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while using medications.

Extra Postal Collections From Special Mailboxes

During the holiday period from December 9 through 24, the special collections will be made from designated post boxes throughout Greenbelt area.

In an effort to speed up the processing and delivery of holiday cards, additional collections will be made from collection boxes identified with a white Christmas tree stenciled on the side of the box. This added collection service will be performed on a daily basis.

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Panelists at Citizens for Greenbelt Meeting Explain County Zoning Process

by Betsy Likowski

Zoning was the order of the evening at the December 3 meeting of Citizens for Greenbelt in the city council chambers. More than 30 citizens, the entire city council, county councilman Richard Castaldi, Maryland delegate Joan Pitkin, and Dan Ritchie, president of the Prince Georges County Civic Federation, braved the bitter cold to hear all about zoning.

Five speakers making up two panels discussed various aspects of current zoning issues. The first panel's topic was how the zoning process works and how it could be changed by PG Bill 407. The first panel was Dale Hutchison, acting chief of the Zoning Division of the County Planning Department, and Carmen Anderson, first vice president of the Prince Georges County Civic Federation.

Hutchison led the evening's discussion with a brief description of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the basics of the zoning process. Among the informative tidbits he presented were: the county council is referred to as the district council when dealing with zoning matters, the county council approves the budget of the M-NCPPC Planning Division, and the M-NCPPC Planning Division coordinates preparation of the area master plan.

In the zoning process, an application is first taken out by a developer; then the M-NCPPC technical staff examines the request and makes its recommendation to the Prince Georges County Planning Board. (The Planning Board generally holds a hearing, then makes a recommendation and sends it on to the Zoning Hearing Examiner. The Examiner, after a hearing, forwards a recommendation to the District Council for final action. At the

planning board and zoning hearing stage a municipality's recommendation has clout if the application falls within its borders. The District Council may schedule a hearing, but a super majority of 6 of 9, must be obtained to override the wishes of a municipality.)

Anderson then followed with a short discussion of Prince Georges Bill 407, which is legislation before the Maryland State Legislature. This legislation seeks to reform the zoning process in several ways: it would prohibit floating zones; it would give citizens the rights of initiative and referendum on zoning matters (which was approved by the voters as part of the Charter in 1970 but later lost in the courts); and it would allow citizen groups to be parties of record in zoning cases. (Only individual citizens may now be parties of record.)

In response to a comment from the audience that some persons see Bill 407 as creating uncertainties, Anderson stressed that it would not affect past zoning decisions.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld asked Anderson what would be the justification for allowing a citizens group to act against any zoning matter anywhere in the county. Anderson replied that right now an individual citizen can do just that, but that a citizens organization is barred from direct involvement in the zoning process.

Later in the evening, in a comment to panelist Doris Nebel on another recommendation in PG 407, city councilmember Thomas White said that if a citizens group could bring suit against a developer, then the individual citizens would be insulated, safer, but would still have their interests represented.

Views on Zoning Process

The second panel's topic was how the present zoning process works as seen by the different parties affected by the process.

The panel consisted of Doris Nebel, president of the Glenn Dale Civic Association; Elizabeth Maffay, former city councilmember; and Hamer Campbell of the Suburban Maryland Building Industry Association.

Nebel's civic association is opposed to the proposed Bell Station development at the intersection of Routes 450 and 193. She said that as the law now stands, an officer of a citizens group can appear at a zoning hearing to give the group's position but cannot argue it.

City councilmember Antoinette Bram commented to Nebel that since Route 193 has been improved, Greenbelt and Glenn Dale share problems. Nebel said that three shopping centers plus the Bell Station development are planned.

Maffay, who was active in past citizens groups as an officer in Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt and as a member of the Citizens for Charter Government, was in a good position to outline a brief history of Greenbelters' taking action against "unsuitable" master plans during the 1960's. Greenbelters reacted immediately to a master plan put forth in 1964 which called for high-density highrise buildings and commercial strips in Greenbelt. A meeting at Greenbelt Center School attended by 1,000 Greenbelters was an indication of the interest and concern of local citizens.

"Thanks to Greenbelt citizens and their involvement, we won some battles against a 'disastrous' master plan, Maffay said. 'We need citizens to be involved and stay involved.' She applauded actions taken by Citizens for Greenbelt, the existing citizens association in Greenbelt.

Campbell presented the point of view of developers. His group represents builders, professionals such as architects, contractors and financiers. The group does not take stands on specific cases

but helps the process work more efficiently. The Association has not taken a position on PG 407.

Campbell sees areas of agreement between the concerns of citizens, such as those expressed earlier in the evening, and developers and businesses such as those represented by his organization. He said that the more individuals involved in the zoning process the better, since such input enables the county executive to make better decisions. Campbell said builders would also like to see the estimated cost of the public facilities called for in

the master plan (providing this information is called for in Bill 407.) Campbell stressed that developers dislike change and uncertainty in the zoning process.

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