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City Crew Gets Kudos, Citizens' Gratitude For Outstanding Job of Snow Removal

by Bill Rowland

Talk to George Smith, the city's Director of Public Works, in the wake of two major end-to-end storms that dropped 22 inches of snow on Greenbelt, and Smith stops barely short of what he calls "poetic" in praising the efforts of his snow-removal crews. As Smith puts it the massive task of clearing 22 miles of city streets has brought out "the greatest piece of cooperation I've seen since I've been in the city." Starting from the very beginning of the second storm, at least four employees were on the job for a nonstop 30 hours each; others kept at it for as much as 14 to 16 to 20 hours. The two men responsible for clearing Roosevelt Center put in a continuous 48 hours between them, with one on duty for 30 hours.

Of his men, Smith says, "They surprised me. . . . They put in outstanding hours. . . . I can't expound enough on the attitude and cooperation of the people who worked with us. Even Jim Giese (city manager) volunteered to ride with us if we needed anyone" to serve as the second-man "observer" on plows. And three city police officers voluntarily joined the observer crew all day Monday. Glowing with praise for the cooperation of the public works crews, of other city departments—especially the police—and of citizens, Smith concludes, "I can't say enough. . . . It's been terrific—all my people have been terrific!"

Looking forward, Smith notes that the weather forecasts are saying another winter storm may strike the area later this week. He doesn't sound happy.

Asked what the city's residents can best do to help in a future storm, Smith has two ready answers: Move cars off the streets, or to a cleared area of curb, as soon as possible after the plows make their first runs; and do not get rid of driveway and sidewalk snow by throwing it into the street.

Spoken to a few minutes later, city manager Giese offers a heartfelt "second" of Smith's praise for the city's snow-removal people.

City council, at its regular meeting on Tuesday night (pushed back from Monday by the weather) decided that city employees who were unable to get to work on Monday will be given administrative leave with regular pay for that day, and that those employees who did work will receive "time-and-a-half" pay.

The Sequence

The first storm hit Thursday, January 22, and during that day

Please Help

Many fire hydrants around the city are buried deep under the snow. Nearby residents, who usually know right where the hydrants are located, are asked to help the Greenbelt Fire Department by digging out around each hydrant, just in case it is needed.

blanketed the city with 14 inches of snow—the most in almost four years. In an emergency decision, trash pickup was put aside, and all Public Works' efforts were thrown into snow removal. By the end of the third day (Saturday), they had the roads pretty well cleared except where roadside cars blocked out the plows.

Sunday morning the crews woke to find more snow falling. At least one plow driver didn't wait for the emergency call—he got to the Public Works office in time to help make coffee before he began his 30-hour run. The job this time was to prove much

more difficult, even though the second snowfall was to total only eight inches. As Smith explains it, what was left of the 14-inch fall had had a chance to melt slightly, then crust, which made plowing slower and harder on equipment. And as Giese adds, the second storm took a very long time to run its course, which meant the crews had to keep going . . . and going. Giese also notes that because so few residents went to work Friday, more cars and snow than usual were at curbs to impede this further snow removal. He wryly adds that he's sure District of Columbia officials were happy, but it was not good for Greenbelt.

Sunday evening there was no food for the plow crews, because all food outlets in the area were closed. As Smith tells it, on Monday morning "everyone pigged out," using fast-food take-outs and eating as they plowed.

By late Monday afternoon, the worst of the job was done, and

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City Lists Special Problems, And Practices for Snow Storm

The following, issued this week by City Manager James K. Giese, are bits and pieces of information relating to city problems and practices during snow emergencies:

1. The most frequent complaints after a snow storm are that the plow has dumped snow against a shoveled-out car or across an opened driveway. We regret this happening, try to minimize it, but can't avoid it. It is essential that we get the snow pushed back to the curbs as quickly as possible in order to make room for the placement of additional snow, if it snows again. Snow plows are awkward to maneuver and it is not possible to place the snow in a manner that prevents reblocking of driveways and vehicles.

2. The most frequent problem in snow plowing is the obstruction of streets by people. People walk in the street and refuse to get out of the way for the plow. Or they stand in the street cleaning snow off their cars, or leave their car doors open and sometimes even deliberately obstruct the street so the plow won't pile snow next to their cars. On occasion, residents have shoveled their cars out and reparked them in the plowed, traveled portion of the road, obstructing not only the plows but emergency and other vehicles.

3. It is not uncommon for one or more cars to be hit by a snow plow during a snow storm. When there is a blizzard going on, visibility is bad at best. When the wind is right, it will blow the plowed snow against the plow/

trucks windshield, almost totally obstructing vision. Some of our residential streets, heavily parked with cars, are barely wide enough for the plows to get through. Some residents leave their cars parked too far out into the streets or at odd angles. While trying to get the snow pushed back to the curb, the drivers have to weave the plows in and out among parked cars.

4. Many city employees must work during a snow emergency. Therefore, the city does not close down during a snow emergency and to the extent possible, all offices and departments remain in operation. However, a liberal leave policy is in effect and many nonessential employees will be absent. Scheduled meetings, recreation classes and Greenbelt CARES counseling services will usually be cancelled or postponed. The two recreation centers try to remain open for kids out of school in fact, they try to stay open 365 days a year.

5. One of the toughest jobs imaginable is the collection of refuse after a heavy snow storm. Collectors must break paths through piles of snow to containers. Later on, as the snow packs down and turns into ice, they are expected to carry heavy loads over icy treacherous walkways. Residents can help immensely by shoveling paths to their containers and the sidewalks adjacent to and leading to their houses. Sanding and salting patches of ice also is very helpful. Refuse collectors, as a group, have one of the highest injury rates of any occupation.



Window sign foretells the end of a Greenbelt institution.
— photo by Bill Cornett

Ben Franklin Will Shut Its Doors When Lease Expires

by Peter Durantine

After some thirty years of service to Greenbelt, the Ben Franklin Five and Dime store in the Roosevelt Center will close its doors forever when the store's lease expires April 30. Since the week of January 19 signs announcing they had "lost" their lease have been pasted in the windows of the corner variety store which has offered everything from candy to hardware since the mid-1950's.

According to the landlord, George Christacos, Ben Franklin owner Benjamin Weiner decided not to renew the lease because he was "retiring." Weiner is the brother of former Greenbelter Harry Weiner, who died last year. The two brothers co-owned the franchised store. In addition to the Greenbelt store, Benjamin Weiner owns two others: one in Waldorf, Maryland, and the other in West Virginia.

Weiner could not be reached for comment, but Phil Hamilton, manager of the Waldorf store, spoke on his behalf. Hamilton explained that Weiner wanted to sell the store but that Christacos has planned to increase the rent on the renewed lease by such a substantial amount that "it wouldn't be feasible" to sell or keep the store.

When asked why he was increasing the rent, Christacos responded that Weiner had had the same lease for 10 years. Hamilton acknowledged this fact, but added that the lease had an "escalating clause" in it. Hamilton further added that he did not "want to get in an argument about the lease!"

Christacos was not available for additional questions concerning the lease but had said in an earlier interview that he was trying to find new occupants for the building but has had "no offers."

When asked if the city was

informed about what would replace Ben Franklin, City Manager James Giese remarked, "We understand a hardware store, but we don't know that for a fact."

According to Sylvia Yanez, manager of Ben Franklin and an employee of the store for 15 years, the building is badly in need of repair. "The building is falling apart," she complained, pointing to leaks in the ceiling and loose moulding around the doorway.

Leases have not been the store's only problem. Over the years, with the advent of new shopping centers in the area like Cipriano Square and Greenway Center, Ben Franklin has had to face stiff competition.

"(We) haven't had as many customers since Greenway," remarked Yanez, who says that High's, the Co-op and the tobacco shop, all offering many of the same items as Ben Franklin, have also been hard competition. "Oh, I've seen better times," adds Yanez.

Many customers have expressed disappointment over the store's closing, says Yanez, and some have inquired about the possibility of the community's buying it as they bought the Co-op.

Asked what she thought about the store's closing, a young woman standing by the store's counter remarked quietly, "I think it stinks!"

Senator & Delegates Host "Open Door" Meeting

Senator Leo Green and the 23rd District Delegates—Charles J. "Buzz" Ryan, Joan B. Pitkin and Mary A. Conroy—will host an open door meeting for constituents Sat., Jan. 31, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Greenbelt City Hall.

The open door meeting is a tradition in the 23rd District and the legislators invite all citizens of the district to attend and express their views and concerns on legislative matters.

School Board Holds Hearing on Budget

The Board of Education has rescheduled the public hearing on the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 1988 for the Prince Georges County Public Schools for February 2, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should register in advance by calling 952-6115. Time limitations will be three minutes for an individual, five minutes for a representative of a group.

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A Real Snow Job!

On Tuesday the Washington Post ran a series of articles on how the area had coped with the great snow accumulations of last weekend. According to their accounts, Maryland and Virginia jurisdictions fared best, while the city of Washington was all but shut down. We're happy to report for our own community that had their reporters looked around Greenbelt, they might have found a story scarcely short of inspirational. In fact, Public Works Director George Smith could scarcely stop talking about his "terrific" men. Four operators of snow plows, he reports, worked non-stop for 30 hours, and other men worked as long as 14, 16 or 20 hours. Three police officers working as volunteers rode along with the drivers of the plows — necessary because from the driver's seat one cannot quite see how close the plow is coming to cars parked along the curb. Even our city manager, Jim Giese, offered to do his share in this look-out position, though as it turned out his services were not needed. "It was the greatest piece of cooperation I've seen," Smith said, "since I've been in the city."

One section of Greenbelt did not fare quite as well as the rest of the town. In Springhill Lake, a densely populated area, too many cars were parked too closely for the plows to push snow out of the way. That the streets in this development could not be made as clear as in the rest of Greenbelt was no fault of the city crew.

Of course "clear" is a relative term. Driving through the streets of Greenbelt on Tuesday was like driving through canyons with high white cliffs. It made an eerie silence. But the tires of our vehicle gripped the pavement as they were supposed to do. Our hats are off to the Public Works crew! They made us proud to live in Greenbelt.

Volunteers Needed

Hospice of Prince Georges County seeks volunteers to serve the terminally ill and their families. Interviews for March training will be held in February. Call 499-0550.

Baha'i Faith

'O Ye loved ones of the Lord! This is the hour when ye must associate with all the earth's peoples in extreme kindness and love, and be to them the signs and tokens of God's great mercy.'
 — Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 345-2918 / 474-4090

Paint Branch Unitarian Church


3215 Powder Mill Road (near Cherry Hill Road)
 Sun., Feb. 1, 11 a.m.
 Service: "The Web of Life"
 Rev. Sidney A. Peterman
 Forum 9:30 a.m. "The Death Penalty" Richard Dieter
 Church School 11 a.m.
 Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

CORRECTION

An article in the January 22 issue of the News Review about "Citizens for Greenbelt Study Bond Money Use" should have said "that council has not specifically outlined how the money from the bond issue will be spent." We regret omission of the word "not."

National Guard to Hold Blood Drive at Armory

The 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI), of the Maryland Army National Guard, located in Greenbelt, will conduct a Blood Drive in conjunction with the Maryland Blood Center, at the Greenbelt Armory, on Saturday, February 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. Residents from the community are urged to attend and donate blood with the members of the 629th MI Bn (CEWI). The Maryland Blood Center is experiencing a critical blood shortage as are all such agencies throughout the metropolitan area. Point of contact is CPT Kevin W. Jenkins at the 629th MI Bn (CEWI), daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (301) 345-3714/2751 or Ms. Maura Wood at the Maryland Blood Center daily at (301) 599-6900.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS - Utopia Theater
 Sunday, 10 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist First Three Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Fourth Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

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 College Park, MD
 (Next to McDonald's)
 Phone - 474-7573
 11 AM - Sunday Morning Worship and
 9:30 Sunday School for all ages. Child Care Provided during Church Service
 The Rev. Sidney R. Conger, Pastor

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 10 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
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 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Dr. James Chong Park
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 474-1924

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 Sunday Evening Sign Language Class - 6:30 PM
 Sunday Evening Service - 7:30 PM
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7:30 PM

(301) 345-0340

Pastor Dale J. Belcourt

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Local Family Hosts Revelation Seminars

Doug Love and his mother, new resident Jane Love, are hosting a Revelation Seminar in their home at 3-D Plateau Place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 for the next two months. The advertised starting date of January 28 has slipped to February 2 because of weather conditions, but registration will probably be open for a week after the class starts, depending on space in the Loves' home.

Revelation Seminars are being given in thousands of communi-

ties around the country each year, and have been offered at least twice before in Greenbelt. Love, who obtained the study materials and paid for the advertising, says that "I simply want to share the message of the Bible with my neighbors."

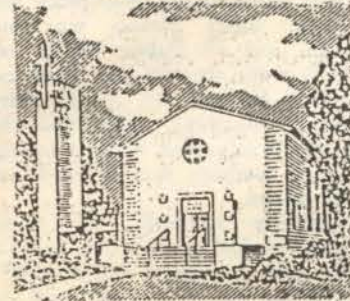
Presbyterian Church Holds Series of Four Seminars

The Berwyn Presbyterian Church is presenting a four session seminar giving the pastoral perspective on problems of human relationships to self and to others. The first session, on Sunday, February 1, focuses on single adults, covering such topics as their relationship to community and to church, their intimacy needs, and loneliness. The Rev. Rose Herr, D. Min., will conduct this session. The other three sessions will be on subsequent Sundays through February 22. All sessions are from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church on the corner of Greenbelt Road and 63rd Street. The seminar is free. More information is available at 474-7573.

Drama Workshop Delayed

The drama workshops at the Utopia Theater announced earlier in the News Review have been postponed one week and will begin the week of February 10 rather than February 3. Flyers intended to be received at area schools could not be accepted due to the back-to-back storms, thus, the Arts Center, in order to allow for sufficient notice, has made this decision. For additional information, call 441-8770.

Greenbelt Community Church



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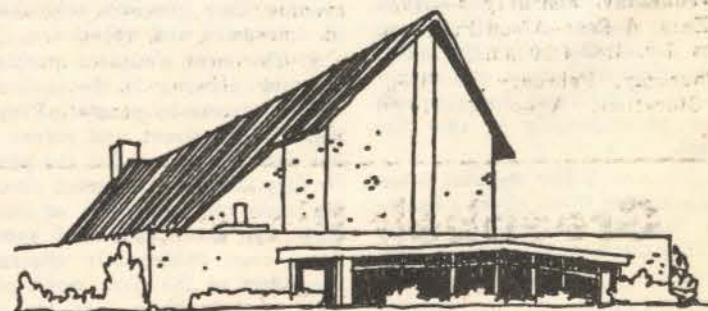
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 6 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road
 Worship Services Sunday 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. (Infant care provided each service)
 Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:50 a.m.
 Pre-School Department 9:50 and 11:15 a.m.
 For information regarding programs for youth, young adults, singles, and senior citizens, please call the Church office.
 Edward H. Birner, Pastor 345-5111

Snow Days

by Suzanne Batra

How fine to be able to wake up at leisure, to find dazzling whiteness concealing the debris of the everyday world! How extraordinary to awaken to total silence—neither airplane, nor bus, nor auto, nor train engine breaks the snowy stillness. Only the cheeping of the birds and the silky sifting of snow is heard. All the tensions and tumult of this vast bureaucratic city have been forcibly brought to a standstill for a few hours by the vaster force of nature. It reminds me of my Adirondack mountain home, where people still respect, and are prepared for, nature's power. Well, time to put on the old snowshoes for their rare occasion to shine, and off to the woods for a solitary trek.

Fortunately Greenbelt still has a residue of woods to trek in, where an observant person may spot a variety of animal and plant life. On this snowy still day, it was possible to imagine being far away, and best of all, there was no need to drive for a day on congested highways to get there.

Of course all this snow poses hardships for persons who must take an emergency trip to the hospital and for the medical staff, as well as other essential personnel such as road crews and other city workers. As for the rest of us, it's best to keep out of their way, relax, and enjoy this beauty. Its existence is all too brief here in Dixie.

Police Undaunted by Snow, Announce Two Additions

Greenbelt's Acting Chief of Police James Craze reported this week that during the recent heavy snowfalls police were able to provide uninterrupted service using four-wheel-drive vehicles. Although many stranded motorists were assisted and property damage accidents investigated, there were no serious incidents reported resulting from the snowfall, according to Craze.

Craze also announced the addition of two new officers to the uniformed patrol division. Robert Musterman of Bowie and Mark Lagerwerff of Greenbelt returned to the department last week after completing entry-level training at the Baltimore Police Academy. Their formal graduation ceremony is to be held on February 20 at Goucher College in Baltimore. Both officers will complete a short training program at Greenbelt and then continue with their patrol duties.

At the Library

Wednesday, February 4—Happy Ears: A Read-Aloud Program. Ages 7-9. 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 5—Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 10:30 a.m.

CITY NOTES

On Thursday, 14 inches of snow fell on the city. All crews, except the refuse collection and cleaning crews, worked on snow removal. Because of the deep snow and slippery, wet conditions, the refuse crew was forced to abandon waste collection at noon on Thursday. The county landfill closed at 11:30 a.m. No members of the refuse crew reported for work on Friday, but because of the deep snow and slippery conditions, refuse could not have been picked up that day.

The second snow storm, on Sunday, forced city officials to cancel Monday trash collection in favor of snow plowing. An emergency message was put on the city's cable channel A-10 and on the Public Works answering machine Monday morning telling residents to place trash containers near the street for Tuesday and Wednesday pickups. Thursday and Friday collections were expected to be back on schedule from normal locations provided residents shovel paths for the collectors.

Before the falling snow interfered with everything else:

—The special details crew installed traffic control signs in various areas of the city and assisted with regular trash collection. Both the general and special details crews cleared gutters of leaves and debris.

—The building maintenance crew worked on routine maintenance in all the city buildings. The crew supervisor remodeled an office in the Youth Center.

—The parks crew raked leaves in city parks and picked up Christmas trees with the chipper. The crew also worked on maintenance of their trucks and small equipment.

On January 9, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Sandra Barnes, 50th anniversary chair and City Manager James Giese met with the Deputy Director of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center to discuss Goddard's participation in the city's 50th anniversary. As a result of the discussions, Goddard may assist in the Greenbelt Day celebrations in early June with activities at its visitor's Center.

Photography Course Offered at Roosevelt

Prince Georges Community College is now accepting registrations for introductory photography courses. These noncredit courses are available at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

"Photography Introduction," a continuing education series of courses, is designed to develop entry-level skills in photography. Most classes are scheduled in the evenings or on Saturdays to meet the needs of working adults. Tuesday morning classes are also available. There is a fee.

For additional information, call 322-0875.

Closing of Benjy's

To the Editor:

How can they do this to us? Close Benjy's—an institution in Old Greenbelt? Where will our small children go to get supplies for school projects? Where will people who don't drive go for essential items? Where will I go to pick up things that often are not available or are hard to find in bigger stores? Is there anything that the people of Greenbelt can do to retain our Ben Franklin Store? Or, don't people care, anymore?

Suzanne Batra

THANKS

To the Editor:

Thank you, neighbors, friends, Greenbelt Police Department, and Volunteer Fire Department for your assisting us the night and days following our January 19 house fire.

A special thanks to Alex Astrayka and Derrick Latreille who bravely attempted to put out the fire before the emergency equipment arrived.

Our family has been blessed with an abundance of kindness.

Bob, Mary Ann,
Robbie, Ken, Lori and
Paul Baker

Free Tax Guide Available For Handicapped Persons

The Mental Health Association of Metropolitan Baltimore has updated and published a seventh edition of the Fact Sheet on 1986 Federal Income Tax Deductions for Handicapped Persons. The tax guide has been prepared as a community service by the Association, and single copies are available free of charge. To order a copy, write to the Mental Health Association of Metropolitan Baltimore, 323 E. 25th St., Baltimore, Maryland 21218, or call 301-235-9786.

LETTERS

Snow Brings Out Angel

To the Editor:

... I just wanted to say "Thank you" to a very kind lady who lives in Greenbelt. I don't know her name, but she said she's lived in Greenbelt for about eight years and she lives on Plateau.

This lady was kind enough to take the time to help me on January 24. My car had been half-buried in snow and ice by the snow plows. I am embarrassed to say that I was totally unprepared for this situation. I had no shovel, de-icer or anything. This lady was compassionate enough that, even though she was walking on her way home, she walked all the way back to the Greenbelt service station (where she had left her car for servicing), got her snow shovel, and came back to help me. She chopped away at the snow and ice with her handy stick she was carrying, and then shoveled the snow, too. To me, the task looked impossible and I was amazed at her determination and hard work. She worked for at least a couple of hours until the car was finally freed.

She wouldn't accept any payment, and that surprised me, too. Usually, I thought, no one ever does something for someone unless there's something in it for them. It also surprised me that she didn't complain once, nor did she point out what a foolish thing it was not to be prepared for emergencies. She just kindly suggested that it would be a good idea to get a snow shovel and de-icer.

I know that "thank you" seems very inadequate, but, to me, that lady was an "angel" sent by God.

Janet Newsome

Excellent Snow Removal

To the Editor:

The City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., are to be congratulated for their excellent snow removal during our recent snow storms. The first day our streets were completely cleared and continued to be so despite repeated snowfalls. Our court was promptly plowed and we were able to get out the first day. A friendly neighbor helped elderly persons in our court by clearing their walks. On a day when it was announced that all government workers were not to report for work, my mail carrier delivered my full supply of mail earlier than usual.

Assuming service to be as efficient elsewhere, I drove to Montgomery County (where taxes are higher) to find to my surprise that even some major roads were still dangerously covered with snow and ice. In a nearby luxury apartment complex here one of my friends was snow-bound several days.

Thanks to everyone. In a crisis like our recent snow storm, we appreciate what a good community we have to live in, in Greenbelt.

Esther Webb

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for a nutrition study being conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture and the University of Maryland. Volunteers should be healthy women in the eighth or ninth month of pregnancy or who have delivered an infant in the past two months. Participants will be paid and will receive all meals for three weeks. If interested, please call Reed Mangels at 454-5223 or 454-2139.

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474-4998

Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Lt. Kenneth Stair and Officer George Mathews, responding to a report of a woman screaming for help about 6:40 p.m., January 20 at an apartment in the 9100 block of Springhill Court, found that a 26-year-old male resident had severely beaten a 19-year-old female acquaintance for resisting his advances after holding her in the apartment and trying to force her to have sex with him. While Stair was tending to the victim where she had collapsed outside the apartment building, the man tried to assault Mathews. The officers were able to subdue him. He was arrested and charged with numerous counts of assault and battery and held on \$10,000 bond. The victim was transported by ambulance to AMI Doctor's Hospital in Lanham.

Officer David Buerger arrested a 19-year-old Greenbelt resident who kicked out storefront windows of businesses at the Roosevelt Center Mall in the 100 block of Centerway about 11:20 p.m., January 22. The suspect was charged with four counts of malicious destruction of property and was held on \$1000 bond.

A 25-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested at the Roosevelt Center Mall after he was found in possession of about 9 grams of suspected marijuana. Officer Troy Harding made the arrest about 11:30 p.m., January 18. The suspect was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. Because of his poor mental state he was held without bond at the Prince Georges County Detention Center in Upper Marlboro.

About 12:15 a.m., January 16, while a resident sat in the living room watching television in a ground-level apartment in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, someone smashed a bedroom window, snatched a nearby purse and fled.

Two ground-level apartments in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace were broken into through windows during the late evening of January 20. Both apartments were ransacked. Cash was reported stolen at one apartment. Nothing was reported missing at the other.

On January 17 the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission reported multiple break-ins at their water tower in the 300 block of Ridge Road. Suspects scaled a perimeter fence and broke into three outbuildings containing various pieces of equipment. Damage was estimated at \$200.

An attempt was made during the evening of January 21 to

break into the American Legion Post No. 136 on Legion Drive. A fence was scaled at the rear of the building and a rear door was damaged in an attempt to pry it open. Entrance was not gained.

Officer Jim Parker, investigating a call about 12:50 a.m., January 20 from an 18-year-old non-resident at the Holiday Inn at 7200 Hanover Drive reporting his car stolen, found that the report was false. The man had fabricated the theft report to cover up the fact that he had wrecked the car on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Greenbelt Road and had been driving on a suspended driver's license. He was charged with making a false report and released pending trial.

On January 19 a basement storage bin was reported broken into in the 100 block of Westway. A radio-controlled model airplane valued at \$400 was stolen.

A green 4-door 1985 Cadillac Seville, Md. PCJ-527 was reported stolen January 17 from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway.

A 1986 Chevrolet Iroc Z-28, stolen January 16 from the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, was recovered the next day by D.C. Metropolitan Police at 1st and Florida Ave., N.W. There were no arrests.

Officer Jim Parker located a stolen 1987 Pontiac Trans Am about 4:30 a.m., January 17 in the 7800 block of Mandan Road. The car had been stolen from Laurel.

Officer Tom Keifline recovered a stolen 1986 Pontiac Sunbird January 18 in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway. The car, which had been reported stolen the previous day from the 7800 block of Mandan Road, was found with a door lock and the steering column destroyed.

During the week of January 16-23 thefts from and vandalism to autos were reported at the following locations: On January 16 and 17 at Crescent Road near Parkway; on January 16 at 14 Court of Laurel Hill Road and at Eleanor Roosevelt High School; on January 18 in the 7800 block of Mandan Road; on January 19 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, the 6200 block of Springhill Terrace and the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane; on January 21 in the 7800 block of Lakecrest Drive; and on January 22 at Ridge Road and Westway.

AUDITIONS SCHEDULED

The Shakespearians' auditions for Much Ado About Nothing, originally scheduled for last weekend at the Utopia Theatre, having been thoroughly snowed out, are now rescheduled for Sunday, February 1, from 2 to 6 p.m. and Sunday, February 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. If these times are not convenient, call the director, Ginny Zanner at 474-0652 for an appointment.

R-11, R-15 & Other Metro Buses Change Schedule

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will make adjustments to seven Prince Georges County and 18 Montgomery County Metrobus routes beginning Sunday, February 1.

Changes in routes serving Greenbelt include: Route C2 (Beltway Plaza-Twinbrook Line)

The westbound trip leaving Langley Park at 7 a.m. will be extended to start at Beltway Plaza at 6:30 a.m.

Routes F4 and F6 (Prince Georges Silver Spring Line)

New weekday and Saturday schedules which reflect new running times will be in effect.

Routes R11 and R15 (Greenbelt Express Line)

The 6:20 and 6:50 a.m. trips from Greenbelt will be combined into a single trip leaving Greenbelt at 6:35 a.m. The R11 trips leaving New Carrollton Station at 4:30 and 5 p.m. will be combined into a single trip leaving New Carrollton Station at 4:45 p.m. The R15 trip leaving Greenbelt at 8 a.m. and the 4:45 p.m. trip from New Carrollton Station will be eliminated.

For detailed information about the adjustments and to receive new timetables by mail, Metrobus passengers should call the transit authority at 637-7000.

Aerobics Classes Begin

Lively Aerobics Winter Program classes begin the week of February 2 and meet twice a week for eight weeks.

Merlyn Scott will lead the continuing regular class at Greenbelt Middle School. It meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the gym.

Additional classes, day and evening couples classes and moderately-paced classes, are offered in nearby communities.

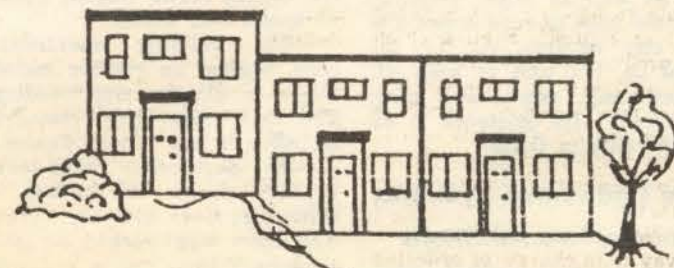
Comfortable exercise clothing and good aerobic shoes are recommended. For more information or to register call 776-8410.



Jason Deramo, a 5-year-old Springhill Lake resident, was a winner in Springhill Lake's coloring contest, which was held in December. Over sixty children participated. Banks, coloring books, and gingerbread houses were awarded by Douglas Bowman of Needy Kids, Inc., and Linda Schwarten, Community Relations Manager at Springhill Lake

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WHEN: Saturday, February 14
TIME: Registration 10 - 11 a.m. or prior to race day. Race begins at 11:15 a.m.
WHERE: Race begins at Braden Field, adjacent to Youth Center. Registration is held in the Youth Center on February 14, or preregistrations will be taken in the Youth Center Business Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., prior to February 14.
FEE: \$5 per couple, prior to February 14. \$8. per couple on race day.
AWARDS: Dinner for two at Jaspers for winners of each distance category. Many other surprises, courtesy of Jaspers, will be provided.
DISTANCE CATEGORIES: 1 3/4 miles and 4 1/4 miles.
DETAILS: Couples run together in their choice of distance category. Entrants may win the race in either of two categories. Entrants may state the amount of time they feel it will take to complete the race. Their stated time and their actual time will be compared and the couple with the closest estimate wins the race, or, the actual order of finish will determine the winner. NO WATCHES ALLOWED!

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The Perils of a Corner Drugstore In an Age of Chain Discounters

by Dorrie Bates

In this metropolitan area, cars are commonplace and driving seems as much a way of life as a mode of transportation. But what about those who don't drive? And what if a prescription just ran out or a child needs medication?

For many Greenbelters, the Co-op Pharmacy has been the answer. It has served the Greenbelt community since 1938, combining elements of the corner drug store with the "coop" philosophy. At present the pharmacy has not been generating enough business to keep prices competitive, according to co-op officials. Adding to the problems, said store manager Bob Davis, are the large drug discount or chain groceries which can buy in bulk and use the large volume of overall sales in the store to subsidize other departments.

Small pharmacies like the Co-op, said Davis, are at a disadvantage when competing against such large operations. They do not generate enough business to keep prices down and thus remain competitive.

Davis noted that there are many factors which influence the price of an item, most importantly cost, volume and overhead. A store of any size must keep these elements in balance if it is going to run at a profit. Even a co-op must produce enough income to insure survival, he observed.

"We just cannot purchase drugs on the scale that is needed from the district wholesaler," said Howard Galloway, the Co-op pharmacist.

As the pharmacy manager, Galloway is in charge of ordering and inventory. Much of the ordering is determined by the customers, he said. For example, because 40% of the pharmacy's business is with senior citizens, a great deal of his regular stock is geared to their needs. He also noted that generic drugs comprise roughly one-third of his supplies.

The overhead in the Co-op pharmacy is higher than other departments in the store, in part because of the presence of a licensed pharmacist required by law. Another added cost is the amount of bookkeeping needed.

Records are kept of the prescriptions filled. Paperwork is also required for insurance plans which pay varying parts of the cost of the customer's prescription.

Despite the challenges facing the pharmacy, the Co-op board remains committed to it. Jim Cassels, GCC board chairman pointed out that one of the major concerns of the citizens' group which formed to save the grocery store operation was that the pharmacy be retained. "We are providing a service to the community," said Cassels. He further noted that "Because of the Co-op's history, if any basic service stopped, it would have to have membership approval."

Asked what is the one thing that could make a difference for the pharmacy right now, Davis replied "Volume is the biggest thing I could ask for. . . . Anytime you increase the dollar volume, you can conceivably lower (the difference between the cost and the selling price of an item)."

Davis echoed Cassels position, saying that the pharmacy is dependent on the community, what it needs and what it would like to see. Saying that he welcomes suggestions, he emphasized that "The key is how (we) can best serve the community."

P. G. Genealogical Society Gives Publishing Advice

A presentation and question and answer panel on Printing and Publishing Genealogical Findings will be presented by the Prince Georges County Genealogical Society on Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Library. The discussion is free and open to the public.

For further information contact Victoria Hook at (301) 984-1982.

Rental Assistance Program for Elderly

Elderly and disabled renters within Greenbelt may be eligible for rent support under programs offered by the city, Prince Georges County, or the state of Maryland, according to recent information from the city office.

The City of Greenbelt itself offers grants to Greenbelt renters amounting to 3% of the rent paid during the preceding year for a dwelling within the city.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a renter must have attained the age of 65 or be totally and permanently disabled if under 65. Also, the combined gross income of the applicant and all other persons within the household shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for the preceding calendar year. The applicant must reside within the city at the time of making application, as well as having paid rent for a dwelling in the city.

How to Apply

Applications may be filed until February 13, 1987 for assistance for the grant year 1986. Applications are available from the City Treasurer's Office, 25 Crescent Road. It is not necessary to apply in person. Residents may call the Treasurer's Office at 474-1552 and request that an application be mailed to them. Those residents who have applied for the grant in the past have had applications mailed to them.

County Program

Residents are reminded that Prince Georges County offers a similar program, but is restricted to those who have received assistance in the past. **NO NEW APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED.** Information concerning the County Program may be obtained by calling 952-3770.

State Program

The State of Maryland also has an assistance program that requires the filing of an application. This program is active for which applications are being accepted. Information concerning the State Program can be obtained by calling 1-800-492-3790.

Free Tax Assistance Offered to Seniors

Free income tax advice and assistance will be available for Greenbelt residents starting Tuesday, February 3. Tax Aide is a community service program sponsored by the Department of Aging, Prince Georges County and the American Association of Retired Persons in cooperation with the IRS. Trained volunteer Tax-Aide Counselors will operate from the Greenbelt Library.

Tax-Aide is designed to help older persons who either cannot complete their own tax returns or wish to learn how to fill them out. In addition, it will assure that elderly taxpayers are aware of benefits expressly targeted for them in the tax code.

Income tax advice and assistance for residents 55 years of age and older will be provided by appointment only. To secure an appointment, eligible persons can call the Department of Aging between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 699-2687 or 699-2688.

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New Phone Service Offers Vital Records Information

The Division of Vital Records, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, has installed a new 24-hour telephone service to provide information on applying for birth, death and marriage records. The service, which will operate seven days a week throughout the year, can be used by calling 225-5988, or 800-832-3277.

Hospital Class to Discuss Basics of New Born Care

Baby Care Class will be held at the Washington Adventist Hospital Sunday, February 8, at 7 p.m. There will be discussions and demonstrations of new born care. The "how to's" for the first four weeks will be discussed, i.e., equipment, safety, health, hygiene, toys, nutrition, growth, pediatricians and much more. Call


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Anyone with information on contacting these women, please call chairperson Cheri Gainer at 441-8589 as soon as possible.

SHL Hosts Wedding Party

On Saturday, February 7, the Fountain Lodge in Springhill Lake will host a Wedding Cake Tasting Party from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festivities will include a Newlywed Sweepstakes and a bridal fashion show.

Participants are invited to display their gowns, heirloom jewelry, furs from another era, or even be a model in the Bridal Fashion Show.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information call Pat Giordano at 474-1600.

Infant Stimulation Class at Hospital

Infant Stimulation Class will be given on Sunday, February 22, at 7 p.m. at the Washington Adventist Hospital.

Our Neighbors

Martha Kaufman 474-9359

Shannon McLean and two of his co-workers did a terrific job of clearing the snow from 45-K Ridge Road and around the car and garage.

A bouquet of roses to Lee Beall of 45-L Ridge Road for being a good neighbor by helping others in the court. Thank you, Lee!

Navy Fireman Recruit Anne M. Chestnut, daughter of Joyce Chestnut of Breezewood Terrace, is currently on a Western Pacific Cruise aboard the destroyer tender USS Prairie homeported in Long Beach, California.

During the cruise the Prairie will repair ships of the Seventh Fleet in the Philippines and Japan while making port calls to the Orient as well.

Congratulations to Alex Barnes who was named to the Dean's List in his first semester at Penn State University.

Navy Petty Officer 1st. Class Robert M. Ingram, whose wife, Susan, is the daughter of Elizabeth White of 8 Laurell Hill Road, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy.

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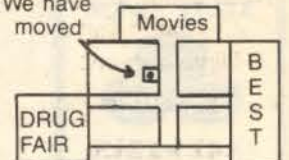
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National Guard Celebrates Holiday with Its Families

Greenbelt's two National Guard units held a joint all-day family workshop last month to encourage support for the state National Guard by its members' families.

Held at the Greenbelt Armory, the workshop included a presentation of the history of the Maryland Army National Guard and benefits provided by the organization, and a description of the family's role in the event area guard units were ever mobilized to defend the country.

The food service sections of the two local units, the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI) and Company C, 1-115th Infantry Battalion provided a holiday meal for the families at the conclusion of the workshop.

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GHI NOTES

The GHI Board meeting postponed because of snow will be held January 29 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Agenda items include reserves policy, parking policy implementation, deck regulations and fourth quarter staff reports.

Free blood pressure testing will be offered at GHI on Wednesday, February 4 from 2-4 p.m.

The GHI Newsletter was recently delivered to members. It included updated pages for the GHI Handbook. Members should discard pages 27-85 to 30-85 and replace them with pages 27-86 to 30-86. Anyone who did not receive this material should call the Member Services Department (474-4161).

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Committee Assignments For Senator Leo Green


Senator Leo Green, who represents Greenbelt in the Maryland State Legislature has been assigned to two committees in the recent organization of the Prince Georges County Senators. He will serve on both the Prince Georges Transportation Oversight Committee and as liaison with the Prince Georges County Board of Education.

Senator Frank Komenda, who represents the 26th district, was elected chairman of the county's senators, and Senator Decatur Trotter of the 24th was elected vice chairman.

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My Point of View . . .

by Bill Cornett

There were times, when both the city of Greenbelt and I were considerably younger, when I thought there would always be things on which I could count. There would always be hot summer days, and on those days the swimming pool would be filled with squealing, splashing kids. I used to be one of those kids, so I know all about it.

After our skin was red from too many belly flops off the low dive, our faces were blue from underwater breath-holding contests, and our eyes burned from the chlorine, we had an important duty to perform, a duty still held sacred by children in Greenbelt to this day. We were going to go to the Ben Franklin five and dime store and spend the extra ten cents each of us had squirreled away for candy.

We usually ended up at Ben Franklin still dripping wet, amidst the shelves of penny candy, five-cent Milky-Way, Three Musketeers, Baby Ruth, and Heath Bars, Pez and such, not to mention the nickel chewing gum rack. Ten cents would get you more than enough candy to spoil your dinner, 15 cents worth would keep your dentist in business for a month, and a whole quarters' worth was close to impossible to carry.

Life is never sweeter than when you are ten years old, out of the pool on a hot summer day, and eating yourself halfway to diabetes on candy from Ben Franklin.

Ben Franklin would never change, you could count on that. Somebody transported into the present from 25 years ago wouldn't notice much difference, aside from higher prices and a few shelves moved around. I still go in there when I need paper for a notebook or some obscure hardware item (I'll swear they still have stuff left over from 1963 on the back shelf).

But things do change. The Beltway gets built, and high-rises and huge apartment projects start going up around our quiet little city. But this is one change that I might not be able to take:

The Ben Franklin Five and Dime is closing down!

I remember when I was very, very young, living on 46 Court Ridge, seeing the plastic model jet planes from Ben Franklin that my older brother had lovingly assembled, painted, and hung from the ceiling. While I was growing up, Benjie's (as we used to call it) had more nifty toys for under a dollar than anywhere this side of S. Klein's, and that was farther than I could walk. In the spring, it was squirt guns to take

to school, and balloons for massive water fights.

The people at the counter were nice, too. If you only brought 25 cents in to buy something that cost a quarter, and forgot to bring in the extra penny for tax, you could bring it by later (by now, with interest, I probably owe them a couple of bucks for the times I forgot to repay them).

The store is still a different sort of place from any other retail establishment in the area. Dried flowers, yarn sewing stuff, and other things of a feminine nature on the right side of the store, stationery, toys, hardware and housewares on the left. You could walk in right now and get an ironing board and a washer for your faucet, notebook paper, sunglasses, and still end up paying a fair price, without having to cover six acres of store to find it all.

But Harry and Judy Weiner, who owned the store have died, and none of the children want it. It's been losing money for some time now. I wonder what will replace it.

I know, I can always zip over to Dart Drug and feel sort of like a mouse caught in a maze of giant merchandise canyons while I search through alphabetically labeled aisles for something that I could have found in ten seconds at good ole' Benjies. Then, while I'm fighting my way out of the parking lot and across the Parkway, I can think of a store I used to be able to walk to, owned by somebody my family knew, where I could get stuff I wanted with a lot less hassle. Ah, progress!

Program Offers Training And Jobs for Older People

The Maryland Office on Aging announces that a new McMasters Training and Employment Project for older workers will open on February 2. The McMasters program offers training and jobs to persons 55 years or older in various capacities in McDonald's restaurants.

The Baltimore City project will be operated by the Elders at Work program at Johns Hopkins University. For more information call 301-338-3663 or 301-955-0975.

Greenbelt Lake Is Now Open for Ice Skating

The Greenbelt Lake is open for ice skating when weather conditions are favorable. In order to provide a wholesome, safe activity, the city has developed certain guidelines that should be followed.

It is impossible to continually test ice thickness over all areas of the lake, so skating will always be at the risk of the participant. Recommended areas of skating are the shore lines and the bay around the peninsula. The lake around the dam and the spillway should be avoided as open water is usually found in these areas.

Skaters should also avoid gathering in groups on the ice. No fires will be allowed at the lake except those provided by the city because of the scarcity of firewood and danger from brush fires.

The Recreation Department will attempt to provide assistance at the lake during week days from 4 p.m. until dark and on holidays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to dark. No skating will be allowed on the lake after dark.

All skaters and parents should keep in mind the dangers involved in ice sports. A person who falls through the ice is in danger of drowning and freezing if he is not cared for immediately.

During cold weather, persons interested in ascertaining the conditions of the ice at the lake should call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 474-6878.

Pupils at Special Center Learn to Love Reading

Mayzie, the lazy bird in Dr. Seuss' tale may admit to being tired and bored, but not the pupils at Frances Fuchs Special Center in Beltsville.

In observance of Maryland Reading Week, January 19-23, these youngsters heard stories by the famous children's author Dr. Seuss. "The imaginative illustrations and witty rhymes in Dr. Seuss books are attractive to youngsters with reading problems," remarked Jacqueline Crabtree, Frances Fuchs Special Center reading coordinator.

On hand to read to pupils was a cadre of volunteers including Laurel resident Linda Woulfson, Prince Georges County board members Doris Sugene, Kathy Burch and Susan Plogman, and other Frances Fuchs Parents.

The center draws pupils from the northern part of the county gymnasium. On Wednesdays, 1st

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the decision was made to send the entire exhausted bunch home for some rest. The driver who had helped make coffee Sunday morning was, on Monday evening and after 30 hours of driving and 40 hours without sleep, trying to unwind enough to get to bed. He knew he might have to drive a trash truck the next day—if that is, he weren't called out during the night to spread salt on icing streets.

On Tuesday morning, limited trash pickup resumed and so did the plows. Smith expected the street clearing would take through Wednesday, with most of the time spent pushing snow back to the curbs.

The Stats

The city had 10 plows in operation. The bigger trucks (and sometimes the smaller ones) normally had an observer riding along to help the driver spot parked cars and other obstacles, and to help keep the driver alert. It normally takes four plow runs to clear a residential street, followed by a tedious process of clearing to the curbs as parked cars are moved out.

There were amazingly few mishaps or citizen complaints. One 10-year-old plow assembly collapsed from metal fatigue and had to be replaced. A couple of parked cars suffered minor side-swipes by plows.

The greatest difficulties in getting roads clear, according to Smith, were encountered as usual in Springhill Lake, where there are large numbers of cars parked along streets, and where Smith finds the cars' owners less cooperative than elsewhere in the city.

About 200 tons of salt were used during the two storms, and the city ordered another 100 tons. As of Tuesday morning, they had about 80 tons in stock and were into salt left over from last spring. Public Works has cinders in reserve, but hopes not to have to use them because of the mess they leave behind.

Recreation Review

Volleyball—Competitive

Co-recreational competitive volleyball is played at the Greenbelt Center Elementary School gymnasium. Games are played on Monday evenings from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Everyone 16 years and over is welcome.

Roller Skating

Skating is held in the Greenbelt Center Elementary School through 3rd graders share the floor, while on Fridays, it is 4th through 6th graders. Time is from 3:30-5:30 p.m. both afternoons. Indoor skates may be rented.

Weight Lifting Club

Many of the club members have cards that have expired. Membership fee is for one year only. In order to continue the use of the facilities, members must keep their cards current.

Indoor Soccer

by Kevin Wheatley

Recently, the Greenbelt 10 and under Indoor Soccer Team tangled with the Mitchelville Gators. And wow! Was it a Barn Burner!

In the first quarter the Gators took the ball and dominated, keeping Greenbelt busy on defense by fending off eight shots on goal against our four.

During the second quarter, Greenbelt got on track by taking five shots on goal against Mitchelville's four. One of those five shots was a blast from Jason Harbin off a perfect left footed crossing pass, delivered by Winger Tommy Bradley—the Pro's couldn't have made it look any prettier. Nice play, you guys!

The third quarter was dominated by Greenbelt. Our team took nine shots to the Gators' three, although one of theirs was for a score.

With the game all tied up in the fourth quarter, both teams decided to "kick in the afterburners". The last 12 minutes were filled by screaming fans, players and even employees, watching the ball go from goal to goal. Every 15 seconds you could hear the ball smashing against the backboard in another attempt to score, sometimes coming within inches of going in.

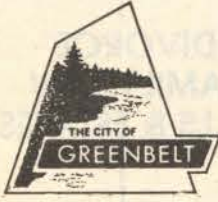
When it was all over the two teams emerged as winners. Just the way it should be with the score 1-1.

Special notice should be given to the new kids on the team. This was the game where everything came together for them. They all played a great game.

Congratulations to Eric Jorgenson, Kris Todd and Tommy Bradley!

Veterans Marc Sclawy, T. J. Trimble, and Scott Lubey also played with great intensity, hustling every minute.


This one was a real heart stopper



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