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Public Meeting to Be Held Monday December 18 on Metro Train Yard

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council is holding a public meeting on the Greenbelt Metro-rail Transit Car and Inspection Yard on Monday, December 18 at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Presentations will be made by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) officials and consultants. Council has invited representatives of the Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). In attendance also will be Prince Georges County Councilman Richard Castaldi, chairman of the WMATA Board.

The 70-acre yard site adopted by WMATA in 1986—called the Greenbelt Extension Yard Site—is located on BARC land, north of the Capital Beltway between Edmonston Road and the CSXT Railroad (formerly the B&O). The BARC Master Update Plan endorsed the use of the land for yards stating, "It is felt that the public benefit gained from a transit facility serving the region would offset the loss of some research space." Those opposed to using the property for this purpose want to preserve the tract's extensive wetlands.

Wetlands

The Fish and Wildlife Service defines wetlands as lands where water is the "dominant factor determining the nature of soil development and the types of plant and animal communities living in the soil and on its surface. Furthermore, lands that are continually, seasonally or periodically submerged and which support emergent or floating plants are also categorized as wetlands."

Currently the Corps of Engineers is reviewing a WMATA application filed in August 1988 to fill wetlands on the BARC tract. (The Corps recently granted two permits for the Greenbelt Station and Parking Lot located south of the Beltway and east of Cherrywood Lane.) Before making a decision on the application, the Corps will evaluate WMATA's new design configura-

tions for reducing the wetland acreage on the property and a plan for creating new wetlands on other BARC land. Modifications being considered to reduce the amount of wetlands include cutting down the size of the Metro car turn-around loop and eliminating employee vehicle access to the yards from either Edmonston Road or Sunnyside Avenue by constructing a new road south of the Beltway adjacent to the railroad tracks. The road would run beneath the Beltway and connect with the yards.

In the decision-making process the Corps must also consider recommendations by various governmental agencies such as EPA, Fish and Wildlife and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

EPA Concerns

EPA environmental scientist Peter Stokely told the News Review that "We still have concerns about the impact of the yard location and are particularly interested in the (new) design alternatives to minimize the amount of wetlands needed."

In October 1988 Stokely had described the 70-acre site as "one of the largest wetlands of its type still existing in Maryland today." At that time he recommended that WMATA investigate alternate sites for the station and yards, particularly the industrially zoned A.H. Smith property east of the CSXT tracks, south of the Beltway and north of Greenbelt Road.

A further analysis of the A.H. Smith land, conducted by WMATA consultants Wallace Roberts

Surplus Food Distribution Rescheduled by County

The Prince George's County Department of Social Services has postponed its food distribution program and re-scheduled it for Wednesday and Thursday, December 20-21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Butter, cornmeal, flour, honey, peanut butter, and canned pork will be distributed.

Eligibility requirements are: (1) participation in a public assistance program or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADFC) (photo ID card), (2) participation in Food Stamp program (Photo ID Card), (3) participation in Medicaid Program (Medicaid Card), (4) Maryland Energy Assistance Program (letter), or (5) an income that is lower than \$8,970 for one person, \$12,030 for two people, \$15,090 for three people or \$18,150 for four people.

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

and Todd, concluded that (1) there would be more impact on A.H. Smith wetlands and flood plain and on Indian Creek than would be caused on wetlands by other alternatives, and (2) any change in sites would result in delaying the completion date of the Greenbelt terminus scheduled for late 1993 and would result in sharp increases in capital costs.

The consultants' report stated that any delay would deprive residents of the "convenience and access of public mass transit" and would delay the "onset of regional air quality benefits related to Metrorail operations."

According to WMATA's July 1988 Environmental Assessment on the Transit Car Service and Inspection Yard and the March 1989 Alternatives Analysis, the "most suitable alternative" for the yards is the 70-acre BARC tract between the Capital Beltway and Sunnyside Avenue. This site was selected on the bases of "permitted and compatible uses with existing zoning and area master plans," of being physically separated from adjacent communities by the Capital Beltway and CSXT tracks, of not "resulting in any commercial or residential displacements or

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Council Sets Metro Yard Meeting Approves Parcel 1 Funding Plan

by Diane Oberg

At its December 4 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council agreed to hold a public meeting on the proposed Greenbelt Metrorail Transit Car and Inspection Yard on Monday, December 18 and approved a Charter Amendment Resolution permitting the use of a mortgage to finance the purchase of Parcel 1.

Petitions

The meeting began with council accepting two citizen petitions. In the first, Charles P. Hagelgans stated that a campaign flier distributed by Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and council members Antoinette K. Bram and Edward Putens contained statements that conflicted with the official records of the city. In the flier, the three stated that council had opposed the high-rise apartments proposed for the Sunrise tract at both the January 28, 1985 council meeting and in November 1985. Further, according to Hagelgans, Weidenfeld had stated at the November 13, 1989 council meeting that council had been on record as opposing the apartments since 1985.

Hagelgans disputed this claim.

CFG Is Given Photo Tour Of Metro Site Wetlands

by Betsy Likowski

A tour of the proposed Greenbelt Metro station and rail-yard sites and of the streams of the local watershed via two slide shows were the main features of the Citizens for Greenbelt (CFG) meeting on Tuesday, December 5. The long-awaited results of the CFG logo contest were also revealed.

The 36 entries in the logo contest from 16 contestants were on display at the meeting. Alan Freas, the coordinator of the contest, explained that the first time the contest was run the judges expressed dissatisfaction with all the entries because they were too complex.

The current entries, however, were spare and clean, and many featured the CFG letters in simple shapes or patterns.

The winner displays the letters CFG in a circle; behind the letters and spreading outside the circle is a pine tree. The artist, Jan Reber, will receive \$100.



The second prize of \$50 will go to Randy Baker for a more complex design featuring CFG letters over a tree within a circle inscribed on the points of the compass.

Metro Slides

The main attraction of the meeting was the slide show of the future Greenbelt Metro site, the railyard site adopted by Metro in 1986, and the A.H. Smith property. Rick Meetre, who took the slides, made the presentation. He said he had sought to gather all the information he could on the Greenbelt Metro station during the last

few weeks.

Meetre first showed slides of the adopted site of the rail yard north of the Beltway, west of Capital Office Park and east of the CSXT railroad tracks. Part of the site is fields and part on wetlands that surround Indian Creek. Several attractive shots showed the wetlands and fields. The creek could be seen flowing through a wood of mature trees. One shot showed Red Maple trees and the ground below covered with grass.

Then Meetre showed many slide shots of the A.H. Smith property. Situated north of Greenbelt Road, south of the Beltway and east of the CSXT tracks between Springhill Lake and Hollywood, the property had been considered as one of the possible sites for the Greenbelt Metro station and yards.

The views of the property showed trucks, piles of sand and dirt, equipment, warehouses and silos. People occasionally commented upon the slides.

One shot showed slabs of concrete and hardpan soil. Robert Boone of the Anacostia Watershed Society said this was where concrete trucks came to be washed out. The residues flow into Indian Creek and change the pH—the acidity.

Another shot showed a huge field of puffy looking grass, typical of wetlands.

The views of the part of the property by Indian Creek showed small trees and grassy high banks
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He pointed out that the minutes of the November 4, 1985 council meeting describe council as taking no position on the apartments. In addition, a May 14, 1986 letter from Weidenfeld to County Executive Parris Glendening said that council did not oppose the Sunrise development.

"For the sake of accuracy and accountability to Greenbelt citizens," Hagelgans asked that the three council members explain the discrepancies he had pointed out. Council referred the petition to staff for comment.

Wildlife Preserve

Recent council candidate Rodney M. Roberts, reminding council that he had "warned ya'll that I'd be around," presented a petition from the Committee to Save the Green Belt. He said that the petition had been signed by approximately 800 Greenbelters and over 300 non-residents.

The petitioners call upon council to "protect the remaining green belt known as Parcel 1, Parcel 2 and the 72 acres, by . . . making the land a forest and wildlife preserve. The ordinance would require that the land remain entirely wooded and kept in its natural state."

Marsha Barrett asked how the United States could ask Brazil

to forego development revenue and protect the Amazon rain forest when the city "cannot agree to save 184 acres from city development for recreational or other uses." She said that she wanted her "next tax dollar to go to improving our nation's air quality . . . not to ballfields."

Doug Love said that the most important feature of the green belt for wildlife is that it is not cut into "smaller and smaller pieces" by "asphalt trails." He urged council to take the opportunity to preserve this unbroken

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WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Public Meeting on Metro Train Yard, Municipal Building
Tues., Dec. 19, 8 p.m. Recycling Committee Meeting, Public Works Building
Wed., Dec. 20, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Surplus Food Distribution
Thurs., Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Surplus Food Distribution
7:30 p.m. Crime Prevention Committee, Employees Lounge.

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474-4131

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Thursday, December 14, 1989

LETTERS

"Absolutely Clear"

To The Editor:

What has happened to the *News Review*? Since when does the *News Review* refuse to print a letter when a citizen seeks to protect her name and integrity. I am referring to the public issue raised during the campaign about the Sunrise Apartments.

After carefully reading the various documents in connection with the proposed Sunrise Apartments — including the so-called "Truth" flyer — it is absolutely clear to me that Ms. Kastner was correct in pointing out the position of a majority of the city council. It was undoubtedly painful for candidates to have the matter so plainly presented, but was accurate. The "Truth" flyer issued by three candidates was an unfortunate attack on the veracity and integrity of Ms. Kastner.

I can understand the desire to win election and the feelings of uncertainty attending candidates in the course of the campaign. This is more keenly felt when incumbents face highly articulate challengers. But such feelings are certainly no justification for personal attack.

The election is over and the people of the city must be drawn together so that we may unitedly meet the many problems we face. To better the climate among the citizenry, at the very least, an apology is due Ruth Kastner.

But let us return to the *News Review*. Was the Kastner letter refused because it named the individuals responsible for the unjust attack? Nothing in that letter anywhere near approached libel. There was no reason on that score for the *News Review* to refuse to publish it. In effect, the *News Review* censored the letter.

It is not (the *News Review's*) function to be the eternal mediator or defender of the establishment. It is outrageous that a citizen has to purchase advertising space in order to have the benefit of a free press.

I deeply regret the need I have felt to write this letter and I hope for change for the better. Let us all learn to disagree without becoming disagreeable.

Albert K. Herling

At the Library

Thursday, December 21—Drop-In Storytime 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5.

"Serious Charges"

To the Editor:

It will be very interesting to see what, if any, rebuttal will be offered by Mr. Weidenfeld, Mr. Putens and Mrs. Bram, to the recent charges made by Miss Kastner and Greenbelters for Accountable Government on page 5 of the December 7 *News Review*. Obviously until they have a chance to respond we should keep an open mind. Equally obviously, should they be unable to effectively refute the serious charges made against them, the only honorable course will be for Mr. Weidenfeld, Mr. Putens and Mrs. Bram to immediately resign from the city council. I take it that there can be little serious disagreement on this last point.

There is one other party to the matter, however, concerning whose guilt there is unfortunately no doubt. This is the *News Review*. To refuse to print a letter containing serious and seemingly well-documented charges, written by a responsible community leader such as Miss Kastner, apparently simply to avoid irritating those in power, is hardly in the traditions of responsible journalism.

Thomas Storck

APOLOGIES

To the Editor:

My apologies to Rose Tucci, who is the manager of LAFF, not Rose Turco, and Charles Rogers, who is the newest staff member, not Charles Gamble, as reported in the December 15 issue of the *News Review*. Please accept my heartfelt regrets.

Janet J. Parker

STAMPS BY MAIL

The Postal Service is offering the convenience of ordering stamps by phone, according to Greenbelt Postmaster Franklin D. Ford. To order call toll free 1-800-STAMP-24. Pay by VISA or MasterCard. There is a credit-card handling fee.

The selection includes Dinosaur stamps, 1989 Christmas stamps and other products, such as envelopes, postal cards and rolls of stamps. "The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Or order forms are available from letter carriers and the post office. Call to get a form in the mail. With Stamps by Mail, there's no service charge, no postage necessary and orders will be delivered in three business days."

GHI NOTES

The Finance Committee will meet at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room on Monday, December 18.

The Board of Directors will meet on December 21 at 8 p.m.

GHI offices will be closed at noon on December 22 for the annual employees Christmas party. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 26. For emergency maintenance those days please call 474-6011.

Christmas Party at SHL

The Fountain Lodge in Springhill Lake is sponsoring a Christmas Countdown Happy Hour, Thursday December 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event will feature music from The Pros D.J.'s, plenty of eggnog, beer and wine and other refreshments. There will also be holiday trivia, games, prizes, and a special appearance by Old Saint Nick himself. The first 20 people through the door will receive a special Christmas memento.

Springhill Lake residents over 21 should register in advance of the event by calling the Fountain Lodge at 474-4555. There is a small fee.

Xmas Fire Safety Tips

Christmas trees, lights, and decorations are flammable, and each must be checked to assure safety. There are certain steps people can take to avoid a Christmas disaster, and the Maryland State Fire Marshal has released these helpful holiday safety tips:

For Christmas trees — it is important to keep the tree moist so that it won't dry out and become a fire hazard. To do this, cut one inch above the original cut on the trunk and place it in "sugar water" that will aid in keeping the tree moist. Also, don't place the tree close to furnace vents, electrical board or any other heat source. When the tree shows signs of drying out, dispose of it.

For lights — cords must be checked for cracks or exposed wires, before using them. When checking the lights, look for U.L. (Underwriters Laboratory or F. M. (Factory Mutual). When people are not going to be home or in the room, they should turn off the lights.

For decorations — look for flame resistant or retardant labels on wreaths, garlands, or candle lights. If real candles are used, be sure to put them out before leaving the room, and wrapping paper should be disposed of outside the home as soon as possible.

Snow Queen Performed At Publick Playhouse

On December 19 and 20 at 10 a.m. and noon the Publick Playhouse "Midweek Matinees" presents Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theater's adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Snow Queen".

To make reservations for "The Snow Queen", call the Playhouse box office at 277-1710 (Voice/TDD). There is a fee.

Gray Panthers Have Christmas Luncheon

Gray Panthers will celebrate a Christmas luncheon Saturday, December 16, 12:30-2 p.m. at Horn and Horn in Laurel. All are invited. There is a fee.

For transportation call Pisano (474-7841) or Webb (474-6890).

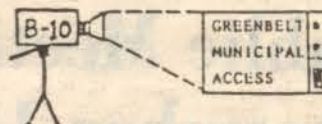
Bookmobiles

The Prince Georges County Library's four bookmobiles will be out of service for maintenance and repairs Dec. 18-31. They will resume service on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Bookmobile customers may call 699-3500 to get the address and phone number of the nearest branch library.

AAA Accepting Tots' Toys

The AAA office, located at 7701 Greenbelt Road #222, is serving as a drop-off point for the Marine Corps Reserve's 1989 Toys-for-Tots campaign until December 20. New, unwrapped toys are sought for distribution by social service organizations to needy children. No cash can be accepted.



MUNICIPAL CHANNEL B-10 PRESENTS: Monday, December 18 at 8 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING ON METRO

If you can't make it to the meeting, you can still be informed. Watch as Channel B-10 cablecasts this meeting "live" from the council room.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting Will Be Held On
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1989
 7:30 P.M.**

in the Council Room, Municipal Building,
 25 Crescent Road
 to consider the following:

1. Site Plan - Martin's Crosswind Addition
2. Award of Purchases
 - a. Road Salt
 - b. Automatic Slide Gate - Public Works
 - c. Greenbelt Lake Forebay - Phase III
3. Overtime Pay Policy for Snow Removal

The meeting is open to the public, and is to be followed by a public meeting on the proposed METRO yard. (See separate notice).

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
 City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1989
 8:00 PM**

**In The Council Room of the Municipal Building
 25 Crescent Road**

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM METRO OFFICIALS AND TO HEAR CITIZEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED METRO YARD. THIS SITE IS BOUNDED BY THE CAPITAL BELTWAY ON THE SOUTH, THE CSXT RAILROAD (FORMERLY THE B&O RAILROAD) ON THE WEST, SUNNYSIDE AVENUE ON THE NORTH AND EDMONSTON ROAD AND INDIAN CREEK ON THE EAST ON PROPERTY WHICH IS CURRENTLY PART OF THE BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER (BARC).

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA) WILL BE PRESENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE ARE BEING INVITED TO THE MEETING.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

GUDRUN H. MILLS, CMC
 CITY CLERK

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disruptions" and of having the "least environmental and social impacts."

The 1988 WMATA report noted that the adopted yard location was among three sites initially studied. Rejected was a site between the Capital Beltway and Greenbelt Road, east of the CSXT tracks (A.H. Smith) which, the report stated, would require locating the station south of Greenbelt Road and north of Berwyn Road and result in "significant traffic congestion in adjacent residential and commercial areas" as well as impact on Greenbelt Road traffic.

A site for the yards (BARC North), north of Sunnyside Avenue and east of the CSXT tracks was also rejected because of the "potential greater adverse environmental and social impacts." This site was not compatible with the BARC Master Plan.

A "No Build" alternative was termed unacceptable because "The Yard is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of both the Greenbelt (E) Route and the Metrorail System."

Alternative Yards

WMATA's voluminous March 1989 study considered 20 yard alternatives on nine sites. In assessing the sites, various criteria were used such as technical feasibility, logistics, environmental, water and air quality, noise impact, and capital and delay costs.

Included in the study was property located between the Beltway and Greenbelt road, east of the CSXT tracks. Part of the land is owned by WMATA, part by A.H. Smith. A combination of the station and yards in various configurations was evaluated. All possibilities were considered unacceptable and "found to have more significant impacts to the aquatic ecosystem" than the currently adopted Greenbelt Extension Yard north of the Beltway. The report noted that there would be increased costs in any relocation of the yards and station on the A.H. Smith/WMATA tract, and that in terms of the start of operations on the Green Line there would be a 42-to 48-month delay.

Another alternative yard location, "ERCO", was also characterized as unacceptable. This privately-owned site is located to the east of the CSXT Railroad corridor approximately one-half mile south of the Metrorail College Park Station. The report stated that this alternative was not as safe and efficient for trains entering and leaving the yard as the adopted location. It was determined that scheduled Green Line metro service operation would become complicated because the ERCO site is "located inbound of the Greenbelt station terminal." Capital costs would be higher and any location of the yards to the ERCO site would cause a delay of approximately 42- to 48-months.

Still another yard alternative studied was the privately-owned Contee property located east of the CSXT railroad corridor approximately 5.5 miles north of the adopted yard. This alternative would require further authorization by Congress for extension of the Metrorail system.

The study found it was not feasible to locate part of the yard facilities off the Metrorail Red Line in order to build a smaller yard at the adopted Greenbelt Extension Yard site. An alternative, "BARC West", located north of the Beltway and east and west of the CSXT

Landscaping Has Begun For New Police Facility

The city's horticulture crew has begun landscaping the new police facility with the recent planting of five red maples, seven lindens in the parking lot, and a row of redbud trees. According to city Horticulturist Bill Phelan, plans call for the use of planting materials in simple, large masses to set off the building. Shrubs and perennials, including lavender and black-eyed Susan, will ornament the front and sides, together with Nandina, a shrub with bright red fruit and leaves in winter.

Trees will be placed in the islands of the parking lot, and a row of white pines will screen the chain-link fence and parking lot near the rear gate. Phelan noted that the rest of the planting will probably be postponed until spring, now that snow has fallen.

tracks, was rejected because there would not be an adequate physical connection between the CSXT and the Metrorail systems for shipping in welded track and new cars.

Purpose of Yard

The Greenbelt Transit Car Service & Inspection Yard is designed to be used as both a terminus for the Green Line and a utility yard for approximately 280 Metro cars with loop tracks for moving and reversing transit cars. Also included in the design will be a service and inspection shop, interior and exterior transit-car cleaning and washing facilities, a car painting and fiberglass repair facility, a traction power substation, a tie-breaker station, a parking lot and out-buildings.

To reach WMATA's preferred location, transit cars will pass beneath the Capital Beltway and enter the yard on lead tracks running adjacent to the existing CSXT Railroad.

Our Neighbors

by Dorrie Bates

Deborah and Reginald Hobson are celebrating the arrival of their daughter, Courtney Cecelia Hobson. Courtney was born at Holy Cross Hospital on November 9, weighing 5 lbs., 6 1/2 ozs. She has an older brother, Marcus. The Hobson family live on Hanover Parkway.

Brendan Stephen Bussell made his entrance on November 21 at Holy Cross Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. He joins a sister Rachel Eileen, 17 months, at home in the 71 Court of Ridge Road. Proud parents are Kelly and Robert Bussell.

It's another boy for Abby and Edward Crowley. Lucas Johnathan Crowley was born at Holy Cross Hospital on November 7, weighing in at 8 lbs. 11 ozs. Big brother Jesse, 2 1/2, is sure to show the new kid around the neighborhood. The Crowley family lives on Lakecrest Drive.

Marjorie and James Keifline are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Lindsey Leigh was born November 13 at Anne Arundel General Hospital in Annapolis. Lindsey weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 ozs. She joins twin brothers Jimmy and Joey who will be 3 in February. Proud grandparents are James and Madeleine Keifline and Raymond and Marjorie Groht, all of Greenbelt.

Congratulations to John and Lori Beard of Lakecrest Drive on the birth of a 9 lb., 1 oz. grandson, John Riley Beard II. He was born on December 3 at Holy Cross. Proud parents are Philip and Jeanne Beard of Bowie.

And speaking of grandparents, Rita and Frank Wood of 8 Court Ridge are pleased to announce the arrival of Amy Ellen Mapes, firstborn of Jennifer and Briar Mapes. Young Amy made her debut on November 17 at Holy

Cross Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 ozs. Welcome all!

We hear that Chuck Fox of Greenbelt, a member of the Ellsworth (Iowa) Community College football team, played in the Mid-America Bowl recently. The Mid-America Bowl is the National Junior College Athletic Association championship game. Well done, Chuck!

Congratulations are also in order for Wilbert Draft of Greenbelt who recently graduated from Thomas A Edison State College, Trenton, N.J. Draft was joined by many family members at the commencement proceedings.

A local school group and a Greenbelt man have won awards from the Prince Georges Education Support Advisory Council. The Parent Teacher Student Association of Eleanor Roosevelt High School received \$200 for its program designed to bring school counselors, educators and community leaders into direct contact with parents in a series of workshops. And John Webster from the Greenbelt Recreation Department received the Leadership award from the council for his work encouraging academic achievement among the students at Springhill Lake Elementary School. His program was cited for motivating students to excel in their pursuits. Webster received a plaque and \$200. Ap-

plause all around.

From the military comes word that Airman Charles L. Rall has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. A 1989 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, he is the son of Paul Rall of Greenhill Road.

Navy Hospitalman Charles I. Boyer of Ridge Road recently participated in two weeks of active duty training at Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton, California. The course prepared him for duty with the Marine Corps combat units as a naval hospital corpsman and dental technician.

And a tip of the tassel to Frank Tierney of Greenbelt who recently received his B.S. degree through Regents College of the University of the State of New York.

Word from the military includes the news that Marine Sgt. Mal E. Williams was recently deployed to the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan. He is currently serving with the Marine All Weather Attack Squadron-332. A 1983 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, he is the son of Mary C. Williams of Greenbelt Road.

Army Private Andre J. Teague Jr. has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is the son of Ava Tanner of Breezewood Terrace.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

At Greenbelt American Legion Post 136
Sunday, December 17, 1989
10 am - 12 noon
BREAKFAST FOR ALL
Treats for Children Visiting with Santa

MUNICIPAL CHANNEL B-10 Presents WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY DECEMBER 20 & 21 AT 3 & 7 PM FRIDAY DECEMBER 22 AT 4 PM "HOLIDAY TIME IN GREENBELT" Get into the holiday spirit with your friends and neighbors as Channel B-10 shows you some of the highlights of holiday events throughout the city.

MUNICIPAL CHANNEL B-10 PRESENTS: Tuesday, December 19 at 2 & 7 p.m. "ASK THE ENERGY DOCTOR" Featuring: Window Treatments, Saving Energy on Hot Water, Solar Energy for the Home, Keeping Cool Inexpensively

Celebrate New Year's Eve at DAVID'S SUPPER CLUB "We have the finest in foods" \$10 includes: Noisemakers, Hats, Champagne Split, Reservations per person required. Join us also for our Christmas Party Dec. 17 Luncheon Specials — \$5.95 Luncheon cut Prime Rib of Beef or New York Sirloin with Salad and Baked Potato Ladies Night every Tuesday 12 noon till closing, drinks 75c Very large dance floor Open Daily from 11 a.m. till 2 a.m.; Fridays till 3 a.m. 5652 Annapolis Rd. 779-7200

Federal Help Forthcoming For Parcel 1 Acquisition

by Virginia Beauchamp

Maintaining Greenbelt's Parcel 1 as undeveloped forest land, long a dream of the citizens of this community, came a little closer to reality, city officials learned last week. Notification of this desired outcome arrived in the form of a letter to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld from Congressman Steny Hoyer and U.S. Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski.

According to this letter, an agreement has been worked out between the National Park Service and Maryland State Highway Administration to exchange land of equal value "to assist the City in the preservation of this open space." SHA had already acquired federal park land in the southern part of Prince Georges County to redesign and improve the safety of the highway interchange between Route 295 and Route 210, the Indianhead Highway. This reconfiguration, called the "S curve" project, has recently been completed.

How Much Land?

At the present time it is not clear exactly how much acreage of the 100-acre Parcel 1 tract can be acquired in this exchange nor exactly which property may be involved. Also not clear is who would own the parkland—the city of Greenbelt or the National Park Service. According to an accompanying letter from NPS to Congressman Hoyer, who worked out arrangements for the land swap, "we feel that the protection of this land will not only add to the quality of life in the city of Greenbelt but would enhance the protection and integrity of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway." (The Parkway is owned and maintained by NPS.)

City Manager James K. Giese speculated that if NPS plans to own the land outright they may choose to own property contiguous to the highway, now owned by the city, and that a further land exchange would have to be worked out between Greenbelt

and NPS. Also not clear is the value placed on the land which NPS gave up to SHA for the highway interchange. Various figures have been provided, ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Hearing Scheduled

Since the value of the Parcel 1 property will determine how much acreage can be purchased in this exchange, the process of the land's appraisal will be important. Already scheduled on February 20 is the city's condemnation suit against the property, to be heard before a jury. Such a hearing authorizes the transfer of private land to the city for public purposes and sets the dollar value for the land. The land is currently owned by Burton J. Reiner, Theodore N. Lerner and H. Max Ammerman.

According to Giese, SHA and NPS may or may not agree with the land valuation established at the February hearing. They may prefer to conduct a separate appraisal.

At the present time most of the details concerning this land swap seem murky at best. What does seem clear is that Greenbelt has had a big boost from the State of Maryland and the federal government in reacquiring an invaluable part of this community's original greenbelt.

Video Shown at Goddard

A video about NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, scheduled for launch in 1990, will be shown at the Goddard Visitor Center on Saturday, December 16 at 1 p.m. The public is invited.

Energy Help Available To Low-Income Residents

With the arrival of cold weather, many Prince Georges County residents are finding it difficult to afford heating. Financial assistance is available to these residents through the Maryland Energy Assistance Program for heating bills or rent.

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program also offers home weatherization services. These services include weather stripping, caulking, plastic window covering, storm windows, storm doors, etc. to make homes and apartments more fuel efficient. This is available to eligible families at no cost.

Qualifying circumstances for these programs include: elderly or disabled living on a small income; those who receive public assistance; supplemental security (SSI) or food stamps.

For more information contact the Office of Energy Services, 4307 Jefferson St., 3rd Floor, Hyattsville, MD 20781 or call (301) 985-5400 or, for the hearing impaired, call (301) 985-5407.

Nominations Sought For Youth Medal Program

Nominations are being sought for the annual national Young American Medals Program. The Young American Medals Program was established by Congress in 1950 to recognize young people for outstanding community service and acts of bravery. Nominees must be 18 years of age or younger.

Nominations, accompanied by documentation, should be sent to the Office of Community and Ethnic Affairs, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1990.

News Rooms Obtain Car Phone Lines

Cellular One and WJLA-TV have established the first Washington-area cellular telephone line direct to a television news room. Effective immediately, individuals with Cellular One service can report emergency road conditions, traffic accidents and other news events to the WJLA news room by calling *1TV7 on their cellular telephone. Because the line has been established as a community service, there is no charge for the call. The company has also expanded its mobile phone force with the addition of a free telephone line direct to WTOP Radio. Individuals with Cellular One service can report news as well as traffic tie-ups to WTOP Radio News Room by calling *1500. WLTT-FM and WLIF-FM already have free lines.

Prince Georges County Hotline and Suicide Prevention Center is pleased to announce the availability of a support group for teens "at risk". Young people between the ages of 13-18 who are or have been abused, live in substance abuse homes, are currently using drugs/alcohol, are economically disadvantaged, have dropped out of school, or are involved in any other situation which makes them at risk for suicide may join this group.

This support group will give young people the opportunity to learn from others' experiences, share their feelings, concerns, and thoughts, build a support network, and learn survival skills. The group meets weekly for one hour. Services are free. To become a member of this group or to get more information, please call Maria at 731-4922.

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345-5111

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green space. Sheldon Goldberg, while not opposing the petition, suggested that future petitioners expand the scope of their requests for protection of open space beyond the original core of the city to Greenbelt East where "there are a lot of trees being cut all the time."

Mortgage Financing

Council unanimously approved a charter amendment permitting the city to finance the purchase of Parcel 1 with a mortgage loan. Although the ordinance does not specifically mention Parcel 1, it is written so as to apply only to that property. Unlike bond financing, mortgage borrowing is not backed by the full faith and credit of the city. Instead, it is secured solely by the value of the property financed. In return, however, a mortgage would probably require payment of a higher interest rate than bond financing.

Metro

At its November 20 meeting, Rick Meetre asked council to invite the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to a public meeting on the environmental impact of the station. He requested information on options to reduce the wetland loss, including whether the yard could be placed on the A.H. Smith property.

City Manager James K. Giese reported that, according to Cheryl Smith of the Corps of Engineers, permits have been issued for the Metro and commuter rail stations, but not for the train yard. The yard is to be built on land, some of it wetlands, currently part of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center north of the Beltway. The Corps of Engineers now has responsibility to review all projects involving destruction of wetlands and to determine what steps must be taken to minimize the loss and replace any wetlands lost. Giese said that the Corps is satisfied with the site proposed by Metro for replacement of wetlands, and that the only issue to be resolved is the track radius in the yards. Metro had proposed a 400 foot radius for the turns, but is willing to reduce that to 350 feet. The Corps, however, seeks a reduction to 300 feet.

Metro representatives were not able to attend the council meeting. Instead, council agreed to hold a public meeting on December 18 to discuss Metro's plans.

Bob Rashkin said he felt the citizens were being "bamboozled." He disparaged the idea of a public meeting for Metro to tell the public "how they're going to disturb the wetlands." He objected to turning "perfectly good woods" into a "perfectly good swamp" and turning a perfectly good swamp into a Metro yard.

Mayor pro tem Thomas X. White pointed out that council had been the first to raise the wetlands issue with Metro and had objected to a proposed bridge through the wetlands. He said that when council had questioned the track radius, Metro officials had pointed out that reducing the radius would increase the likelihood that residents would hear the trains turning.

Giese noted that the decisions on the Metro site were made after extensive public hearings, but noted that these had taken place many years ago, when wetlands issues were not of widespread concern. In addition, he said that if the subway had been constructed more rapidly, Metro would not have had to take any of the expensive mitigation measures now planned. He said that most of the construction would

not be in the wetlands, but that the track would cross and encroach on the wetlands.

Nevertheless, Bram noted that Metro will redirect the water, resulting in a stand of trees being flooded with five feet of water.

The city manager mentioned that there had been suggestions in the press that the A.H. Smith property, adjacent to the station property, be used for the yards. However, Giese said that he has been informed that there are more wetlands on that property than on the proposed site.

Roberts disputed the truth and importance of this observation. He said that what was once a large pond has now been filled in, and suggested that the owner is preparing the land for development. He called it a "disgrace" that Metro would consider destroying wetlands on BARC land instead of where already destroyed. (The property is currently a gravel yard.)

Rick Meetre disputed Giese's report of the status of the Corps permits for the yards. He said that he had checked with several of the agencies involved and that approval of the yards is not as close as Giese indicated. Giese responded that he was only reporting what he had been told.

The city will invite representatives of other agencies such as the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife, and BARC to attend the December 18 meeting.

Council member Joseph Isaacs suggested that citizens submit their questions in writing in advance so that Metro officials can respond, rather than putting the questioner off.

7-Eleven Store

On a 3-2 vote with Putens and Bram opposed, council approved a site plan for the 7-Eleven store to be constructed at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road by the Mark Voel Companies. Although the

entire council expressed a desire for some other type of development on the site, the store is permitted under current zoning. Further, the developer was not required to submit the plan to council for approval, but did so voluntarily.

The company agreed to incorporate several changes recommended by the Advisory Planning Board and city staff, such as using shorter light poles to reduce the amount of light on neighbors' properties, adding a landscaped berm around the property to present a more pleasant entrance to the city, modify the roof to screen the mechanical devices from neighbors' views and to modify their sign and color plans.

Weidenfeld, council member Joseph Isaacs and White praised the developer's willingness to work with the city, despite the fact that the city has no legal right to approve or review the site plan. Given that the company has the right to build the store regardless of the city's position, the three voted for approval of the plan in response to the developer's cooperation.

Putens and Bram voted nay with both expressing a desire for a different kind of development on the property. Putens urged construction of a bank, noting that the surrounding homes would be in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. He said that there was not enough buffering around the property for that type of residential neighborhood. Steve Carl, of the Mark Vogel Companies, reminded Putens that the company had tried, unsuccessfully, to find a bank tenant for the property. Bram supported Putens' position and also worried that the store might attract crime and other late night problems.

Sheldon Goldberg spoke in favor of the store. He noted that Greenbelt East residents have no convenient stores nearby. In-

stead, they must venture into Greenway Center or stores further away, even to just pick up a loaf of bread. He felt that the 7-Eleven could reduce some of the Hanover Road traffic. Putens disagreed, saying that the store would increase traffic volume and accidents in the area.

J. Davis, chairperson of the Advisory Planning Board, reiterated APB's unanimous support for the plan. She pointed out the degree of cooperation shown by the developer and urged council not to "slap the developer on the hand" for his efforts. She also argued that everything in the city has the potential for crime.

Roy Dahl agreed, arguing that the city should support a developer who has "bent over backwards" to cooperate.

Claudia Jones of New Carrollton argued for rejection of the plan since she would not want to buy a house next to a 7-Eleven. Doug Love suggested that the developer should contribute to a police station in Greenbelt East.

Traffic Study

Council agreed to hire Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) to perform level of service analyses at the intersections of Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at Greenway Center, Greenbelt and Mandan Roads, Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway, Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road and Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. This work will cost approximately \$6,500.

Putens urged approval of another project in the GPI bid investigation of the process by which the city could try to obtain a reduction in the speed limits in those areas with a 30 m.p.h. limit. City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson said that the city staff could perform that study and promised a report by the end of

ERHS Students Participate In Citizenship Competition

Eleanor Roosevelt High School students will have the opportunity to participate in a unique social studies academic competition which could lead to a scholarship and a study trip to Washington, D.C. in June 1990. The school has registered to participate in the Close Up Foundation Citizen Bee, an academic competition that focuses on social studies and progresses through school, regional, and state events. Three Roosevelt students will advance to regional competitions with top students there going to the state finals.

State winners earn a trip to Washington to participate in the Foundation's government studies program and the national competition. Winners of the national event receive college scholarships of \$7,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000.

The national Citizen Bee is funded by the Milken Family Foundation and Burger King Corporation, with additional support from KPMG; RJR Nabisco, Inc.; and Kraft General Foods. In the state level the Bee is sponsored by Maryland Natural Gas and The Baltimore Sun.

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Other Actions

Council:
Extended the leases of the Gunner's Mate concession at Buddy Attick Park and the Jaycees Clubhouse for two years.

Approved a proposal by Giese for a cash award program for city employees. The awards would range from \$25 to \$500 and recognize implementation of a good idea or a job well done that required effort over that normally expected of an employee in that position.

Cancelled the December 18 regular council meeting.

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Attention Prospective Home Buyers

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the largest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce GHI to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how GHI operates, what services are provided to GHI members under the monthly charges, and the financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase a GHI home. This is an ideal opportunity for persons who are considering homeownership to learn about GHI and to ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere. Let us introduce you to the cooperative lifestyle BEFORE you look for a home. The next presentations will be held on:

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Traffic Safety, Legislation Are Concerns of GEAC

by Pat Scully

The meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) on Dec. 7, at Hunting Ridge, featured updates on ongoing issues of concern and planning for the new council session. The meeting was the last before the election of new GEAC officers, scheduled for the January meeting.

Traffic Safety Meeting

David Lychenheim reported on a meeting held concerning the recent traffic fatality at Mandan and Greenbelt Roads. State Highway Administration (SHA) District Engineer Creston Mills attended, along with county councilman Richard Castaldi, state delegate Joan Pitkin, council member Antoinette Bram, Police Chief James Craze, City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson, and residents of Chelsea Woods and Windsor Green.

According to Lychenheim, residents raised many issues at the meeting, including the speed limit, timing of the traffic light and the configuration of the third lane recently added. SHA is investigating these concerns and seemed open to making changes to increase safety at the intersection.

The speed limit of 45 is warranted by the size, condition and use of the road, according to SHA, but they will consider whether it should be lowered, particularly since there is a school zone there. In addition, they will look into ways to improve enforcement of the speed limit, perhaps by authorizing the Greenbelt police, who do not currently have jurisdiction, to set up radar in the area.

The asymmetrical timing of the light at the intersection may also be changed. Motorists, particularly those trying to turn left, assume that oncoming traffic has the same signals as they have. They may get "hung out to dry" if they try to turn when their light turns yellow, since oncoming traffic still has a green. SHA's Mills said they will look into adjusting the timing of the light.

Legislative Agenda

The board drew up a draft "legislative agenda" for the new council session, containing items that member boards would like to see actively pursued by council. Representatives from each of the member boards present suggested items for inclusion. For each item, GEAC voted whether or not it should be included in the draft sent to the boards. The overall list will be presented to each member board for their approval before GEAC adopts the final agenda for presentation to city council.

The items included addressed specific issues within the general topics of traffic safety, increased police coverage in Greenbelt East, parkland acquisition and development, infrastructure improvements, and opposition to Sunrise development. Among the specific traffic safety issues were continued opposition to the completion of Mandan Road through to Brae Brooke and the installation of a traffic light at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. Parkland issues included acquisition of the two school board properties on Mandan Road, urging the county council to adopt "land swap" legislation, inclusion of Greenbelt East in the city's hiker/biker trail system and continued pressure for the development of Schrom Hills Park.

Greenbrook Manor Update

James Foy, who serves on the city Advisory Planning Board,

and Robert Zugby, who serves on the county Board of Appeals, gave an update on the request for variances from the design plans presented by Michael T. Rose, developer of Greenbrook Manor. Two of the requested variances relate to sidewalks: to reduce the width from 6' to 4' and to eliminate sidewalks in front of parking spaces that do not have homes in front of them. APB took no position on these requests.

The third request is to reduce the required distance between buildings from 60' to a possible minimum of 20' to allow for angling the buildings and enhancing the aesthetics of the development, eliminating a "flat" appearance. According to Foy, the APB gave conditional approval to the distance reduction request, retaining its right to disagree at the time of site plan review.

Zugby noted that, as a matter of policy, the Board of Appeals does not grant variances that are not needed, just to allow for the possibility that the design will not conform. The developer would need to show cause that the reduction to 20' between buildings was necessary before the board would grant the variance.

January Meeting

On the agenda for the next meeting of GEAC will be the annual election of its officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Zugby noted that he will be moving out of Greenbelt East, he hopes before that meeting. The meeting will be held at Greenbriar, on January 4, 1990.

Sunrise Update

No decision has been reached by the county Board of Appeals on the request for a variance by the Sunrise developer. The board's attorney is researching a legal question raised by the developer's attorney, who claimed that the board lacked jurisdiction due to a discrepancy between language inserted by the legislative committee and that passed by the county council in the relevant legislation relating to powers of the board. Meanwhile, no action can be taken by the developer. There had been a request that Zugby recuse himself from the Board of Appeals' deliberations as an interested party. He refused, noting that GEAC had taken no position on the variance request.

7-Eleven Lament

Dorothy Pyles reported on her contact with representatives of the two homeowners associations that will be affected by the proposed 7-Eleven store at the corner of Good Luck Road and Hanover Parkway. She had been dismayed to learn that the residents had not been surveyed for several years to learn their views (see News Review, Nov. 30, 1989). According to Pyles, neither the Dresden Green nor King's Woods representative knew that a 7-Eleven was planned. The developments are outside of the city limits.

While other members of GEAC deplored the proposal and lack of community involvement, they noted that the developer was not required to survey residents absent a zoning change. The tract has been zoned commercial for

Middle School News

Topping the Greenbelt Middle School's Honor Roll were Greenbelters Kathy Chu, 7th grader and Julia Neumaier, 8th grader who received a 4.00 grade point average for the first quarter.

Other students from Greenbelt who received 3.00 or better were:

7th Grade - Lisa Bailey, Jenelle Beale, Letam Bjira, Elena Bishop, Deshanjla Blount, Jessica Boldt, Leslie Byrd, Jennifer Carey, Meredith Criswell, Sean Cullinan, Daniel Dancis, Nicole DeHaven, Michele Dean, Lindsey Dial, and also Sumit Dua, Vernon Ghee Jr., Christine Haubenstricker, Tressie Jefferson, Eric Jorgensen, Scott Lubey, Joseph Lynch, Melissa Mays, Jennifer McMichael, Heather Reed, Jessica Spaulding, Michael Stern, Jennifer Tayman, Keisa Terrell, Karl Thomas, Timothy Trimble, Fatma Turkoz, Jennifer Velez, Heather Woods, and Thomas Yarwood.

8th Grade - Morgen Ahearn, Andrew Bethea, Erika Brett, Jason Burt, Carol Chu, Daniel Cooper, Malukah Crable, Maria DonBullian, Teresa Flanigan, Darin Ford, Lori Fultz, Steven Garvin, Daniel Gomez, and Roy Gosley. Also Gilbert Green III, Francis Greene Jr., Nancy Higgins, Amy Kerfoot, Tracy McCulloch, Tara McElveen, Jenny Meetre, Bar-

some time. The city's only jurisdiction on the question is review of site plans, to ensure the building meets city code. No action was proposed by GEAC, although the sense of the meeting was that they would consider lending support if requested by Dresden Green and King's Woods.

CITY NOTES

The special details crew worked on plows and sanders and helped stack leaves at the compost pile.

The building crew wired the power for the holiday tree and worked on the new police facility.

The parks crew constructed new picnic shelters at the lake and maintained ballfields.

The horticulturist's crew planted and mulched at the new bus stop. They also decorated the holiday tree.

The streets crew installed curb and sidewalk at the new police facility. They also assisted in stacking leaves at the compost pile.

The streets crew cleaned storm drains, worked on sidewalks at Crescent and Ridge Roads and black topped the lower portion of the lake parking lot to control water drainage. They also repaired salt spreader on truck No. 124 and started construction of curb and gutter on

bara Ourique, Carla Spriggs, John Sweeney, Peter Timer, Jeremiah Wamaling, Robert William, and Shahna Williams.

Golden Age Club

by Mary Gardner

The Christmas party for members will be held December 20 at 11 a.m. at the Youth Center. Participants are asked to bring their own sandwiches. The club will provide cake and punch, and volunteers will bring cookies.

No meeting will be held on December 27.

Following a lively business meeting on December 6, those with December birthdays were recognized, and treated to a special poem by "Uncle Joe" Rimar. Thanks are due to the Hospitality Committee, Rose Haber, Irene Owens, and Vita Pergola, for delicious cake.

Ridge Road at the new police facility.

The building maintenance crew removed the old scoreboard at the Youth Center in preparation of a new one to be installed in the future. The building maintenance and special details crews started construction for the repair of the electric line for street light in the Municipal parking lot. They also did routine maintenance in the various buildings throughout the city.

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- TAKE CAR KEYS AWAY FROM THE DRIVER WHO HAS BEEN DRINKING AND IS ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE.

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along the creek and even a beaver dam.

Stream Slides

A tour of the Anacostia River watershed via slide show was shown by Robert Boone of the Anacostia Watershed Society. His theme, illustrated again and again, was that the problems found in the little streams that feed into the Anacostia River affect the water quality and health of the river.

First he showed that the streams in Greenbelt (north of Greenbelt Road) and Greenbelt Lake drain into Indian Creek next to Springhill Lake, and this drains into the Anacostia River (the river that flows by RFK Stadium), then it flows into the Potomac River and then into the Chesapeake Bay.

A satellite photo of the Washington area after a rainstorm showed sediment in the rivers flowing towards the Chesapeake Bay. This sediment, or tiny bits of soil and dirt in the water, comes from all over the drainage area of the rivers.

Boone showed numerous views of one source of the sediment—stream bank erosion. When it rains, huge amounts of rain water rush off the paved areas into the streams. He showed a shot of a huge outflow pipe that carries the rain water off the Wheaton Plaza parking lots. The eroding power of this force is enormous, he pointed out, and he showed shot after shot of trees on stream banks with exposed roots. The trees were being undermined, he said. He showed a picture of a pipe in the middle of a rocky stream bed. This pipe had been three feet under the stream bed 30 years ago, he pointed out.

Boone showed a picture of a fish kill on the Anacostia River, something he said happens every summer. The water gets too hot to carry enough oxygen for the fish to survive. One source of this is stream channelization, he said, and showed streams running through cement-sided culverts. Boone maintained the channelization made streams sterile, dead, and hot.

He showed some problems near Metro construction sites on the Green Line. Near the Prince Georges Plaza site is a huge mound of dirt. All the water flows off the pile into one small settling pond, according to Boone, and it is not dredged out.

Slides of construction near where the Greenbelt Metro station will be showed dirt piles with no sediment barriers to keep the dirt from flowing into nearby wetlands, and a creek flowing between two dirt mounds.

Erv Nase, president of the College Park Pilots Association also spoke at the meeting. He claimed that eventually a plane would hit a Metro train unless that section of the Metro line was depressed. He explained his group is not against Metro coming into College Park but wants the line depressed as it passes the airport.

CFG business was discussed during the first part of the meeting. Treasurer Freas said CFG had made more than \$900 at the Labor Day Festival and now has more than \$2700.

New Transportation Committee Chair Konrad Herling said the group needs to set goals for the Metro site.

Tom Simon reported that he had sought the help of the Institute of Governmental Affairs at the University of Maryland about how CFG could compile voting records of the city council members, but they turned him down. Other avenues will be pursued,

he said.

David Lychenheim, a resident of Windsor Green, suggested that the east and west parts of town need to share information and ideas. He offered his services as a bridge and said he would talk to the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition about this.

News Review

Konrad Herling said Leonie Penney could not attend the meeting but had asked that he speak for her. He said that the News Review had refused to publish a letter written in response to an election flyer. The next logical step, he said, was to take out a paid ad. Penney attempted to place such an ad the preceding Monday night, but was told that the News Review Board would have to review the ad before acceptance.

Herling denounced the News Review's position, saying "I find that a disturbing attitude . . ." adding that all points of view should be heard. So Penney (through Herling) asked that the

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will meet in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library on Monday, December 18 at 1 p.m. for its monthly meeting and annual Christmas party.

Each member should bring a gift for the exchange.

Patuxent Wildlife Center Featured in TV Program

On Sunday, December 24 at 9 a.m., the CBS Charles Kuralt Sunday Morning program will feature the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

matter be discussed at the next CFG meeting.

Al Herling rose to say that the News Review had been sued for libel and it took years to settle the suit. The paper, he said, has "shown very little courage . . . for fear it might be sued for libel . . . if it is true and without malice then it is not libel." Herling was applauded.



NOTICE OF

CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting, held on December 4, 1989, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1989-2 (Resolution Number 711), and the following title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1987 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1989 CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT) TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT (SET FORTH IN MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND, STATE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE, 1983 EDITION, AS AMENDED), BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 58A OF SAID CHARTER, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BORROW MONEY AND INCUR INDEBTEDNESS, FROM TIME TO TIME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE GREENBELT HISTORIC DISTRICT AS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, SUCH PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED FOR USE AS PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND/OR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC GREENBELT; PROVIDING THAT SUCH INDEBTEDNESS MAY BE SECURED BY A MORTGAGE, DEED OF TRUST, OR OTHER SECURITY INSTRUMENT CREATING A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED; PROVIDING THAT THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THE SECTION NEW 58A SHALL BE ADDITIONAL; AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE BORROWING POWERS GRANTED TO THE CITY ELSEWHERE IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY AND BY GENERAL LAW; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 55 SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO OBLIGATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NEW SECTION 58A; AND GENERALLY RELATING TO FINANCING THE ACQUISITION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT PROPERTY.

The above titled Charter amendments shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 23rd day of January, 1990, unless on or before the 13th day of January, 1990 there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the regular election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution 1989-2 is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

On Christmas, New Year's Metro Schedules Change

Metro transit schedules will change for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Metrorail service will operate from 10 a.m. December 31 to 2 a.m. January 1 to accommodate passengers attending New Year's Eve events.

Metro will operate from 10 a.m. to midnight on Christmas Day. Metrobus will operate on a Sunday schedule on both Christmas and New Year's Days. There will be no service on the Maryland Commuter Rail on Christmas and New Year's Days.

Non-peak fares are in effect on Metrobus and Metrorail on weekends and holidays, and parking at all transit authority-operated lots is free on those days.

For information about transit schedules, call Metro at 637-7000.

Holiday Library Closings

All branches and offices of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 23, 24, 25; Sunday, December 31; and Monday, January 1.

Spanish Calendar

The Prince Georges County Consumer Protection Commission has published a 1990 Spanish language consumer calendar. The calendar is written entirely in Spanish and is filled with consumer tips and important consumer telephone numbers.

There is no charge for the calendar. It is available now on request by calling or writing the Consumer Protection Commission at Largo Government Center, Room 115, 9201 Basil Court, Landover, Maryland 20785 or by calling 925-5100.



Festival of Lights

CAROLING — Meet at Roosevelt Mall Statue, Friday, December 15th, 7:30 p.m.

Stroll with us through the mall and up to Green Ridge House singing the old favorite carols. Refreshments will follow.

TEENS' HOLIDAY DANCE — Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Friday, December 15th, 3:00 - 11 p.m.

Everyone 12 - 17 years of age is invited to celebrate the season at the Center's Holiday Dance. A D.J. will provide the music and set the stage for an evening of festive fun! Call 474-6878 for more information. An admission fee will be charged.

SANTA VISITS YOUTH CENTER — Saturday, December 16th, 10 am. - 12 noon.

Santa and his helpers make their annual stop to hear all Greenbelt's good little boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Movies and treats for all.

KIDS' HOLIDAY DANCE — Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Friday, December 22nd, 8 - 10 p.m.

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26TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY RACE — Braden Field Tennis Courts, Saturday, December 23rd, 10 a.m.

D.C. Road Runners/Greenbelt Running Club, 10 and 20 mile runs; 1.75 mile around the Lake at 10:10 a.m. Fee charged, sign-up one (1) hour before. Contact Larry Noel, Sr., 301-447-2224.

ICE SKATING TRIP — Herbert Wells Ice Rink, College Park, Tuesday, December 26th, 11:30 a.m.

Children 12 and under are invited to meet at the Youth Center and travel to the Wells Ice Rink for an enjoyable afternoon on the ice. Skating will be from 12 - 2 p.m., returning to the Youth Center approximately 2:30 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$4.75 per person which covers transportation, admission and skate rental. Please register in advance. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

CLUB WANDERLUST HOLIDAY PROGRAM — December 27th, 28th, and 29th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE SLEEPOVER — Greenbelt Youth Center, Sunday, December 31st, 7:30 p.m. to Monday, January 1st 10 a.m.

Need a babysitter? We have an evening of fun planned for your child. Program includes a New Year's Eve Party with games, movies, munchies and light breakfast. Registration is \$25/child; \$15/each additional child in same family. Age limit 6-12 years old. Call the Recreation Department, 474-6878, for registration form.

For additional information, contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 474-6878.

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Police Blotter
Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Detective Robert Keller obtained an arrest warrant for a 32-year-old male non-resident in connection with an armed robbery and kidnapping that occurred at the Ross Apparel store in Greenway Shopping Center on November 11. The subject is charged with robbery with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, and 2 counts of use of a handgun during the commission of a felony. The warrant has been turned over to the Prince Georges Sheriff's Department for service.

On December 2, a citizen reported that a group of people were shooting at vehicles with a BB gun in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza. Investigation into the matter led to the arrest of a 20-year-old non-resident male. He was charged with malicious destruction of property, he appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$600 bond pending trial.

Purse Snatchings
As a resident was leaving her vehicle in the 400 block of Ridge Road on December 1, she was approached by a man who demanded her purse. She hesitated; the man grabbed her purse and ran down Ridge Road towards Crescent Road. The man is described as white, 35 years old, 5'6", with a beard, heavy build, short brown hair, and wearing a plaid flannel shirt.

On December 3, in the 7900 block of Mandan Road, a man came up behind a resident as she was leaving her vehicle and said that he had a gun. He took her purse and hat, and fled into a waiting American-made sedan.

The car was large and dark with a lighter top.

Moving Violations
Also on December 2, Pfc. Carl Schinner gave chase to a vehicle that refused to stop when he tried to pull it over for a traffic violation on Greenbelt Road near Mandan Road. The vehicle fled down Mandan Road, made a U-turn back to Greenbelt, and then continued down Greenbelt Road finally stopped. It was driven to Cipriano Road, where it was by a 16-year-old non-resident, charged with speeding, driving without a license, fleeing and eluding a marked police car, and resisting arrest; he was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Court.

On December 7, Officer Barry Byers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Greenbelt Road near Walker Drive. While talking to the 24-year-old, non-resident male driver, Officer Byers noticed a bulge in the driver's clothing that later revealed itself, via a pat-down, to be a 4" pistol grip knife in a holster. The man was arrested and charged with possessing a concealed deadly weapon. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner, where he was released pending trial.

While on routine patrol on November 21, Officer Robert Dowling saw two cars speeding eastbound on Springhill Lake Drive. He followed them to Edmonston Terrace and Edmonston Court, where the drivers fled on foot and were apprehended after a foot chase. The cars had been stolen from Landover and Hyattsville. Both drivers were non-resident juveniles. One was charged with theft over \$300, driving without a license and fleeing and eluding the police. The other was released to his mother, pending a trial.

Thefts and Muggings
On November 18, a resident, walking in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, was approached from behind by someone with a handgun. The robber demanded the resident's money and fled. The attacker was described as a dark-skinned black male, age 19, 5'9", 145 lbs., black hair,

slight mustache, wearing a white sweatshirt and black pants.

Another resident had a similar experience November 19 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace. He was approached by three people, one of whom had a handgun and demanded his money. One assailant is described as a black male, age 16 to 17, 5'11", 150 lbs., black hair, close cut, small mustache, medium complexion, wearing a black leather jacket. Another is a Hispanic male, age 16 to 17, 5'9", 160 lbs., medium length black hair wearing a flannel shirt. No description is available for the third suspect.

Vehicles: Thefts, Recoveries
On December 1 a resident reported the theft of his white 1990 Chevrolet van from the 7100 block of Mathew Street. The van had Md. tags 07663N.

On December 3, a resident reported the theft of her gray 1990 Pontiac Grand Am, Md. tags XJY862, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. Another resident also reported the theft of his vehicle on December 3; his was a light blue 1986 Toyota Camry, Md. tags NMY837. The theft occurred in the 8000 block of Mandan Road.

On December 8 three vehicles were recovered: Pfc. Thomas Kemp recovered a 1985 Pontiac Firebird stolen from Upper Marlboro in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway.

The Montgomery County Police recovered a 1984 Chevy Camaro that had been stolen from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway on November 28 on Grosvenor Place in Rockville. They also recovered a 1987 Pontiac Firebird that had been stolen from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway in the 1800 block of Mt. Pisgah Road in Silver Spring. Investigation is continuing.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: 500 block of Crescent Road, 9100 block of Springhill Court, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, 7200 block of Hanover Parkway, 7800 block of Mandan Road, 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, and 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive.

JOE'S TIPS OF THE WEEK
Hello Again:
With the weather being as cold as it is, your vehicle may seem a little bit slower in reacting than it does when it is not so cold. A case in point is brakes and their operation with slush and melting snow. When you park your car for the night, all that stuff is still in its liquid state. Don't apply the parking brake. It may freeze and you won't move until it thaws out.
As we all know, moisture is water and water freezes. Moisture does not belong in some of the fluids that our vehicles use. One is brake fluid. We have seen fairly new hydraulic wheel cylinders crack up because of frozen moisture. One way of avoiding this is annual brake fluid flushes. The way to determine brake fluid contamination is by color. Brake fluid should be clear or tan, but transparent. Any other color means contamination which could be troublesome.
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