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## Metro Yard Site's Wetlands Issue Is Aired at Large Public Meeting

by Diane Oberg

Citizens packed the council chambers on Monday, December 18 to raise concerns about the effect the Metro service and inspection yard will have on the environment. The yard is to be built on Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property east of the CSXT tracks, between the Capital Beltway and Sunnyside Avenue.

At meeting's end resident Don Vary called on council to seek a public hearing from the Corps of Engineers. Mayor pro tem Thomas X. White requested the issue be put on the agenda of the January 8 regular council meeting.

The Metro station will be located just south of the beltway along the CSXT tracks. A MARC commuter rail station will be located to the west of the Metro station, with a pedestrian underpass connecting the two platforms. The station, for which Metro has already received permits, was the subject of little discussion at this meeting.

County councilmember Richard Castaldi, chairman of the board of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), assured citizens that WMATA is complying with all federal, state and local regulations. He noted that one of the largest contributors to air pollution is the private automobile and that the extension of the Metrorail system to Greenbelt should help improve the region's air quality.

### Planning Process

Gerald Gough, Metro's Government Relations Officer, said that "few projects conceived by man have been subjected to as much scrutiny as the Green Line to Greenbelt." The first public hearings occurred in 1967. Then, on three nights in May 1975, approximately 2,000 people attended hearings on the environmental impact of Metro. Approximately 150 people testified. Another hearing was held in December 1978. Gough noted that three suggestions made at that hearing were adopted, saving WMATA approximately \$10 million.

Yet another hearing on the location of the Greenbelt station and yard was held in November 1985. This evening hearing, at

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was attended by approximately 300 people. After this meeting, the staff began preparing design drawings, and have now applied for a permit to build the service and inspection yard.

### Description of the Yard

Lem Proctor, General Superintendent for Rail Car Maintenance, said that the service yard is needed for storage of cars not in service, provision of facilities for corrective and preventive maintenance, for daily safety inspections and for car cleaning. He noted that Metro prides itself on running a "graffiti-free operation," and said that all waste water will be recycled and re-used.

John Yen, Chief of the Design Management Branch, said that in the past year Metro has agreed to eliminate the planned access road from Edmonston Road. Instead, Metro employees will reach the yard via a service road under the Beltway. He said that this change will provide better access with less effect on wetlands.

All utility lines will be placed underground, according to Yen, and lighting has been designed to minimize disturbance to nearby residents. The area inside the track loop will serve as a water detention yard with a stormwater retention facility located to the east of the yard. Runoff from the parking lots will be filtered through oil and grit separators to minimize pollution. The service and inspection shop will be approximately 30 feet high.

Yen said that woodlands and wetlands on the site will be preserved as much as possible. Some landscaping will be added around the perimeter of the yard site. He said that the yard would have a "park-like setting" rather than appearing as an industrial area.

### Environmental Impact

Metro environmental consultant Diana Mendez, of Wallace, Roberts and Todd described the various environmental laws with which Metro must comply in building the system. She said that the system-wide environmental impact statement was completed in 1975. Additional studies were done in compliance with Urban Mass Transit Administration regulations.

The major remaining environmental concern is wetlands protection. The Army Corps of Engineers has primary responsibility for wetland preservation, and prohibits filling of wetlands unless there are no "practicable" alternatives. In evaluating possible alternatives, the Corps looks at the cost of real estate

acquisition, the effect on capital and operating costs and the environmental impact.

In July a new state wetland protection law became effective. Mendez said that Metro has complied with the spirit of the regulations in evaluating alternatives, establishing wetlands buffers and developing mitigation plans, even though the regulations implementing the new law have not yet been finalized.

The originally adopted plan for the yards would affect 20 acres of wetlands. Later modifications to the plan, such as relocation of the access road and the use of culverts to retain water flow to other wetland areas of the site, reduced the affected area to 16 acres.

WMATA is still planning for a 400-foot radius on the track loop. However, Bill Schultz of the Fish and Wildlife Service (F&W) said that the Corps, F&W and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agree that a 400-foot radius is unacceptable. He said that a 350-foot radius would reduce the impact to less than 10 acres and a 300-foot radius to six acres.

Proctor said that a smaller track radius increases the likelihood of train derailment due to "kinking" of the shorter rail segments during periods of rapid temperature shifts. The tighter turn would also increase the cost of rail and wheel replacement.

### Mitigation Program

Schultz, of F&W, noted that WMATA studied eight alternate locations for the yard, but that WMATA has convinced the Corps, EPA and F&W that the planned site is the only one practicable.

According to Schultz, the ERCO and Contee sites have the least wetlands impact. However, the ERCO site is located south of the College Park station, rather than at the end of the rail line. Schultz said that WMATA has convinced F&W that a mid-line site is too inefficient. The Contee site is located about 5.5 miles north of the Greenbelt station which would greatly increase the cost of the project.

Without an acceptable alternate site, Schultz said that the issue becomes how to minimize the damage to the wetlands.

In accordance with Corps of Engineers regulations, Metro will replace each of the 16 acres of damaged wetlands with two acres of new wetlands. Mendez noted that even with the 400-foot loop, only 7 acres of wetlands would actually be filled. However, an additional nine acres would be separated from the rest of the surrounding wetlands so that it would have less wildlife value. This area will still provide water quality benefits.

Three sites have been identified for the replacement wetlands. See METRO, page 6



City Clerk Gudrun H. Mills receives the City Manager's Special Award presented by City Manager James Giese at the Charter Meeting of the City Council while council members Edward Putens, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and Joseph Isaacs applaud.  
— Photo by Pat Scully

### A Review

(The Cinema and Drafthouse was discussed at a recent City Council Worksession.)

## Cinema & Drafthouse — 1950's with Bit of '80's

by Kelly Harmon

Walking into the Bethesda Cinema and Drafthouse on Wisconsin Ave. in Bethesda is like stepping into the 1950's with a twist of 1980's flair. The decor is a combination of soda-fountain/art-deco style done in muted burgundy and black. It differs from today's theaters in that it is fully carpeted and has movable chairs arranged around small tables instead of having auditorium seats lined up row after row.

The most visible exception is the size of the theater. Imagine an area almost as big as the Greenbelt Food Co-op, with a full-sized screen slung on the back wall. One theater, in as much space as five or six of today's sardine-like theaters where cramped patrons are lucky if their knees do not touch the back of the chair in front of them. The Bethesda theater also has a balcony which overlooks the screen as well, and a stage where live comedians perform after the movies.

The Bethesda Cinema and Drafthouse offers a variety of snacks not found at other snack-bars in addition to the usual popcorn and soda. Along with the requisite beer, patrons may select from among pizza, ham or roast beef sandwiches or nachos, all of which can be ordered from a waitress or waiter and brought directly to the table.

The layout of the tables and chairs adds a cozy atmosphere to the movie, like dining at a restaurant. Despite the companionable quality of the surroundings, the theater is quiet during the show. Additionally, regardless of the availability of alcohol, no one drinks to excess because the snack bar refuses to serve starting a-

## Open Meeting to Be Held

### By State Representatives

Senator Leo Green and 23rd District Delegates Charles J. "Buzz" Ryan, Joan B. Pitkin and Mary A. Conroy will host an open door meeting for constituents Saturday, January 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Greenbelt City Council Chambers.

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

bout 40 minutes before the show ends.

### Basic Operating Procedures

Cinema and Drafthouse International, Inc. (CDI) is a franchise with 18 operating draft-houses in the United States. According to John J. Duffy of CDI, a typical Cinema and Drafthouse seats about 300 and has a minimum of 8,000 square feet. They are generally constructed at sites formerly operated as theaters or one-level department stores. The interiors are carpeted and furnished with swivel chairs informally arranged at small tables.

CDI shows current film releases. Between daily showings, slides of movie stars or other personalities are projected on smaller sidewall screens. Prior to the main feature, shorter "old-time" comedies or cartoons are sometimes shown. Each CDI is prohibited from showing X-rated films.

The theater opens at 7 p.m. and has two shows Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday a midnight show is added. During and between shows patrons may order food and beverages from waiters and waitresses, or go to the snack bar.

CDI requires proof of age for admission into the theater. Minors are admitted to the Drafthouse only when physically accompanied by a parent; they will not be served alcohol. Minors are not admitted with dates who are above the legal age.

## Clearinghouse on Local History Now Offered

The History Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces a new service to assist all the people who have questions and want information about the history of Prince Georges County. It will also assist people in finding answers to any questions they have on historic preservation. The purpose of the service is to guide people to the appropriate person, agency, or organization who can answer their questions.

To make use of the service, just call 779-4074. Normal office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., however, you may leave a message on the recorder during off hours and your call will be returned.

**What Goes On**  
Wed. Jan. 3, 8 p.m. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting, Youth Center  
8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Municipal Building

**Newspaper Closed Monday**  
The News Review office will be closed Monday, Jan. 1. The office will be open Tuesday, Jan. 2 from 8 to 10.  
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**Isaacs Receives Award**

Greenbelt Councilman Joseph C. Isaacs has been named the recipient of the 1989 Council of Governments' Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award. The award was presented to Councilman Isaacs at COG's recent annual meeting. The Scull Award is given each year to the elected official who has contributed most significantly to the enhancement of inter-governmental cooperation in the Washington metropolitan region.

"Joe Isaacs holds a deep concern for people," said Alexandria Mayor James Moran, one of the three judges making the award. "He has been a steadfast advocate for a wide range of social service programs for the region and a very visible Chairman of COG's Human Services Policy Committee."

During this year he has supported anti-drug initiatives before the Maryland General Assembly, led the region's foster care recruitment campaign, represented COG in the Community AIDS Partnership, and appeared many times before the COG Board to represent regional programs. The award was inscribed to Councilman Isaacs, "For Distinguished Leadership in the Washington Metropolitan Region."

Isaacs was first elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 1985 and served as mayor pro-tem from 1987 to 1989. He chairs COG's Human Services Policy Committee and served on the FY 1991 Budget Priorities Committee. Isaacs is vice-president for government relations for the National Health Council, Inc.

Isaacs was chosen by a panel of three judges—Moran, Angela Robinson, news anchor for WTTG-TV's "Ten O'Clock News," and Howard Stone, Executive Director for Prince Georges Hospital Center Foundation. Established in 1981, the Scull Award was named for the late Elizabeth and David Scull, Montgomery County Council members who served as COG officers.

**Local Artist Participation In Exhibit Encouraged**

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center will host an "All Hung" exhibition in its Resident Artist's and Library Galleries January 5 through 28. A reception will be held on Friday, January 12, at 7 p.m.

Artwork should be brought to the Center on January 2 or 3 anytime between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Due to space limitations, only one piece per participant will be installed in the show.

For more information please call 953-1993.

**Flu Season Begins**

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has received a report from a pharmaceutical company that says the first case of Type-A influenza has been identified in the state—signaling the apparent beginning of the flu season.

Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., through its Flu Track Center, reported that a case of influenza A has been identified in an individual residing in the Baltimore area. The DHMH is awaiting confirmation from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

People in high-risk groups who haven't yet received their influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are urged to do so as soon as possible. These include individuals over 65 and adults and children with chronic illnesses such as lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease, cancer, diabetes, immune suppression (including those with the AIDS virus) and asthma.

Influenza is an acute viral illness of the respiratory tract. Symptoms include fever, sore throat, headache, cough, and muscle aches. Recovery usually takes two to seven days. Complications can result in pneumonia, hospitalization, and in some cases even death, especially in those individuals at high risk. Parents are cautioned not to give aspirin to children with flu-like symptoms because they may contract Reyes Disease.

**Auditions for UM Chorus**

The University of Maryland Chorus will hold membership auditions January 19 - 21. The Chorus is under the direction of Paul Traver. The Spring season includes an a capella performance in Baltimore and will culminate in a summer tour to East Germany and Belgium, where the Chorus will offer three performances of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with the Belgian National Orchestra.

Call the Chorus office at 454-4183 for more information, or to make an appointment.

**At the Library**

Thursday, January 4 Drop-In Storytime 10:30 a.m. ages 3-5

**Greenbelt Connection Holiday Schedule**  
 The Greenbelt Connection will NOT OPERATE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1990. Service will be resumed on Tuesday, January 2, 1990.

**Boys & Girls Club**

by Sue Cornelius

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club is a volunteer organization designed and run by volunteers to offer sports year round to the youth of Greenbelt. And they're in trouble. More volunteers are desperately needed, or the club will not be able to offer all the sports formerly offered.

Basketball is starting and coaches and assistant coaches are needed to keep the teams going.

Anyone interested in helping with a few hours per week, please call Bob Sonneveldt at 345-1033 or Keith Braddock at 567-5458 or leave a message on the club's Sports Line at 310-1066.

For those who cannot coach, they might consider serving on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors or on a committee which designs and formulates the overall athletic program for all sports. There are 15 seats on the Board and presently there are 3 available positions. Help!!

In order for the Club to continue offering the same quantity and quality of team sports throughout the year, parents are needed to help out.

Please contact the above named volunteers, or perhaps a soccer or basketball coach, or anyone presently on the Board, for more information, or to offer a helping hand.

**PGCC Offers Courses At Roosevelt High School**

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, January 3, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library. The meeting is open to the public. Visitors are always welcome.

Daniel D. Hartzler, president of the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association, will address the subject of *Funeral Practices in the Early Days*.

**Genealogical Soc. Meets**

Prince Georges Community College will offer over 200 credit courses at its degree and extension centers for the spring semester. Students are encouraged to register early to get needed courses. The semester begins January 22.

Registration will be at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, on Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 322-0783.

**Rocket Launch at Goddard**

On Sunday, January 7 at 1 p.m. there will be a model rocket launch at the Goddard Visitor Center and Museum. Bring a model rocket to launch or just watch. The Goddard Space Flight Visitor Center is located on Soil Conservation Road. For more information call 286-8981.

**Holiday Refuse Schedule**

Because of the New Year's Day Holiday, Monday, January 1, 1990, there will be no refuse collected that day. Monday's route will be collected on Tuesday, and Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP THAT WEEK. Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.

**SUPPORT THE FUEL FUND**

Area residents are being asked once again to help those who are down on their luck this winter by supporting the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF). Every dime donated to WAFF goes directly to pay the heating bills of needy recipients whether they heat with natural gas, electricity, oil, wood or another heating fuel.

Washington Gas customers can pledge a monthly gift, which will automatically be included in their gas bill, or they can make a one-time contribution by adding it to their monthly bill payment. PEPCO customers also can pledge on their bills. Anyone may contribute by sending a check to WAFF, P.O. Box 1999, Washington, D.C. 20013, or by calling 347-WAFF.

The non-profit Washington Area Fuel Fund is administered by the Salvation Army and is sponsored by Washington Gas and the Journal newspapers.

**Jump Start Hazard**

The Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington warns that many eye injuries occur each year from car battery fragments and corrosive acid that spray in all directions when a battery explodes. This situation is particularly likely to occur when jump-starting a car.

Five common and dangerous mistakes when boosting a battery are (1) using a match or cigarette lighter for illumination; (2) connecting jumper cables incorrectly; (3) generating sparks with the careless use of tools around the battery; (4) smoking while working on the battery; (5) connecting a battery charger incorrectly.

For a free sticker on how to jump-start a car safely, call 234-1010.

**Trading Stamps Needed By Wildlife Sanctuary**

The Chesapeake Wildlife Sanctuary is continuing its campaign to collect trading stamps. The Sanctuary originally began collecting S&H Green Stamps and Top Value Yellow Stamps in order to acquire needed educational and medical equipment. The Sanctuary has been receiving stamps from other companies and have added these additional brands of stamps to their wish list: Greenbax Stamps, Buccaer Stamps; Gold Crown Stamps; Gold Bond Stamps; Gold Strike Stamps; Holden Red Stamps; Plaid Stamps; Tree Star/FM Stamps and also the LMC Coupons from Chesterfield cigarettes and B&W from Raleigh or Belair cigarettes. Stamps can be mailed to Chesapeake Wildlife Sanctuary, 17308 Queen Anne Bridge Rd., Bowie, MD 20716.

**PET OWNERS CAUTIONED ABOUT COLD WEATHER**

The Prince Georges County Animal Control Division has issues an advisory cautioning pet owners about the hazards that cold weather present to animals.

Dogs should have a weather-tight dog house with non-absorbent bedding, such as straw or wood chips, and a flexible door-flap to block out the wind. Animals kept outside in winter months should be given extra food to help keep them warm. Additionally, pet drinking water should be checked frequently to ensure that it has not frozen.

The Animal Control Division states that even with proper shelter, dogs and cats should be brought inside on bitter cold nights. Older and debilitated animals should be brought indoors as well. Pet owners should also be aware that chemicals used to melt ice and snow can irritate and burn the pads on an animals feet.

Citizens that suspect an animal is suffering from neglect or cruelty may call the Animal Control Facility at 499-2990. All reports of neglect and cruelty are handled confidentially.

**White Testifies Against EPA Tank Regulations**

Greenbelt City Council Member Thomas X. White presented testimony on behalf of the National League of Cities to the House Small Business Committee on October 31 during Subcommittee hearings on the financial responsibility requirements of federal underground storage tank regulations promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

White urged the House Subcommittee to consider further legislation to exempt local governments from the federal financial responsibility requirements, just as state and federal agencies are exempted—since local governments meet the same criteria that provide justification for Congress to grant a state/federal exemption.

"The National League of Cities' position is that it would be far better public policy to encourage municipalities to expedite the replacement of old, inadequate underground storage tanks rather than mandating they spend scarce local resources on meeting the financial assurance requirements", White told the Subcommittee.

White, a former member of the NLC Board of Directors and Chair of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee, noted specific objections to the EPA deadline for compliance with the financial responsibility requirements and the particular problems that local governments will have in obtaining necessary insurance coverage to meet the requirements.



**B-10 GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS**

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# Letters

## "Concerns Remain"

To the Editor:

Elaine Skolnik, in her "Sunrise Reviewed" article, states that while the minutes of the November 4, 1985 council meeting say council agreed to "take no position on Sunrise," two other accounts of the November 4 meeting clearly stated that the issue was the bond financing, rather than the project itself. As one of these two documents she cites the lead paragraph of reporter Bob Hickman's account of the November 4 meeting in the November 7, 1985 issue of the News Review. She fails, however, to make the connection with other paragraphs in the same article (printed on page 20), even though part of these paragraphs are quoted in her article.

The pertinent paragraphs read: "She (council member Antoinette Bram) said she was against the addition of apartments in the city, but opposing the Sunrise Village project or the use of revenue bonds for the project would result in a lower quality project for the city. Weidenfeld agreed that the city would rather not have apartments but that it looked as though the project would go ahead with or without revenue bonds or city opposition."

These statements clearly show that the issues of the bond financing and the project itself were not separated during this council meeting, as Mrs. Skolnik inferred from the lead paragraph, and that the minutes stating that the city take no position on the Sunrise Apartments are correct.

Where does this leave us? Several issues remain. I feel that the first issue to reconfirm the integrity of candidate Ruth Kastner, has been achieved with the publication of the ad paid for by Greenbelters for Accountable Government. But at least two concerns remain, which have to be addressed in depth before it will be possible to work productively together in the future.

The first concern is the impact on future candidates for city

council. Candidates of less caliber than Ruth Kastner could easily have been crushed and their input could have been lost forever to the city.

Future potential candidates may refrain from announcing their candidacy as they do not wish to expose themselves to these kinds of hardships. We will have to ensure that future campaigns will be conducted in such a way as to welcome rather than scare away candidates.

The second concern is the role of the News Review in the community. It should not be necessary to shell out \$364 to bring a controversy out in the open. Granted, it was gratifying to experience the willingness of the community to help defray these costs, but monies and energy could be used to greater advantage.

The uninitiated may review the "Letters to the Editor" as a mirror of what goes on in the community, whereas in reality they are exposed to a carefully censored column. This is worse than not having any "Letters to the Editor" at all. To the extent that editorial interference is unavoidable, the rules should be clearly stated and apparent to all. The readers should know what the guidelines are and should be involved in setting these up.

Leonie Penney

## "The Real Issue"

To the Editor:

It was curious to see that the News Review, after rejecting for publication a letter submitted by Ruth Kastner on the Sunrise controversy, thereby forcing citizens to pay for a full page ad to provide public discourse on an issue of council accountability, found the time and took the effort to publish its own "review" of the controversy ("Sunrise Reviewed," News Review, December 21).

Unfortunately, the pale review by the News Review comes off as an "apologia," a defense, if you will, of the motivations and actions of a council majority to justify their documented inconsistencies.

Greenbelt readers might be asking themselves whether there is a connection between the rejection by the News Review of Ms. Kastner's letter and the decision to write their own defensive review. Both actions have the appearance of protecting the council members who should be offering their own response to the documented inconsistencies.

Make no mistake regarding the real issue. Whatever the alleged motivations of the council majority and the News Review's attempt to define those motivations, the real issue is that a council majority that was on record as opposing the Sunrise apartment project changed that stance on November 4, 1985 by officially taking no position on the Sunrise Apartment project—or in the revised version they seem to be recalling, they took no position on the bond financing of the project. There is no difference. In a situation, where the only leverage available to the council was the bond financing vote, to take no position is tantamount to acquiescing to Sunrise. As a matter of fact, an intellectually honest person could not, with a straight face, tell someone that "I voted to take no position on bond financing of the Sunrise Apartments, but I continue my opposition to the construction of high-rise apartments on that site." This is the kind of doublespeak that contributes to citizen disdain for so-called "political leaders." A consistent opponent of the Sunrise apartments would strongly oppose the county's use of subsidized government bond financing that would enable the developer to construct a project that by his own admission would be marginal without it. History has substantiated this critical factor.

As a candidate in the recent election, Ms. Kastner correctly challenged the record of council regarding their inconsistent decisions on development and traffic in Greenbelt East. No amount of explaining by the News Review can shield the three members of council from a just accountability for their actions, or from the perception that the

council majority talks strongly against development and traffic during elections, but when you assess their votes on specific projects you see a different result.

The News Review's role in this controversy is another story. I suggest that News Review staff spend some time in an effort to examine their appropriate role as a community newspaper.

Thomas X. White

## Engineering Scholarships Open to College Students

More than \$25,000 worth of engineering scholarships are available through a competition sponsored locally by the Consulting Engineers Council of Metropolitan Washington (CEC/MW).

The Robert W. Cotton Memorial Scholarship Competition is open to national capital-area engineering students who will enter their third, fourth, or fifth year of undergraduate study in the fall of 1990. Applications are available until Jan. 12. Call 588-6616 for more information.

## Information Sessions Held For Middle School Parents

The Department of Instruction of the Prince Georges County Public Schools will conduct Educational Information Fairs during the month of January. The fairs are designed to assist parents and guardians of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in making decisions concerning the educational choices available to them on the middle and high school levels.

The information sessions held near Greenbelt will be:

Saturday, January 6, 9:30-noon, Largo High School, 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro; and Monday, January 8, 7:30-10 p.m., High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville.

A snow day has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, at Largo High School 7:30-10 p.m. This date will be used only if one of the preceding sessions is cancelled due to inclement weather.

For additional information contact Lee Bowen at 350-7517 or Linda Modzelewski at 386-1564.

*We wish our Neighbors throughout the Greenbelt Community a New Year of health, happiness and prosperity.*

## GREENBELT HOMES, INC.

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City of Greenbelt, Maryland  
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## METRO INITIATES PAPER RECYCLING

On October 25 the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority launched a pilot program for newspaper recycling at five Metrorail stations. Metro Board Chairman Richard J. Castaldi presided at a brief ceremony at the New Carrollton Station to begin the recycling project.

"Metro is the first large transit property in North America to have a newspaper recycling program," Castaldi said. "This is a major step for us and one that we hope will prove beneficial both in our transit system and the larger environment beyond Metro."

Passengers using the New Carrollton, Silver Spring, Metro Center, Rosslyn or Huntington Stations may deposit their newspapers in specially marked brown recycling barrels near the station kiosk. The newspapers will be recycled by Southeast Recycling Corporation of Silver Spring at no cost to the Authority.

The program is designed to help Metro keep the system clean; conserve a valuable natural resource; and assist the region's efforts to reduce the volume of trash deposited in landfills.

"We endorse this pilot program by Metro 100 percent," Castaldi, who also serves on the Prince Georges county council, acknowledged the support and interest of Congressman Steny Hoyer and County Executive Parris Glendening in Metro's recycling program.

The Authority will use the experience gained in this pilot program as a basis for a much larger effort at Metrorail stations and other transit facilities throughout the region.

### Volunteer to Help Others

A few hours of time can bring comfort and happiness to those who need a volunteer's interest and concern.

The Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center can assist individuals, families and groups seeking information about volunteer opportunities. Many duties are available with charitable agencies helping ill, elderly, handicapped and needy persons.

One can become a food basket preparer, a hot meal server, driver, a holiday telecommunicator for the deaf, gift wrapper, visitor or bell ringer at the collection basket. These volunteer jobs are vital to expand needed services to many in Prince Georges County who are among less fortunate this year.

As little as one or two hours time given can make a difference in someone's life. Call the Voluntary Action Center at 779-9444.

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority recently launched a pilot program for newspaper recycling at five Metrorail stations. Metro Board Chairman Richard J. Castaldi deposited the first newspaper in the recycling barrel October 25, with the assistance of "Mr. Newspaper," the newspaper recycling character.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Photo by Marilyn Dicus

### HOSPITAL OFFERS SUPPORT GROUPS

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park offers several free support groups:

**Cardiac Roundtable** meets January 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cardiac Rehab Center. The topic for January is **Coping With Stress** and is led by Dr. Ralph W. Wadson. For more information call 891-6016.

**Eating Disorders Support Group** meets the fourth Saturday of January at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room B at Washington Adventist Hospital. The meeting is led by Dr. Jim Gormally, psychologist and Barbara Oppen-

heimer, MSW. For more information call 891-5716.

**Diabetics Management Course** meets every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room. This group is led by Ms. Donna Orem, R.N. and is for diabetics and their families. For more information call 891-6095.

**MS Support Group** meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria Conference Room B. This group is led by Jane Canter, MSW and is for multiple sclerosis patients only. For information call 891-5604.

### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday 6 p.m.

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Rev. John P. Stack, Pastor

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Daniel Montague, Pastor

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Crescent & Greenhill Roads

### Satisfaction Guaranteed Or the Student Back

Last year, more than one-third of all graduates of public high schools in Prince Georges County, over 2,500 students, received not only their diplomas but also certificates of employability, a wallet-size card stipulating a guarantee to their future employers that they had learned essential basic and work place skills including specific competencies in reading, writing, mathematics and verbal communication. The card also certifies that specific work place skills have been learned regarding personal work habits and attitudes, interpersonal relationships, reasoning and problem solving. Students receiving the cards were enrolled in a variety of career education programs.

For employers, the guarantee offers them the opportunity to evaluate the employees on the certified skills. If a graduate does not demonstrate the required basic skills at the work place, the school system will provide job counselling and retraining in these skills, at no cost to the employer. So far, the school system has not had to ante up. Its initial success has prompted efforts to attract more students and businesses into the program.

### AISE Seeks Host Families

Host families are being sought for high school exchange students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, W. Germany, Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Brazil, Ecuador, New Zealand, Australia, Thailand and Japan for the 1990-91 school year in a program sponsored by the American Inter-cultural Student Exchange (AISE).

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August, 1990, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June, 1991. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives in their home countries and have spending money and medical insurance.

AISE is also seeking American high school students, age 15 through 17, who would like to spend a year in Western Europe or Australia, a semester in France or Australia or participate in various summer programs in Western Europe and Australia.

Families and students interested in either program should contact the State Coordinator or preferably call toll free: 1-800-SIBLING.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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R.v. John G. Balls, Rector

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### Catholic Community of Greenbelt

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### Greenbelt Community Church

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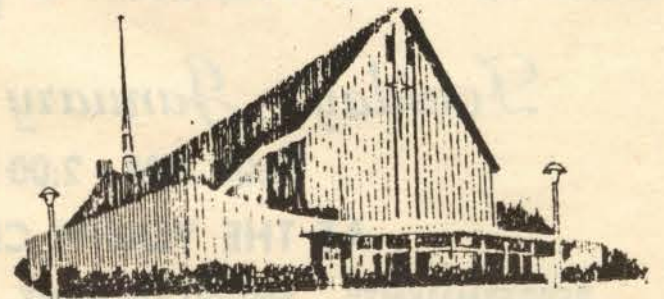
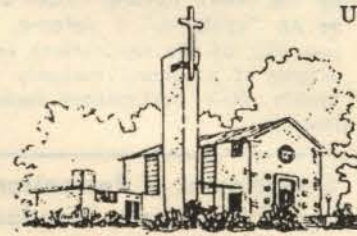
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#### NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

7:30 p.m.

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

# Police Blotter

**Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department**

On December 15 a breaking and entering was reported at Gift World, Beltway Plaza. Entry had been gained by bypassing a protective tarp; various items were reported stolen.

On December 16, Officer Barry Byers arrested an 18-year-old nonresident for possessing a concealed deadly weapon (a knife) in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. The youth appeared before a District Court commissioner, where he was released pending trial.

In the 7800 block of Mandan Road, on December 16, Pfc. Michael Lanier arrested a 45-year-old resident, charging him with theft after he refused to pay for the services of a cab. The resident appeared before a District Court Commissioner where he was released pending trial.

A patron of Kangaroo Katies reported the theft of her purse on December 17. She had left the purse unattended at the bar.

On December 19, a juvenile was robbed of his coat on the Spellman overpass by two boys who first punched him in the face. The boys fled towards Gardenway, and are now wanted for strong-armed robbery. They were described as black, 16 years old, both 6'2", both approximately 165 lbs., and one was wearing a beige waist-length coat.

On December 20 some cash was stolen from a wallet left unattended in an office suite in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive.

**Vehicles: Thefts, Recoveries**

On December 15, a resident reported the theft of her blue 1983 Mercury, MD tags NNE947 from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway. On December 18, a Landon resident reported the theft of her 1977 Ford truck from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The truck was later recovered

## A Will Keeps State Out of the Estate

Most people would not want a complete stranger to decide how to distribute their money to relatives and friends after their death, but, without a will, the state decides how the estate's assets are distributed using rules established by state law.

There are four basic reasons for writing a will, particularly for those who are married and have children: to direct how property — particularly any real estate — is distributed; to designate the guardian of children if both spouses die; to ensure that money is distributed fairly among surviving children; and to protect the assets of any children who are unable to take charge of their funds.

A written will is necessary. An oral will is rarely valid and never for the disposal of extensive assets. Drafting and writing a will to dispose of an average income and assets is relatively simple. So is the legal procedure, known as probate, by which the terms of a will are carried out.

Probate involves proving that the will is valid, appointing a person or institution (a personal representative or executor) to administer the will and settle the details of the estate.

The time it takes for the probate process to settle an estate depends on the estate's size and whatever legal complexities may be involved. Generally, a year and a half is required.

by the Maryland State Police when on December 21 they tried to stop the truck on I-95 at Route 1 but the driver refused to stop. A short chase ensued which ended when the truck was involved in a minor accident. Two white males then fled from the truck and were not apprehended.

While on patrol in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway on December 19, Officer Ronald Walter recovered a black 1984 Dodge Daytona that had been reported stolen to the Prince Georges County Police on December 10. The car was abandoned; no arrests were made.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 5900 bl. Cherrywood Ter., 6200 bl. Springhill Dr., Ora Glen Dr. at Mathew St., 3 Ct. Ridge Rd., and 9100 bl. Edmonston Rd.

## Museum Holiday Closings

The Greenbelt Museum will be closed on New Year's Eve. It will open again for visitors on Sundays beginning January 7, 1990 from 1 to 5 p.m. and by appointment by calling 474-1936.

The museum is eligible to benefit from the Fante's Good Neighbor Fund. People are asked to save receipts from Fante's and give them to any FOGM board member or bring them to the Greenbelt Museum.

## Police Now Empowered To Confiscate Licenses

Maryland State Police and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) remind motorists of a new drunk driving law which allows police in Maryland to confiscate the driver's license of a drunk driver.

Beginning January 1, police in Maryland will have the authority to confiscate the license of a driver who either refuses an alcohol test or whose test reveals a blood alcohol level of .10 or more.

"The arresting officer will take the license and issue a 45-day temporary license," said W. Marshall Rickett, MVA Administrator.

"During that 45-day period, the driver can ask for a hearing, prior to a suspension taking effect," Rickett said.

## CITY NOTES

The streets crew worked on ice removal/control on streets throughout the city. The special details crew repaired various traffic control signs which were damaged due to inclement weather.

The parks crew worked on equipment maintenance/repair and also cut down and removed several dead trees from the Lake Park. The horticulturist and his crew worked on clearing fallen dead trees from various areas of the city. They trimmed Bradford Pear trees in Greenbelt East.



## LOCATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL



Christmas trees may be dropped off at the following locations for pick up by the City beginning January 3, 1990.

- Playground opposite 73 Court Ridge Road
- Corner of Research and Hillside Roads
- Playground at Plateau Place and Ridge Road
- Corner of Eastway and Crescent Road
- Entrance to 21 Court Ridge Road (Across from Green Ridge House)
- Area adjacent to Candy Cane City
- Playground at junction of Crescent and Ridge Roads
- Playground at Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane
- Charlestowne Village & Charlestowne North - adjacent to Attick Park service road
- University Square - Front of Swimming Pool
- Lakeside North - Near Swimming Pool
- Springhill Lake Community Building
- Greenbriar:
  - Between Buildings: 7708 and 7710; 7728 and 7730; 7826 and 7828 Hanover Parkway
- Glen Oaks:
  - Between Buildings: 7903 and 7905; 7509 and 7511 Mandan Road
- Hunting Ridge:
  - Between Buildings: 6936 and 6978 Hanover Parkway
- Windsor Green:
  - At Court Entrances (pick up by Windsor Green staff)
- Greenbrook Village and Estates:
  - Southeast corner of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Drive
  - Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
- Greenwood Village:
  - Along Mandan Terrace, Opposite 8175
  - Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
  - Opposite 7648 Mandan Road

**“O.K. You’re a cab.”**

If you plan on drinking over the holidays, ask someone to call you a cab.

Because people who drive after drinking get called a lot worse. Drinking and driving don't mix.

## A public service message from The Prince George's County Board of Liquor License Commissioner's.



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Commissioner **LEE ROY LEE**, Vice Chairman

Commissioner **GERARD F. HOLCOMB**, Member



Commissioner **MURIEL WEIDENFELD**, Member

Commissioner **HENRY A. DAVIS**, Member

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## Metro Yard Hearing Brings Out Crowd

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Two are on BARC property and the third on the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge. Schultz said that to create the replacement wetlands, the property will be dredged down to the water table, approximately five feet below the surface, and the lower end bermed to retain water. Appropriate vegetation, such as sweet gum, red maple and possibly pin oak would then be planted. He said that the reason why Metro must replace damaged wetlands on a 2-1 ratio is in recognition that it will take approximately 40 years to re-establish forested wetlands.

Mendez said that the wetlands would be protected under covenants that will run with the deed in perpetuity.

### Public Comments

Erwin Nase, president of the College Park Pilots Association, asked why WMATA proceeded with construction prior to obtaining proper permits, and was fined as a result. Jack Donohue, Special Assistant to the Assistant General Manager for Design, Construction and Facilities Maintenance said the violation related to the construction of the ramps from the Beltway to the station. Although WMATA had applied for the permit approval was delayed when the Corps of Engineers requested submission of a joint application for the ramps and the MARC station. In the meanwhile WMATA, under the impression that approval was imminent, proceeded to hire a construction contractor. The contractor proceeded with the work, despite the lack of a permit. Donohue said that WMATA has since changed its procedures to avoid future violations.

Robert Boone, Director of the Anacostia Watershed Society, argued that there was a problem between what WMATA officials say should happen during Metro construction and what happens on the work site. He claimed he could find an environmental violation by Metro every day.

Ottillie Van Allen asked why the A. H. Smith property, located south of the station location, was "given such short shrift." Schultz said that the Smith site had so many floodplain and wetland impacts that all three review agencies rejected it. Although the wetlands are already damaged, Schultz said that there would be about 60 acres impacted, versus the 16 on the planned site. In addition, placing that much fill in the floodplain would cause flooding both upstream and down.

Rodney M. Roberts rejected that explanation. He claimed that 90 acres on the site had been filled in during the past few years. Schultz said that fill around the edges of the property had probably been done before the clean water regulations were approved in 1977, but Roberts said that a lake on the site had been filled in during the past six years. He charged that the only reason the site had been rejected for the yard was that the "county wants revenue from commercial construction that's going to go in there."

Rick Meetre agreed with Roberts that there appeared to have been filling of the Smith property and suggested that the agencies involved should update their survey of the site, which Metro consultant Mendez said had been completed in December 1988. Schultz noted that the Corps of Engineers has aerial photos that can be used to determine if any filling has occurred. Castaldi sug-

gested that the best way to resolve the issue is to get the appropriate authorities involved and investigate the matter.

Schultz said that if there had indeed been substantial filling of wetlands without a permit, that would be a violation of regulations. He also noted that if Metro were to try to obtain this property for the mitigation site, condemnation proceedings could delay construction of the replacement wetlands for years. He argued that the wetlands should be replaced as soon as possible.

Doug Love argued that the Smith property wetlands are "severely disturbed" and that the lakes on the property are "ephemeral urban created things." He hoped that WMATA could apply the spirit of the law to the letter of the law.

Don Vary agreed that Metro was a "boon to the area," but argued that wetlands are priceless and cannot be replaced in the proposed site. Schultz said that the BARC sites are almost ideal, with almost a 100-percent chance of successfully establishing new wetlands. Mendez said that the sites are currently being farmed by BARC but are too moist for further research. Essex Finney, Acting Director of BARC said that there has never been any parasitology research on the proposed mitigation sites.

Lowell Owens, chair of BARC's Ecology Committee, said that the first BARC site being considered for creating new wetlands is approximately 10 acres currently covered with Indian grass. This site is adjacent to the "Beltsville Bog," a shrubbed swamp identified as a protected research area by the Department of Natural Resources. The second is at the lower end of the area known as "Golden Field."

While Owens conceded that researchers cannot recreate a wetland in a few years, he was optimistic that these replacement sites would be successful. He noted that a wastewater pond created a few years ago had begun to acquire some wetland functions, even though it was not designed to do so.

Meetre opposed development of "even one acre" of BARC property. He disputed Gough's contention that Metro would not be extended to Laurel which he said is being developed as an urban center. Meetre predicted that within 30 years Metro would be extended past Greenbelt. Gough said that given the difficulty WMATA is having funding the

full 103-mile system currently planned it is unlikely that the Green Line would be extended to Laurel. Bram noted that Laurel is already served by MARC which will connect with Metro at the Greenbelt station. Castaldi thought that if Metro is ever extended it will be to areas not already served by public transit. He said that any extension to Metro was "way beyond 2005."

Troy Shinbrot argued that the mitigation steps still represented a net loss of green space, with farmland being converted to wetlands. Instead he suggested that the replacement sites be on land currently slated for development. Schultz countered that small fragmented pieces of wetlands would not support as many species of wildlife as the contiguous wetlands possible on the BARC site.

Marjory Dcnn cautioned against reducing everything to a question of cost. She said that citizens would have to learn to pay the taxes necessary to preserve wildlife.

### Metro Asks Riders to Yield Seats to Those in Need

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority reminded passengers that specially-marked seats on buses and trains are reserved for the use of the elderly and people with disabilities.

Passengers who sit in the reserved seats near the front of buses and beside the train doors should be prepared to make them available for elderly or disabled riders or pregnant women who request the priority seats.

Likewise, elevators at Metro-rail stations are provided by law for passengers who cannot use escalators. While their use is not restricted to persons who use wheelchairs or who have hidden disabilities, others who use the elevators should give priority to those passengers.

Metro riders with large packages, strollers, luggage, equipment carts and similar items should plan to use the elevators whenever possible. Large objects on escalators can be dangerous to other passengers.

In addition to the priority seating program, the transit authority provides special on-call bus service for passengers who use wheelchairs. For information, call 962-1825. Teletype machines for hearing impaired people are installed at many Metrorail stations. For more information, call TDD 628-8973.

### Pitkin on Recycling Council

State Delegate Joan Pitkin (District 23, which includes Greenbelt) has been appointed by Governor William Donald Schaefer to the newly created Council on Recycling. This advisory body will assist jurisdictions such as Bowie and Greenbelt with the planning and implementation of the state's recycling requirements.

The Council hopes to develop specific recommendations which include methods of identifying and evaluating markets, assessing the need to expand or construct recycling centers, and evaluating programs for waste reduction at the source of generation. It also will examine and advise on the costs, benefits, and effects of replacing certain packaging materials.

As a leader in Maryland's recycling efforts, Del. Pitkin has advocated the use of recycling over incinerators and landfill expansion. She has also introduced measures to encourage the col-

### NEEDS TRANSPORTATION FOR INJURED ANIMALS

The Chesapeake Wildlife Sanctuary, Maryland's only non-profit, private wildlife rehabilitation hospital and hand-rearing center, is looking for assistance from volunteer transporters. Transporters' names are kept on a master list at the Sanctuary. When a citizen finds an injured or orphaned animal but is unable to bring it to the Sanctuary for care the transporters are called to see if they are able to help. Transporter's mileage to and from the Sanctuary is tax-deductible since it is considered a donation to the Sanctuary.

Anyone who is able to assist in the transport of injured or orphaned native wildlife or would like more information about the Sanctuary's many programs please call 301-390-7010.

lection and recycling of beverage containers and non-degradable plastics.



## 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

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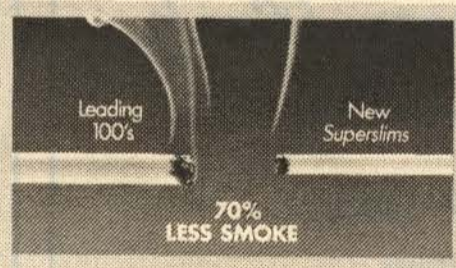
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### Planning Board Discusses Banquet Facility Growth

by Allegra Tasaki

At its December 6 meeting the Advisory Planning Board recommended approval of the proposed expansion of the Martins Crosswinds facility located on Greenway Center Drive next to the Holiday Inn. Currently the facility contains 44,000 square feet with a capacity to hold up to 1500 people. Now, as originally planned, the company is ready to add 33,000 square feet of floor space, increasing the capacity to up to 3,000 people. Martin Resnick, president of Martin's Inc., said, "We have been out here for three years this coming January, and we are blessed, and very fortunate in choosing this community, Greenbelt. We chose this facility over Montgomery County."

The original plan was to expand in five years; however, after only three years of operation Martin's Inc. is seeking expansion because bookings are being lost, according to Resnick, who says that, for every booking they receive, there is a booking they cannot accept because the facility is not large enough.

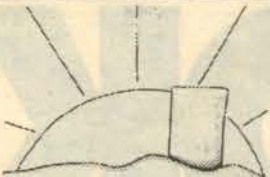
"Many conventions, conferences and meetings have over 1500 attendees, he explained adding that 20 percent of their business consists of conferences and conventions.

In the new addition there will be a total of five ballrooms, but the building will remain only one story high. The addition will be constructed on the Holiday Inn side of the building and have its own entrance, but either the old or new entrance can be used to get inside because the building is not separated by any permanent internal walls.

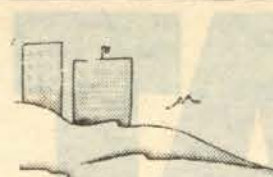
The Advisory Planning Board asked for more landscaping, specifically putting cut-throughs on the berms in the parking lots, and planting more vegetation in front of the addition and around the berms. Also, the Board brought up concerns about traffic paths and signage. Martin's Inc. agreed to let the Board see the plans for the signage before building starts, and they agreed to have stripes put on the cut-throughs and pavement connecting the berms to designate traffic patterns and to keep signage to a minimum.

Resnick expressed his gratitude to the Advisory Planning Board for their time and cooperation and thanked them by agreeing to the stipulation of more landscaping and traffic pattern guides.

"I don't know how to thank a city, how do you thank a community, and how do you thank a government? We could not have built this building without their cooperation," said Resnick.



# Greenbelt's Business



### Krzywicki Joins Legg Mason

George Krzywicki has joined the firm of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc. in Capital Office Park.

Originally from Baltimore, Krzywicki is a graduate of the University of Maryland in 1974 with additional training from the Donald T. Regan School of Advanced Financial Management. George holds professional licenses in insurance as well as securities and has taught investment planning at Prince Georges Community College. Various government and private organizations have utilized his services in pre-retirement seminars and post-retirement investment planning for members. Currently, programs are being offered to the general public at Prince Georges County libraries and various locations in Montgomery County.

George has a special interest in scholarship programs, vocational training programs, and junior achievement programs at High Point High School and the University of Maryland.

### Brokerage Opens

Steve Catalano, president of Commercial 100 Realty, Inc., has announced the opening of commercial brokerage offices in Greenbelt.

A native of Washington, Catalano has over 12 years experience in all aspects of residential and commercial brokerage and was recognized as the 1988 number 1 sales person in Prince Georges County for the Land and Commercial Division. The award presented by the Prince Georges County Board of Realtors, commended Catalano for his \$6,100,000 in sales. It was his fourth award relating to real estate sales. Catalano was also responsible for the fastest selling office condominium project in the metropolitan area, Hanover Office Park.

Commercial 100 will be based in Greenbelt.

### Hopkins Brings G&O Archeology Expertise

Joseph (Jody) W. Hopkins, III, of Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., has increased the firm's service base to include archeological services.

Dr. Hopkins brings more than 25 years of experience to Greenhorne & O'Mara. He has directed and performed all aspects of archeology from evaluation of known resources for planning purposes, through location and excavation of historic and pre-historic sites, to presentation of the results of archeological investigations for use in planning and public relations.

**Businesses in Greenbelt are invited to send us their news for this page**

### Lewis and Silverman Comes to Greenbelt

Lewis & Silverman Realtors announces the opening of its newest office at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Road. Glenn A. Ames is the new branch's manager. This brings to 11 the number of Lewis & Silverman offices serving the entire Metropolitan area.

### Nassau Trip Prize

More than 200 real estate sales associates from Prudential Preferred Properties (formerly Merrill Lynch Realty) were the recipients of a four-day trip for two to Nassau in the Bahamas. The trips were part of the company's 12-month incentive program "Feel the Power." Ella Murphy of the Greenbelt office was one of the winners.

### Beltway Plaza Owner Talks of Larger Mall

by Gerald Gottesman

There are expansion plans in the works for the Beltway Plaza, the spacious mall located at Cherrywood and Greenbelt Roads.

While owner Sidney Brown, president of Beltway Plaza Developers, stresses that all plans are "in the works," he says he has been attempting to interest prospective clients in his proposed large commercial space. "I've been trying to talk to every big-name, conventional department store."

"I've been talking — mind you, just talking — to T. J. Max, to the Hecht Company, to a few big sports stores," said Brown. "I'm talking to a giant discount office supply store — like Staples — based in Florida, called Office Depot. It's fairly new, but they have 50 outlets already."

There aren't, however, any clear-cut plans or proposals for additions and construction yet. This is because, said Brown, "When you deal with these big, big companies, you don't show them a completed space and ask: 'How do you like this?' You field interested clients and let them say to you: 'This is what we want here. Can you put it here?' Then you deal."

"When there are deals fixed, then we'll tell the city what the plans are," stated Brown.

There are some basic tentative ideas Brown has for the plaza's expansion. "We'll be trying to expand the west side out to Cherrywood Road; there's room for expansion. We want to take the 'strip' out of the back and expand out to Springhill Lane," said Brown. There are also plans for a second level over the present structure.

The city of Greenbelt had no immediate comments about Brown's plans, despite the differences the two parties have come to in the past, particularly over the erosion problems caused by the plaza's original construction.

### Glass Joins G&O

James A. Glass has been named Project Manager, Historic Preservation, by Greenhorne & O'Mara. He provides historic preservation services for the design and consulting firm.

Glass brings 15 years of experience in historic preservation to Greenhorne & O'Mara. His work has involved surveys to identify historic buildings, documentation of historic architecture and preparation of historic preservation plans. Glass also has recommended design guidelines for historic districts and provided advice on incorporating historic structures into private developments and government projects.

Before joining Greenhorne & O'Mara, Glass was affiliated with the U.S. National Park Service, the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

He holds a Ph.D. in Architectural History and Historic Preservation Planning and an M.A. in the History of Urban Development from Cornell University.

### E. V. Griffith Joins Coakley & Williams

Elaine V. Griffith recently joined Coakley & Williams of Maryland Trade Center Park in Greenbelt as Director of Business Development for the Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Division. Prior to joining Coakley & Williams, Griffith was a Senior Commercial Leasing Agent for Walker & Dunlop. Her commercial real estate career started in 1978.

In 1984 and 1985 she was awarded the Washington Board of Realtor's Leasing Award and in 1985 she was appointed Vice President of Jackson-Cross Company Realtors.

"The city's concern would be about additional public facilities needed to support the project," said Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson. "Also, any new construction must meet high-quality design standards. There is no different set of standards for Mr. Brown or anyone else."

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## National Guard

The National Guard has a responsibility to the community in which it is located, and the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (CEWI), a Maryland Army National Guard unit located in Greenbelt, has taken this theme to heart as evidenced by their community involvement during the Fall of 1989.

The 629th MI Bn began the Fall with its Open House during the weekend of September 16-17 which included an 8 kilometer road race held at the Buddy Attick Park September 17. Over 70 runners participated in the second annual event. Many trophies and ribbons were handed out and many runners who would not normally have won, were able to be recognized due to the small local flavor of this run.

Later in the Fall the 629th became involved in the Greenbelt Community Pancake Breakfast which was a charitable event sponsored by the Greenbelt Lion's Club to raise funds for the restoration of St. Hugh's Catholic Church School which suffered a severe fire during Christmas 1988 and was still recovering from the debts that it took to reopen the building for the school year 1989-90. The 629th provided equipment, cooks and servers. Over 800 persons turned out for this event and the 629th was applauded for its effort by many letters of appreciation and thanks from the community.

Another event was the Community Blood Drive held at the Armory December 2. Over 40 pints of blood were collected by the Metropolitan Blood Bank during the three-hour visit to the armory.

Finally, the unit participated in a Prince Georges County-sponsored Food Collection Program with the P.G. Fire Department, Police Department and Department of Corrections. Canned goods and boxed food were collected on Sunday, December 3, and were turned over to Corporal Gott Murphy of the P. G. County Police. Channel 7 aired this presentation, which included a small clip of the Greenbelt Armory.

## Legal Freebies In Plain English

The law often seems confusing to the lay person. So the Maryland State Bar Association has prepared a series of pamphlets about legal matters — including the question of when a lawyer is needed — that explore these issues in plain English.

In addition to "When You Need A Lawyer," the pamphlets published by the Bar Association's Public Awareness Committee cover traffic tickets, wills and estates; lawyers and legal fees; divorce and separation; employees' rights; health insurance; domestic violence; buying a home; nursing home contracts; arrest; bankruptcy; juvenile court; guardians; auto accidents; landlords and tenants; and being a witness.

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An additional list of consumer protection publications that deal with similar legal issues can be obtained by writing for a copy of the "Consumer Catalog." Requests should be sent to the Attorney General of Maryland, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21201.



SGT Regan Plumb (center) of the 629th MI Bn (CEWI) is shown helping two Greenbelt residents order breakfast at the Greenbelt Community Pancake Breakfast which was held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Saturday, December 2.

## WSSC Suggests Ways To Prevent Frozen Pipes

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) reminds residents that water pipes must be "winterized" to avoid frozen pipes and resulting costly repairs during cold snaps.

All water pipes leading to outside spigots should be turned off. The valve leading to these outside pipes is usually found inside, in the basement or crawl space. Then the outside spigots should be opened and drained of residual water. A hose should never be connected to an outside spigot, even if the faucet is one of the "frost free" designs.

If inside pipes are located near an outside wall, or the area isn't heated, these pipes can freeze too. A remedy is to wrap some type of insulating material around the pipes, or make some provision to allow for warmer air to circulate in the room.

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## Volunteers Needed To Assist the Blind

The Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind needs volunteers who have CPR certification to assist with CPR classes on two Wednesdays, January 24 and 31, from 6 to 10 p.m. The Lighthouse also needs volunteers who are available weekdays to assist with its Older Adult Program and to act as sighted guides for monthly field trips.

Volunteers are always needed to serve as readers, drivers, and shopping assistants for blind and visually impaired residents of the Washington, D.C. area. The next volunteer orientation and training will be held at the Lighthouse on Saturday, January 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Nancy Scully, 462-2900.

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by Dorrie Bates 345-5961

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Lou Williamson, News Review editor, on the death of her father, Lewis Miller.

Jesse R. W. Cobbs, Jr., son of Pinkey H. Cobbs of Springhill Drive, has been promoted in the U. S. Army to the rank of sergeant. Cobbs, a radar operator with the 2nd Air Defense Artillery, Fort Lewis, Wash., is a 1977 graduate of High Point High School.

It's a girl for Amy and Sean Tobin. Cheryl Ann made her debut on December 18 weighing 6 lbs. 12 ozs. She joins Sean Jr. and Jacquie. Cheryl Ann's daddy is the News Review's circulation manager in the city's core.

Congratulations to Greenbelter Sylvia Quinton, a board member with the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, who has been recognized for her outstanding service to Girl Scouting in the Washington metropolitan area.

A member of Girl Scouts for 22 years, Quinton attributes her

strong set of values and her positive attitude to her Girl Scout experiences as a child.

In addition to being a board member, Quinton has supported the council as a troop leader, a Service Unit Manager, and a SHAREleader for the council's annual giving campaign.

Quinton grew up in Prince Georges County and has a law degree from Temple University. She works with the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where she enjoys watching the government in action.

Linda Curtis, Mandan Road, Phase III, Greenbriar, and friends contributed to the Christmas festivities in their neighborhood by placing approximately 100 luminaries—on the sidewalks Christmas Eve.

## District Council Hearings To Be Broadcast on Cable

Beginning in January, the hearings of the Prince Georges County Council sitting as the District Council will be televised over the county's public affairs cable channel. Sessions can be seen on Channel 18-B at 7 p.m. on Mondays when the District Council meets and again at 10 a.m. on the following Wednesday.

The District Council considers planning, zoning and land use issues. The County Council considers legislation. County Council sessions are broadcast at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays when the County Council meets and again at 10 a.m. the following Thursday.

## Recreation Review

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**Cream Cheese 99c**

Red & White American 12 oz.  
**Singles \$1.59**

Sorrento 5 oz.  
**String Cheese \$1.09**

Sunny Delight 1/2 gal.  
**Citrus Punch \$1.19**

Cup-O-Noodles 2 1/4 oz.  
**Soups 2/89c**

Our Value 14 1/2 can  
Corn-Peas-Tomatoes  
**Pork & Beans 2/79c**

Surf Liquid Laundry 1/2 gal.  
**Detergent \$2.99**

CHEF BOY-AR DEE PASTA 7 oz.  
**2/99c**

Spag.-Ravioli-Lasagna-Beef  
Schmidts King Sliced 20 oz.  
**White Bread 99c**

Progresso Clam 19 oz.  
**Chowder \$1.19**

Red & White Fresh Scent gal.  
**Bleach 89c**

Gentle Touch 4 pack  
**Bath Soap \$1.69**

Duraflame 5 1/2 lb.  
**Giant Firelogs \$1.69**

Keebler Vanilla 12 oz.  
**Wafers \$1.69**

Lysol Disinfectant 6 oz.  
**Spray \$1.59**

**Holiday Season Party Trays**  
FROM OUR DELI DEPARTMENT  
Available in sizes to suit your particular party needs.  
**FRUIT BASKETS**  
New Available...Place Your Order with Our Produce Dept.

Star Kist Chunk 6 1/2 oz.  
**Light Tuna 69c**

Hills 10 pk.  
**Hot Cocoa Mix 89c**

Red & White 100's  
**Tea Bags \$1.09**

**Pepsi Cola 99c**

Our Value Long 2 lb.  
**Grain Rice 59c**

Posh Puffs 175's  
**Facial Tissue 99c**

Coffeemate 20 oz.  
**Creamer \$1.89**

Progresso 8 oz.  
**Bread Crumbs 69c**

**Frozen Dept.**

Citrus Hill 12 oz.  
**Orange Juice 99c**

Birds Eye 9 oz.  
Peas-Corn-Chop. Broc.  
**Gr. Beans-Mixed Veggies. 59c**

Totinos 9.8 oz.  
**Party Pizza 99c**

Swansons Plump & 2 lb.  
**Juicy Chicken \$2.49**

Mrs. Pauls Light 22 1/2 oz.  
**Fish Fillets \$2.49**

**Farm Fresh Produce**

California  
**Navel Oranges 6/99**

Washington State  
APPLES lb.  
Red or Golden  
Delicious  
**49c**

**Bosc Pears 69c**  
lb.

Fresh each  
**Ripe Avocados 79**

Fresh 1/2 gal.  
**Apple Cider 1.69**

Chilean  
Nectarines lb.  
**\$1.29**

Super Select  
CUCUMBERS  
**3/99c**

California lb.  
Romaine Lettuce  
**59c**

Fresh California  
BROCCOLI each  
**99c**

Yellow 3 lb. bag  
ONIONS ea.  
**69c**

Eastern Russet  
Potatoes 5 lb. bag  
**99c**

North Carolina  
YAMS lb.  
**49c**

**Beer/Wine Dept.**

Natural 12 pk-12 oz. cans  
**Light Beer \$5.79**

Schaefer 6 pk-12 oz. cans  
**Beer \$1.89**

Old Milwaukee 12pk-12oz cans  
**Beer \$4.49**

Heineken 12 pk-12 oz. N.R.  
**Beer \$9.99**

Taylor California 3 Liter  
**Cellars Wines \$5.99**

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