

What Goes On . . .

Sat., Jan. 11, 9-11 a.m. Town Meeting with 23rd District State Legislators, Municipal Bldg.
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Registration for Classes at Aquatic Fitness Center
9 a.m. - noon Winter Recreation Class Registration, Youth Center

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Mon., Jan. 13, 8 p.m. Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wed., Jan. 15, 4 p.m. Walking Tour of North End School site.
8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Police Station

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Council Reviews, Hears Comments On Plans for Community Center

by Virginia Beauchamp

Continuing the sense of cooperation and good feeling that has been in effect throughout the various phases of public meetings on turning Center School into a community center, the latest such meeting, held by the City Council Monday night, January 6, found no controversy about plans for uses of the building. "That's because no one's been thrown out yet," said Bill Stratton, chair of the citizen Task Force charged with overseeing the school's conversion. He predicted, however, that when the city gets into the financial planning phase of the enterprise, controversy will indeed erupt.

In a sense, difficulties over the conceptualizing of financial issues were already emerging, although such matters were not part of the evening's agenda. As council member Ed Putens reminded those attending the meeting, including his own council colleagues, "We're here only to talk about the program—not about the site plan, the mechanical systems, the roof," or any other segment of the ultimate plan. "In the space available, we can accomplish these programs," he emphasized.

Stratton's comment that no one had yet been thrown out was not quite true, however, since one applicant—the Montessori School now housed at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church in Adelphi—had been eliminated as a potential user of the facility. Nevertheless, all Greenbelt applicants had so far been accommodated, including the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School and Kindergarten, whose preschool clientele would have required the same kind of space needs as the Montessori school.

Hoping to find room for a wide variety of interests and community needs, including people of all ages, Stratton pointed out, the task force had felt that there were more pressing claims for the three classrooms required for a second preschool program. The Co-op Nursery School was favored because of its long history in the city. (The school this fall celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding.) The Task Force also felt compelled to make an early decision because both schools would need ample time to make long-range plans.

Financial Issues

Two different topics dealing with financial concerns were introduced by citizens attending the meeting. Leonie Penney wondered how the cost of the interest necessary to be paid on the bond money borrowed for the renovation would be allocated in the city's budget. Would it be

charged to the building's revenues, she asked, or to the city's general budget?

City Manager Daniel G. Hobbs indicated that this question could not yet be answered, since it would require a policy decision by city council. No bonds had yet been sold, he said, but the city's estimate, at today's prices, was that the city would pay around \$270,000 a year for 20 years as the cost of borrowing for the building.

Referring to the city's experience with two other capital improvement projects—two renovations of the outdoor swimming pool and the construction of the indoor pool—council member Thomas White said that in both cases the cost of borrowing had been assigned to the city's general funds. The outdoor pool, while deriving enough income to cover its operating costs, had never covered its debt service, he said. The indoor pool was not yet paying even its operating costs.

Building on an earlier question by Dial Silvers about custodial charges and other maintenance costs for the center, when some space was to be allocated to the city itself for administrative offices, Al Herling commented that the city should not have "free rent."

This statement drew a heated response from council member Toni Bram, who insisted that the city as landlord would not pay rent to itself. But Herling was adamant that "all costs will be borne by taxpayers." He argued that charges for use of space would undoubtedly be made on some kind of square footage basis and that portions of the building used by the city for administrative purposes should not be charged to users of other parts of the building. "All I'm asking for is equity in treatment," he said.

Estimated Costs

According to Stratton, the preliminary cost estimate for the program being presented for the building's use is \$4.9 million, much in excess of the city's budget in the Capital Improvement Fund IV, which is \$3.6 million identified for construction. Consulting architect Philip Esocoff of Keyes Condon Florance, the design team that had prepared the plan for program uses of the building, suggested that the higher figure was a very conservative estimate, in that the staff estimator builds in a certain percentage for unexpected contingencies.

For example, \$420,000 of the See COMMUNITY, page 5, col. 4

Acquisition of Glenn Dale Hospital Progresses Slowly

by S. R. Cherry, Heather Peterson and James Giese

On October 31 County Executive Parris Glendening announced that Prince Georges County will be responsible for the maintenance of the Glenn Dale Hospital site. This action puts the county ever closer to owning the 209-acre property, which opened as a tuberculosis treatment center in the 1930's. The hospital is located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Glenn Dale Rd. and Route 450.

The hospital ownership has been ambiguous from the start. Though the land is located five miles from Greenbelt, outside the District's borders, it was deeded to the United States in 1930 for a D.C. project. Under the authorization of Congress, the District of Columbia built a children's tuberculosis sanitarium there.

The last tuberculosis patient was treated at Glenn Dale in 1972, and the hospital finally closed in 1980. Then the court battles began.

They came about because the District tried to lease the property in 1983. The United States, filing suit against the District the following year, argued that the District could not control the property since it was no longer being used for the purpose Congress had authorized, that is, as a hospital.

The U.S. District Court for Maryland, and later the U.S. Court of Appeals, agreed with the District that it had control of the property. However, the Unit-

ed States still owned the property.

This led to the confusing situation which was described by Congressman Steny Hoyer: "The federal government holds title to (the property), but has been found by the courts to have no right to control the property. The District controls the property and could lease it, if a lessor could be found. The District does not, however, have the right to sell it. Prince Georges County has an obvious interest in the Glenn Dale site, but no right to determine the disposition of it."

Congressman Hoyer was later responsible for securing Congressional approval in transferring the title from the Federal to the District government, which then allowed the District to sell the property to Prince Georges County. Hoyer was also instrumental in negotiations between District and county officials on the issue of the purchase.

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Contest Winner Gives Books To Library at Center School

by Barbara Likowski

In a ceremony suitably taking place in Greenbelt Center School's library on Dec. 16, the school officially became the recipient of \$6,250 worth of new Random House library books. The books were part of the winnings of Laurel resident Mary Cook, who was a grand prize winner in the MOST BOOKS FOR KIDS program.

Cook won a \$1,000 gift certificate for herself from Waldenbooks and got to direct a \$12,500 donation of library books to the school of her choice. She chose to divide the donation between Center School where her grandson, Christopher Robey is a third grade student in Ms. West's class and a school in West Virginia attended by another family member.

The program sponsored last fall by Internet, Inc., was held locally by Maryland National Bank where Cook is a MOST card holder. (Maryland National is part of Internet's MOST network.)

The school library has already received a catalog from which staff can select their books. Ideas for books have been received from students as well as teachers.

O'Connor

Standing near a display table of sample books the school is to receive, David O'Connor, president and chief executive officer of Internet, Inc., told those present, this is a "little bit of an early Christmas present for your school." This program, he continued, is about the future and part of the future is sitting here in this room; "you guys are the future," he told the children.

Education is necessary for the future and one of the basics of education is books, he continued. "The program shows how business can help education and have a direct impact upon the local community," O'Connor added and told the children he'd like to see "those books worn out" by "lots of reading, lots of use." He also gave an accolade to teachers when he said the teachers behind the books were the "backbone of the future." "Wear out those books," he emphasized once again.

Marilyn Jumalon, regional vice-president of Maryland Na-

tional Bank added, "we are proud to play a role in helping to shape the future of local schools and children through our participation in MOST BOOKS FOR KIDS."

Check Presented

Cook, her daughter, Nanette Rhoads, and grandson Christopher then faced the audience as O'Connor presented Cook with an oversized check.

Carla Zamudio from Cook's grandson's class, presented Cook with a huge book of thanks made and signed by Center students. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to Cook and O'Connor by Monica Pittman, Center's librarian. Suzanne Plogman, Chair of the Prince Georges County Board of Education thanked Cook and O'Connor for the books.

These are bad times (referring to budget cuts) she said, adding that there was little money available this year for new library books.

John Whittington, area II superintendent for Prince Georges County schools and Esther Hardin media center specialist, also expressed their appreciation for the gift and the importance of books.

"Teach children to read and love books and they can then become contributing members of society," concluded Dr. John Van Schoonhoven, Center's principal.

State Legislators Hold Open House

Senator Leo Green and the 23rd District Delegates, Charles "Buzz" Ryan, Joan B. Pitkin and Mary A. Conroy, will host an Open Door Meeting for constituents Saturday, January 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

The Open Door Meeting is a tradition of the citizens of the 23rd District to attend and express their views and concerns on legislative matters.

Plogman to Lead Walking Tour of School Site

Prince Georges County Board of Education Chair Suzanne Plogman will conduct a walking tour of the construction site for the new elementary school in the North End on Wednesday, January 15 at 4 p.m. The school is located on Ridge Road between Research and Laurel Hill Roads. The purpose of the walk is to allow community members to see where construction is to take place before ground clearing begins. Residents may raise any concerns they may have at that time.

News Review

Office Hours

Monday 2-4 p.m. copy, ads
8-10 p.m. copy, ads

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Letters A Foundation For the Future

To the Editor:

During the course of this week's City Council meeting concerning the Community Center, one issue kept resurfacing—how will the city raise the additional monies to construct, and eventually operate this new community resource? After all, it's clear that the \$3 million in bond monies will not be sufficient. This question becomes more important in light of current economic conditions, with grants from the County and State declining, if not coming to a virtual halt in the immediate future. But can we let these harsh realities stymie the resolve to move ahead with building a community center?

Certainly, a number of options have been offered, among them constructing and operating the center in stages so the expense can be "stretched out." Indeed, the City and respective user groups will apply for grants. But one approach which has not been explored has been for the City to instill new life into an old idea: a City foundation. I urge the City to take another look at this idea but to approach it with a zeal and seriousness it deserves. Yes, our City Council members should take the leadership role in developing the relationships with the top business leaders of Greenbelt, encouraging them to play a positive role in making our community an even better one. Indeed, our business community base is far greater and deeper than a decade ago. And our fundraising goal from such a group should not be modest—a million dollars is not a figure we should be too timid to suggest; after all, the business community has benefited greatly from operating in Greenbelt, what some were identifying as a "hot" market just a few years ago.

In light of Mayor Weidenfeld's eloquent comments regarding a vision of Greenbelt years from now: (paraphrasing) that those living in Greenbelt years from now can benefit from our vision today of the 21st century, just as those alive today benefit from the vision of our founding fathers and mothers a half century ago, it becomes even more important that we make a concerted effort to explore all funding possibilities. If an effective foundation can be established, it could quicken the day when we can build our community center. It also can quicken the day when other projects such as the expansion of the public works facility, or improving our recreational facilities, or other projects which currently lie beyond our view, can be achieved.

Konrad Herling

Subscriptions and Deadline Information

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$30 per year. Advertising and news articles may be mailed (Box 68, Greenbelt); deposited in our box at the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store before 7 p.m. Tuesday or delivered to the editorial office in the basement of 15 Parkway (474-4131). The office is open Monday from 2-4 and 8-10 pm for display advertising; deadline is 10 pm. News articles and classified ads are accepted Monday from 2-4 and 8-10 pm and Tuesday from 8-10 pm.

Holiday Greetings

To the Editor:

The Christmas decorations had not yet been taken down, Form 1040 had not yet arrived, but an Important Notice from the State of Maryland, Department of Assessments and Taxation, lay prominently in our living room.

The Important Notice turned out to be that assessed value of our house is to be increased by 10.6%. This increase is to be phased in over a period of three years, making the increase for 1992-93 come to 3.5%. State, county and municipal taxes will be calculated on this increased value.

I thought I'd just mention this, so that it will be remembered by the time council starts working on the Budget.

Leonie Penney

Thanks

The Greenbelt Lions Club wants to thank the people of Greenbelt for the many contributions to our "Toys For Needy Kids" Drive. The response was great and you made a lot of kids happy this holiday season.

We want to thank the Green-

belt American Legion and the management and employees of Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge for their help in the distribution of the toys.

The Greenbelt Lions Club is looking forward to once more promoting this drive in 1992. Let us hope that it will be bigger and better.

Joseph Wilkinson, Chairman

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LOCATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following locations beginning January 6, 1992.

Playground opposite 73 Court Ridge Road
Corner of Research and Hillside Roads

Corner of Eastway and Crescent Road
Entrance to 21 Court Ridge (Across from Green Ridge House)

Playground at junction of Crescent and Ridge Roads
Playground at Ivy 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

Between Buildings: 8003 and 8009 Mandan Road
Glen Oaks:
Between Buildings: 7903 and 7905; 7509 and 7511
Mandan Road

Hunting Ridge:
Between Buildings: 6936 and 6978 Hanover Parkway

Windsor Green:
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:
opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
opposite 7646 Mandan Road
opposite 7648 Mandan Road

Greenspring:
southwest corner of Megan Lane & Craddock Rd.

State Offices Open Jan. 15 Despite Holiday

All Maryland income tax offices will remain open to help taxpayers on Wednesday, Jan. 15 - a day when most state offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Taxpayers who wish to have their Maryland income tax forms completed free of charge should bring a completed copy of their federal return and all W-2 statements to any Maryland income tax office listed on the back of the Maryland tax packet.

Recycling Tips

Recycling Large Items

To discard large items, such as used furniture, call one of these organizations:

Purple Heart 454-0222
American Rescue Workers 336-6200

They will come to a person's house on an agreed upon date.

This method has several advantages over having the City remove the items. Old furniture may be restored and used again and will not clutter up the landfill. Also the City's Special Trash Pickup service will have less work to do.



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

January 13, 1992

8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentation
7. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- * 8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports-

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Sign Plan for Maryland Trade Center
12. Liquor License Application - Champion Billiards Cafe, Beltway Plaza
13. Professional Proposal - Architectural Engineering Services for Renovation of Bath House by Sullivan & Almy, Inc.
14. Memorial to Provide Recognition to Residents Whose Volunteer Efforts Have Had a Significant Impact in Making Greenbelt a Better Place
15. Next Steps for Community Center Project
16. Agenda for Council's Goals Work Session
17. National League of Cities Policy and Steering Committee Nominations
- * 18. Reappointments to Advisory Boards and Advisory Committees
- * 19. Procedures for the Submission and Adoption of a Two Year Budget and a Capital Improvements Program

V. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870.

Dorothy Lauber, CMC
City Clerk

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lions Meet

Lisa Speas, the new Assistant Sports Marketing Director for the University of Maryland at College Park will speak to the Greenbelt Lions Club at its next regularly scheduled dinner meeting set for Monday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fireside Beef House, 6011 Greenbelt Road.

Her subject will be "Promoting Women's Sports at the College Level." The public is invited to attend. For details and reservations call 474-5156.

At the Library

Wednesday, Jan. 15 - Book Discussion. 10:15 a.m. Richard Shenkman's I Love Paul Revere, Whether He Rode or Not.

Thursday, Jan. 16 - Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 11 a.m.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club will sponsor a mystery trip on Thursday, Jan. 16. The bus will depart from the municipal building at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 8 p.m. People are responsible for their own lunch, however, dinner is included in the fee. For reservations, contact Jim Maher, 345-7324.

At the meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, the speaker will be John L. Brunner, Co-ordinator of Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County. His topics will be: "Re-cycling and You"; "Nothing New Under the Sun"; and "A Year in the Life of a River". Visitors are always welcome.

Scrabble Games Offered at Library

Scrabble games served up with hot chocolate, tea and coffee will begin on Wednesday, January 15, when the Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) begins its five-month series of twice-monthly Scrabble nights.

Open to everyone (a sizeable contingent often comes from Bowie) who enjoys toying with words, these game nights are held in the library's lower level meeting room. From 6-6:30 p.m., players may bring something to eat and get acquainted with fellow Scrabble enthusiasts. FOGL will provide the drinks. At 6:30 sharp the games will begin. The evening will end at about 8:45.

Children can bring junior or adult games, and all are encouraged to bring game boards for these evening get-togethers.

For schedule information or if anyone needs transportation or has questions, call Barbara Simon (474-2192) or Eileen Peterson (345-2454).

Clean Up a Stream In Greenbelt Park

Help the National Park Service clean up a section of stream in Greenbelt Park. Participants should wear shoes, gloves and clothes that they do not mind getting wet and dirty. Meet at the park headquarters parking area at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. For more information, call 344-3948 or 344-3944.

Toastmasters to Meet

The Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:15 p.m. in the Community Room above the Springhill Lake Pharmacy.

For further information, call Jim Whitney at 725-1061 or Joyce Chestnut at 474-0567.

Free T'ai Chi Class

The public is invited to a free introductory T'ai Chi session at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday, January 18, 9-10 a.m. T'ai Chi is the classic Chinese exercise for health, self defense and spiritual growth. Graceful in movement, slow in tempo, relaxed and fluid in beautiful natural postures, T'ai Chi is "meditation in movement" and practiced throughout the world for its health benefits.

Women in Midlife

Women in Midlife and Menopause (WMM) support group will meet Wednesday, January 22 in Greenbelt. For information and directions call 345-0566.

Fitness Workshops To Begin on Jan. 18

The Greenbelt Recreation Department announces a new monthly series of classes and workshops, "Not for Seniors Only," sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Focusing on exercise, fitness and longevity, the series will address a variety of issues that affect the quality of life and health of the maturing adult.

The initial workshop, on Saturday, Jan. 18, will feature a presentation by Traci Lemon on arthritis and exercise. Lemon has been trained by the Arthritis Foundation, YMCA and Aquatic Exercise Association and is experienced in teaching persons with arthritis. An active volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation, she also teaches arthritis self-management courses.

The workshop will include both a discussion on the role of exercise in arthritis self-management and an aquatic demonstration. Call 474-6878 for more information.

Gray Panthers Meet

The Gray Panthers of Prince Georges County are sponsoring a workshop on "Your Federal Taxes and Where They Go." The speaker and leader of the symposium is Jo Ann Fuller of Montgomery County SANE/Freeze. Fuller uses clear cups and pennies to demonstrate visually how the federal taxes people pay are allocated. The public is invited to attend and participate in a discussion that focuses on identifying the priority needs of communities and federal spending.

The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Library on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. In order to be ecologically correct members are reminded to bring their own cups.

For further information, call Janet Parker at 474-6668.

Learn About Bird Feeding Behavior

Come learn about the different types of birds that feed in Greenbelt Park. Bird behavior and different bird feeders will be discussed while observing birds at a working bird feeder station. Meet at the entrance to the campground at 11 a.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Monday, Jan. 20. For more information call 344-3948 or 344-3944.

Double Dutch Ropers Asking for Help

Double Dutch is the art of skipping or jumping with two ropes. The jumpers must follow certain guidelines set by the American Double Dutch League in order to competitively participate in tournaments.

The Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League was formed in July. Demonstrations were performed by the league at the Greenbelt Youth Center, Springhill Lake Middle School, W.P.G.C.'s Stop the Violence Day at the Washington Monument, the Bullets half-time show at the Capital Centre and in an amateur night talent show for the Apollo Theatre at Howard University. Coming events include a workshop at the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge and a performance at the Apollo Theatre in New York in January.

In order for this program to be a success, the league needs support from the Greenbelt community as well as outside sponsors. For more information, Austin Gibbs, recreation coordinator or Kim Bradshaw, coach, can be contacted at 345-2770 or 474-6878.

Recreation Review

Volleyball - Competitive

Drop-in co-recreational competitive volleyball is played at the Center School gym on Mon. Evenings 6:30-10:30 p.m. Drop-in is cancelled only in the event of school closings due to snow, ice or holidays. Everyone 16 years of age and over is welcome.

Williamsburg Shopping Trip

The Rec. Depart. will be taking a trip to the pottery factory in Williamsburg, VA on Sat., Jan. 18. For information on fees and time, call 474-6878, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Late Registration

Late registration will be taken Mon., Jan. 13 thru Sat., Jan. 18 on a space available basis only. Registration will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday. All registrants will be charged a late fee.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt
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features

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The Labor Movement and the Democratic Party in 1992

Friday, January 17, 1992
8:00 p.m.


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Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin Judy

As of the time of this writing, our area has not yet had a noticeable amount of snow. That's good, as far as commuting problems go. Yet it does seem that we all have a suppressed desire to see some of that white stuff. Not just the kids, mind you. To them it means sleds, snowballs, and, best of all — NO SCHOOL — or at least delayed openings and early closings. Most of the rest of us, in spite of the accompanying nuisances, love the feel and the look and the mystique of snow.

A hush falls over the neighborhood just before an evening snow storm. The sky has a subdued rosy glow and the trees seem to be serenely waiting. There is no hush the next morning, though, when the plows come scraping along and all the motorists are busily digging out and uttering choice four letter epithets. Pedestrians, though, all seem to have smiles on their faces, even when slogging through drifts. People who don't know each other grin and say "hello" as they pass on the sidewalks.

That's Greenbelt. Apparently it also applies to other parts of the world. My Jerusalem informant says that they had 16 inches of snow the other day. Snow is not unusual in that city, but it customarily amounts to only an inch or two at most. A blizzard is way out of the ordinary. Add to that the fact that Jerusalem is all hills and that that none of the cars have snow tires. Major dilemma! My correspondent tells me that even in that strife-torn area the snow wrought magic. Apparently politics and racial and religious tensions were eased as people helped dig each other out. An act of nature, when not too drastic, can sometimes work wonders.

Back in Greenbelt, the crocuses will begin to pop up in another month. It would be nice if we could have just a little snow before then. The kind that packs and makes good snowballs and can be cleared off an automobile with a broom. Three or four inches would be just about right. On a Saturday, melting by Monday morning rush hour. That's not too much to ask, is it?



The Glenn Dale Hospital property already has extensive open space. The county plans to acquire the property for park and open space at a cost of nearly \$4 million.

— photo by S. R. Cherry

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As part of a package of obligations assumed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCP-PC) in order to reduce county expenditures, the Prince Georges Parks Division will assume the \$300,000 annual cost for securing and maintaining the old hospital site. Other county expenditures assumed by the M-NCP-PC under an agreement with the Executive are the after-school drug prevention program, recreation programs for senior citizens, public safety assistance and rent payments for M-NCP-PC office space in the County Administration Building.

County officials hope this maintenance agreement will constitute the final phase for purchasing the hospital site, which they plan to maintain as "green space." Community concerns had grown around speculation that as part of the District of Columbia the property might have been used as a prison or landfill.

Acquisition still has not been accomplished, according to Tim Ayers of the County Executive's Office. The problem has been to get the District officials to act on the matter. Although Glen-

dening has personally discussed the matter with Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, County officials are not optimistic about an early resolution to the matter because of the numerous changes in personnel in the Mayor's office and the press of other city business.

Leftover Program Open Space money, a state aid program to local governments now discontinued because of the budget crisis, will be used by the County to make the 3.95 million dollar purchase. However, no funds are available for removal of existing structures which are deteriorating or for the development of the area as a park. Ayers noted that the value of the property decreased considerably from original estimates when it was determined that extensive costs would be incurred to remove asbestos from the original buildings and that long-time neglect had resulted in a high cost to restore any of the existing buildings to use.

In the meantime, the M-NCP-PC Park Police are providing security patrols to the property.

PLANS OF NEW SCHOOL AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY

The Greenbelt Library has received a copy of the construction drawings of the new Greenbelt Elementary School which will be constructed on the site of the North End School, Ridge Road, from the Prince Georges County Board of Education. They are available for public examination in the Tugwell Room of the library. The drawings provide site plan, landscaping, drainage and interior construction details of the new school.

The draft report on the pro-

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering held the winter semester of the Babysitting course for students presently in grades 5-8. The purpose of the course was to teach students the responsibilities and safety issues regarding babysitting and handling emergency situations while working with young children.

Program for the use of the Greenbelt Community Center referred to at the January 6 Council meeting is also available at the library.



One of the many buildings remaining at the Glenn Dale Hospital, which was once a tuberculosis sanitarium and later used as a hospital for chronic diseases operated by the District of Columbia.

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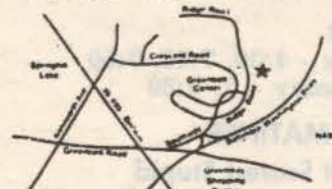
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Greenbelt Cable TV Coordinator Beverly Paulau and her two sons are served by pancake breakfast volunteer worker George Matthews of the Greenbelt Police Department. Volunteer Bob McNulty of the Greenbelt Explorer Post is on the right. —photo courtesy Maryland Army National Guard

Red Cross Offers Aid To Desert Storm Vets

In the aftermath of the Persian Gulf Crisis, a new program has been designed to provide limited reimbursement and supplemental assistance to families of National Guard and Reserve members activated for Operation Desert Storm. The Central Maryland Red Cross can now provide up to \$125 to eligible families for family, marital, or crisis counseling and up to \$80 per child for certain verifiable day care expenses incurred as a result of deployment of a family member.

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City Notes

Public Works crews performed usual winter time activities, such as leaf collection, fabrication of 2" indoor swimming pool sign, Schrom Hills Park soccer field side lines laid out and tree planting at Schrom Hills Park, storm drains, underpasses, and streets cleaned and pot holes repaired, playground animals painted, and platform and steps at recycling center repaired.

get counseling. Funds being provided to eligible families are intended to ease the burden of extra counseling and day care expenses incurred because of service in Operation Desert Storm.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn 474-1285

A precious Christmas gift arrived for Greenbelters Nancy and Jeff Hibbs on Dec. 18. Joanie Noel made her appearance, weighing 8 lb. 1 oz. Joan and John Dudiak from Cumberland, and Shirley and Ray Hibbs from Greenbelt are the happy grandparents.

Chelsea Noel McCooskey made her debut Dec. 15, weighing 6 lb. 12 oz. She is the first child of Debra and Matthew McCooskey.

Big brother Michael Spong proudly announces the arrival of his brother and sister, twins who arrived at Holy Cross Hospital on Dec. 23. Patrick Bryan weighed in at 6 lb. 13 1/4 oz. and Kelly Elizabeth weighed in at 6 lb. 3 oz. Parents Ruth and Wayne Spong Jr. share in the joy of their arrival. The twins' father is a member of the City Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Community Center Discussed

(Continued from page one)

\$4.9 million is such a contingency cushion. Another \$323,500 has been added in to cover possible inflation. At the present time, this figure — 7 per cent — would be excessive, he suggested. A third figure — \$617,000 — was included as the possible cost of eliminating all the asbestos in the old building. However, such a drastic treatment might not be necessary. Thus, realistic estimates for construction costs might be somewhere near the city's \$3.6 million figure.

At some point, Stratton said, the city council must decide "how cheap or expensive" to make the renovation. "Of course we would all like a Cadillac," he said. The task force sees the proposed program as a master plan. A fully restored and renovated building is the ultimate goal. However, "there is a lot of flexibility in this building," he said. "Uses for it will probably evolve even after occupan-

cy. Changes could be made later." At the present time the program is not "means tested," he continued. It has not evolved enough to have a full idea of what the project would cost.

Public Hearing Needed?

Another area of discussion at the meeting concerned a proposed schedule prepared by the city staff. For example, a full public hearing (as opposed to the informal public "meeting" in which participants were then engaged) had been suggested for sometime in February. Council needs to get input from citizens, White said, not just from interested organizations — "stake holders."

Bram suggested that such a hearing should be held in March, since Greenbelters "historically" get interested in the last stages of projects.

Eileen Peterson, however, strongly disagreed. "People want the council to lead," she said. All the organizational representatives there, she continued, had been asked to serve by many other people. She felt that there had been full descriptions in the News Review throughout the process. "It's a great plan. We should move ahead while we have unanimity. Instead of dragging the cart, let's push it."

Stratton said that the task force envisioned a full public hearing next fall at what will be the 30 percent stage of design development. By that time the city staff will have been able to come up with figures for use costs, based on figures from similar operations in other communities; the architects would have much finer design cost estimates, including such things as shelving, carpeting, and paint; and initial results might be in from efforts to locate grant monies.

"I think we should approve the program quickly," said council member Rodney Roberts. "Then we can get on to the site plan, where most of the controversy will emerge."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld conceded that the program was the easiest portion of the project for council to address. He predicted that its approval could be accomplished by the end of the month.

Peterson again supported an early decision. "The organizations cannot go after grant money until the program is approved," she stressed. "It takes time to write grant proposals; deadlines have to be met."

Wrap-up

"The citizens of Greenbelt amaze me," said Bram, referring to the work of the task force and to the continuing interest of organizational representatives. "A beautiful job has been done."

Weidenfeld harked back to the original vision of Rexford Tugwell that had created Greenbelt. "It was to be a model for others. It was not done without cost, or without criticism, but we have all benefited from that vision. Now we have an opportunity to do something special again — something to bring about a better quality of life."

White commented on the severe "money crunch" of the present time. Yet he said he felt "optimistic. We could be well poised to take advantage of an upturn. As the historian said," he continued, "What the hell do I know?"



Daniel Frend of the Greenbelt Explorers Post helps at the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held Dec. 7 at St. Hugh's. He was part of the volunteer support that came from the community to make the breakfast a success.

— photo courtesy Maryland Army National Guard



Members of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (CE-WI), Maryland Army National Guard located in Greenbelt help serve pancakes at the Greenbelt Lions Club Breakfast held Dec. 7 at St. Hugh's Church.

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Around 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 27, a woman was pushed to the ground in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza and robbed of her purse. The robber, who ran towards Springhill Lake Apartments, is described as a black male, 5'9", slender build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, dark pants and dark shoes.

Two nonresident men, aged 25 and 22, were arrested and charged with possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute after their vehicle was pulled over for a traffic violation on Jan. 2 in the area of Greenbelt Rd. and Branchville Rd. Both men appeared before a District Court Commissioner; one was held on \$6,500 bond pending trial, and the other was held on \$5,000 bond pending trial.

A 20-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment. On Dec. 25, while attempting to unload a .22 caliber handgun, he shot a 16-year-old resident youth in the arm. The incident occurred in the 7800 block of Mandan Rd.

On Jan. 1, a 26-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with assault after he had threatened a woman with a handgun during a domestic dispute. The incident took place in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terr.

A 35-year-old resident man was arrested for battery after he had battered his wife in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terr. on Dec. 23.

On Dec. 24, breakings and enterings were reported at the Capital Carry-Out and at the Capital Office Park Cleaners, both in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane. In one case, money was stolen; in the other, nothing appeared to have been taken.

On Dec. 26, a breaking and entering was reported at the Greenbelt Travel Service (7900 block of Cherrywood Lane); a TV was stolen.

On Dec. 24 a breaking and entering of a residence in the 9200 block of Edmonston Rd., was reported; jewelry was stolen.

A 19-year-old nonresident youth was arrested and charged

with theft over \$300 on Dec. 23 when he was pulled over for a traffic violation in the area of Greenbelt Rd. and the Beltway and police found via a computer check that the vehicle had been reported stolen.

A red, four-door, 1990 Buick Skylark, MD tags TVK449, was reported stolen from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. on Dec. 28.

A maroon, 1986 Honda Elite 150 motorcycle, MD tags 3470D1, was reported stolen from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on Dec. 31.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct., the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terr., 25 court Crescent Rd., the 9300 block of Edmonston Rd., the 7800 and 8000 blocks of Mandan Rd., the 7000 block of Megan Lane, the 7300 and 7400 blocks of Morrison Dr., the 66 court and the 400 block of Ridge Rd., the 6200 block of Springhill Ct., the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, and the 100 block of Westway.

Year-end Tax Options Offered by Goldstein

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein reminds the nearly 200,000 Maryland taxpayers who make quarterly estimated income tax payments that they have two options in filing final estimated tax payments for 1991.

Taxpayers may submit a fourth quarter declaration of estimated tax payment by Wednesday, January 15, 1992—or they can wait and file a complete 1991 Maryland income tax return on or before Friday, January 31, 1992.

"Any balance due must be paid in full when filing the regular return," Goldstein said.

Generally, taxpayers who earn income which is not subject to withholding should be filing quarterly declarations of estimated tax if their state and local tax is expected to be more than \$100.

In order to avoid interest charges, taxpayers must pay either 90% of their total 1991 Maryland income tax liability or 100% of their total 1990 Maryland income liability through employer withholding or estimated tax payments.



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Rec. Dept. Forming Club For Hearing Impaired

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is forming a club for individuals with hearing impairments. The organizational meeting for the club will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine the days and times the club will meet, the activities the club will participate in, and to discuss other matters of interest to the participants. Both an interpreter and a hearing loop will be provided. For more information please call Karen at 474-6878(v) or 474-1811 (TTY).