

GREENBELT News Review

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Council Sends Strong Protest Concerning USDA Construction

by Diane Oberg

At its November 25 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved sending a strongly worded letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protesting the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) actions regarding construction of a headquarters complex on Sunnyside Avenue. The city charges that construction work began prior to USDA's even applying for a permit for the needed highway improvements.

The letter charges that the USDA's actions in applying for a permit only for the site and the driveway to Sunnyside Avenue (without any of the needed improvements to nearby roadways) constituted "piecemealing" and represents an "intentional misrepresentation" of the environmental impact of the headquarters complex. Councilmember Judith Davis was absent due to illness.

Speed Humps

Formal action to retain the speed humps on Northway was deferred until the December 16 regular council meeting at the request of Sue Krofchik of Northway. She had complained that the title, "traffic calming," at the previous week's worksession gave little hint that the humps would be discussed. She said that she had been waiting for a year for notice about when hearings on this subject would be held. Although some people were notified by city staff that the humps would be discussed at the traffic calming worksession, she said, others were not. McLaughlin said that the city had

sent letters to those people who asked to be notified, but he agreed to notify all Northway residents that the topic will be on the next council agenda.

"The city will notify all Northway residents that speed humps will be on the next agenda."

—Michael McLaughlin, City Manager

Vehicular Eyesores

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. boardmember Dorothy Lauber asked council for its help in dealing with inoperable or barely operable vehicles. The board has been working to upgrade the appearance of its property, but has been stymied in dealing with cars, frequently in very poor condition, that sit on city streets for extended periods of time. The problem is not limited to GHI, she noted. The board has concluded that new city legislation is needed to provide the authority to deal with such vehicles.

Council gave Lauber little hope, based upon past attempts to deal with similar problems. City Solicitor Robert Manzi said that it may be possible to pass laws prohibiting vehicles from parking for more than 24 hours without being moved. Other

than that, there is probably little the city can do provided the vehicles have valid licenses. While vehicles must be "operable," he said, it is difficult for an officer to determine that a parked vehicle is inoperable unless it is wrecked or the engine is gone.

Another option would be a parking district, which would limit the number of vehicles an individual can park on a city street. However, that approach had been soundly rejected by council when he suggested it several years ago, he noted.

It is possible, Manzi said, that legislative changes have occurred in the past few years that would give the city more options. He will research the issue and report back to council.

Roosevelt Center Concerns

Sue Krofchik, of Northway, asked for new signs at Roosevelt Center reinforcing the one-way restrictions. She reported numerous encounters with drivers going the wrong way down one-way aisles and suggested that painting "ONE WAY" with a directional arrow directly on the pavement would reduce this problem. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that the Advisory Planning Board is examining Roosevelt Center signage. He said that he will look to see if there are noticeable gaps in the markings. Councilmember Rodney Roberts reminded McLaughlin that the city manager has the authority to install signs.

Roberts also reported two citizen complaints of incidents of public consumption of alcohol at
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Cherrywood Lane Bridge Restriped Due to Cracks

by Elaine Skolnik

The recent remarking of traffic lanes on the Cherrywood Lane bridge over the Capital Beltway to provide for only two lanes for traffic was not done to provide bicycle lanes. Nor was it done by the city as part of its lane marking program for Cherrywood Lane. The work was done by the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) as a precautionary measure to reduce the traffic load upon the bridge until such time as engineering inspections can determine the cause and seriousness of cracks found in the bridge structure.

According to Edward Binseel, Associate Director of the Office of Project Management, a recent inspection by the county of the four-lane bridge revealed cracks in the structure's outer lanes. "Cracks were found where we did not expect to find some," he said, adding "By design, cracks should not be there." Three engineering firms are assessing whether there is a construction related problem and whether corrective action will be required.

Precautions

Until an assessment is complete, the DPW&T has taken precautions by removing vehicular traffic from the affected lanes. This has been done by restriping the surface so as to narrow the roadway to one lane in either direction on the bridge, leaving six foot strips along either side not to be used for traffic. Signs are posted on both sides of the bridge to direct drivers to merge into an inner lane. Bicyclists are not permitted on the six foot outer lanes, Binseel said.

Greenbelt Director of Public Works Carl Hirsch speculated that the assessment would involve re-

viewing the original plans to determine whether the bridge met the design criteria, and whether there were any field modifications. The amount of steel in the structure wings is another area he felt would be studied.

The county has responsibility for the Cherrywood Lane bridge structure, including conducting inspections. Greenbelt is responsible for maintenance of the structure's sidewalk and road surface. The city also is responsible for maintaining the street on both sides of the bridge. According to Binseel, negotiations are under way to turn the bridge responsibilities over to the State Highway Administration.

Bike Lanes

Plans for striping Cherrywood Lane for bicycle lanes from Edmonston Road (Kenilworth Ave.) to Breezewood Drive are progressing, Hirsch said. In late July, the city council had approved a test project of remarking the street to provide a median area for future landscaping, bicycle lanes in both directions and single-lanes for automotive traffic. Parking on the street would be banned except for the east side of the street adjacent to Springhill Lake.

Efforts to contract out the work failed, Hirsch said, when the city received no responses to its advertisement for bids for the striping job. The city is now negotiating with the county to stripe the straight lines on the street, utilizing the DPW&T's more sophisticated equipment. The city would do the other markings needed. This will be a cost savings measure for the city, Hirsch noted. In the meantime, he said, city crews are "erasing" the old lane markings on Cherrywood Lane.

D.A.R.E. Grows with Incentives

by Jenny Waller

Through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.), the Greenbelt Police Department has continued to teach children about drugs, alcohol and other pressures that are placed on them. The program has recently been upgraded to inform children of other negative influences as well.

The D.A.R.E. program is conducted in the second, fourth, and sixth grade classrooms. The second grade program lasts four weeks: the fourth grade program, five weeks and the sixth grade program, 17 weeks.

The expanded program is designed to teach children about the importance of support systems, decision making and selecting appropriate choices when they are exposed to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, vandalism and violence, said Crime Prevention, Communications Relations and Media Information Officer George Mathews.

"A high level of participation in the classroom is stressed by the officers who lead the students," said Mathews. The officers and students get to know each

other on a personal basis.

"The activities have to involve kids. They can't just sit on their hands," said Mathews. "The vast majority love it. If I couldn't make it fun, I wouldn't do it because I'd get bored with it."

Students are given incentives such as pens, pencils and stickers when they join in the activities.

After the D.A.R.E. program is completed, a D.A.R.E. culmination ceremony is held for those students who have participated, completed their workbooks and written D.A.R.E. essays. Each student then receives a tee-shirt and refreshments. The D.A.R.E. essays are also submitted to a contest which results in a grand prize for the winner.

Last year Bill Breedlove of Hughes STX Corporation helped obtain two computers to donate to the grand prize winners, one from Greenbelt Elementary and one from Springhill Lake Elementary schools. Cpl. Robert Keller, owner of K & K Computers, loaded the software and upgraded them.

"Parental involvement has

usually been present but is always in demand," said Mathews.

"You hope something covered in D.A.R.E. is reinforced at home," he added.

Besides the D.A.R.E. program, the Greenbelt Police Department is in the process of constructing a program outside the school designed to show children the events involved with being a police officer. It is similar to the Citizens Academy, a current program geared for adults.

The police department also offers community service opportunities for children to complete in order to graduate from high school. Filing and administrative services are some options for the students.

"It also gives them an idea of the workings of the police department," according to Mathews.

Mathews said that the D.A.R.E. program has been in effect in the county since approximately 1988 when it was started by Cpl. Dave Buerger. It is conducted in about 90 percent of the countries around the world, on military bases and in the world wide web pages.

Chevy Chase Bank Aids Greenbelt Middle School

by Daniel J. Sernovitz

When Chevy Chase bank donated nearly 250 calculators to the Greenbelt Middle School for its math function test last April, few could have imagined how much more involvement there would be between the school and the bank. However, in a ceremony before a full auditorium on November 14, Chevy Chase bank donated \$10,000 to Greenbelt Middle School.

"We were very impressed with the school," said Margaret Hatton, director of special projects at the bank. Hatton said that the bank hopes to seek active school involvement and looks forward to funding many projects for it.

According to Wayne Davis, a guidance counselor and "corporate partnership liaison" for the middle school, the involvement between the bank and the school first began last year, when a

county-wide effort was made to foster interaction between corporations and schools.

"We feel honored that they are doing this," said Dr. Richmond Myrick, Jr., principal of the middle school, "...we are very proud that we have been chosen."

According to Davis, the school will, if all goes well, receive considerable funding for a number of programs - a string ensemble, a student government association, and a French Immersion program.

Another program, the publishing of a school newspaper, has already produced its first issue in honor of the participation of the bank.

In addition, the bank plans to provide free savings accounts for the students, and display a Giant Foods receipt box in its bank, to help provide further funds for the school. The bank also plans to hold dinners for the R.O.T.C.

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Letters to the Editor

Citizen Input Urged On Lighting Study

As reported in the November 28 issue of the News Review, Eleanor Roosevelt High School's PTSA has formed a working committee to study the feasibility of lighting our main athletic field and track. We are in the earliest stages of discussion on the matter and would like to assure the entire community of Greenbelt and especially our closest neighbors in Greenbelt that our number one priority is citizen inclusion in the planning process. We would very much like this to be a community project rather than an ERHS project.

While it is true that our school has a real need for this improvement, the greater Greenbelt community shares that need for evening recreational and fitness activities. Our goal is to begin informal meetings with citizen groups by the beginning of February. We at ERHS want to be good neighbors and invite the Greenbelt community to share our pride in our school and our student-athletes as we share in your pride of Greenbelt.

Donna Klem
Betty Timer

TRIM Causes Curry To Take New Steps

As a consequence of the recent vote rejecting the repeal of TRIM, Prince George's County Executive Wayne K. Curry announced the establishment of several initiatives he will be implementing:

Curry plans to establish a Board of Revenue Estimates. This Board will advise the County on available resources for the coming fiscal year. The names of persons to be appointed to the board will be transmitted to the County Council for confirmation. Curry will withdraw his legislative request for authority for a telephone tax. In withdrawing this request, Curry said "Instead I will concentrate my efforts on other avenues and ways to create revenue and/or services for what I think are very important to the survival of our community."

To shield the County from future economic shifts and act as an insurance policy to help preserve the County's Bond Rating, Curry proposes to establish a new Emergency Fund, in addition to the County's current Contingency Reserve Fund, which is mandated by law.

Curry intends to be even more aggressive and to redouble his efforts to bring more businesses to Prince George's County. To this end he will order a major restructuring of the County's Economic Development functions and programs.

Curry's last initiative will be to reduce the original request for school construction funds from \$36 million to \$20 million. This will ensure that the County is able to provide the matching funds and operating costs associated with the funding request.

People Recycling

The City of Greenbelt can be proud of its current recycling program under Jennifer Foley. Prince George's County and its other municipalities are compiling an enviable record also.

However, even a shock-hardened TRIM supporter like myself was amazed that School Superintendent Jerome Clark and his coterie of advisors had started a People Recycling Program by hiring three recently retired members of the Board of Education as consultants, namely Marcy Canavan, Frederick Hutchinson and Alvin Thornton, at salaries respectively of \$45,700, \$61,000 and \$20,000. Some may call this a conflict of interest problem; others a question of ethics. I call this recycling with no benefit to teachers or children.

The question was not the competence or ability of these three "new" hires nor his legal right to employ them, but as Mathina Carkci of the Journal reports this was accomplished without any sign of competitive evaluation of the candidates for appointment. In the opinion of many civic association leaders, this county could use in this agency an infusion of new talent, fresh ideas and lack of obligation to local bureaucrats.

So what to do about these discouraging developments?

The County Council is addressing the question of ethics.

Calling your elected school board member would, I think, be the right approach. I did with results and cooperation.

The kettle is whistling on the Board of Education stove! Activists want to know how many consultants are annually hired by the Board and Superintendent. How many months will that take?

Eunice Coxon

City Notes

Sunday refuse container collection in Buddy Attick Park has ended for the season.

For the week ending November 27, Public Works carried out a number of planting and landscaping jobs, including planting more than 800 spring-flowering bulbs around the Community Center.

Collected leaves were hauled to College Park for composting.

Public Works cleaned city facilities, streets and parks, and made a number of street repairs.

Fifteen vehicles were also serviced.

Christmas Concert At U. of Maryland

On Tuesday evening, December 10 at 8 p.m., the University of Maryland Chorale will hold its Annual Christmas Concert in the Memorial Chapel on the College Park Campus. Conductor Roger Folstrom will lead the Chorale in a program of works by John Paynter, Aaron Copland and Javier Busto, as well as special music by Lewandowski, Early American music of Read and Kimball, folk music and spirituals. The centerpiece of the program will be Pachelbel's Magnificat. The Pikesville High School Concert Choir and organist Theodore Guerrant will be featured guests. Admission is free, with a freewill offering. For additional information please call (301) 405-1150.

Stars Rescue Santa From Reindeer Flu

"The Reindeer Flu" is a fanciful story about Christmas when all Santa's reindeer get sick with the terrible northern reindeer flu. Who will pull Santa's sleigh? It's Sirius the Sled Dog to the rescue in this planetarium story. The audience is introduced to the important constellations of the night sky: Big Bear, Little Bear, Orion, Big Dog and Little Dog. Children from 1 to 93 will enjoy singing along with Santa as he tries to cheer up his ailing team of reindeer.

The program will be held at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, on Saturday, December 14 at 12:30 and 1 p.m. There is a fee. For more information call the Science Center at (301) 918-8750.

GHI Members To Get Energy-saving Bulbs

Residents of Greenbelt Homes may receive free energy-efficient light bulbs through a Pepco conservation program called Home Fitness. Call 301-931-0775 for an appointment. A representative will take a survey of those lights used most during each day and will install compact fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs use less electricity, helping Pepco avoid or postpone building a new power plant, and cost the consumer less to operate.

Other Greenbelt residents may call to inquire if they are eligible for the program which also offers some further conservation programs.

Steven Keaney Joins Comm. Center Staff

by Jenny Waller

The Greenbelt Community Center recently hired a new recreation coordinator, Steven Keaney, who is enthusiastic about getting involved with the recreation program.

"This is the best program I've seen. It's a trend setter, not a follower," said Keaney, 23.

As recreation coordinator, Keaney assists in the management upkeep of the Community Center, assists in overseeing the programs, program development and part-time staff.

"I want to get adjusted to the Community Center first, before I make any changes," he said.

Keaney currently lives in Falls Church, VA, but plans to move to the Greenbelt area. He is originally from Boston, MA, but has spent the majority of his life in North Carolina.

He decided to move to Maryland with his fiancée because of the school system's quality, higher wages, and his new job.

Soloist, Blue Grass At New Deal Cafe

The first weekend of December brings Steven Gellman to the New Deal Cafe on Friday, December 6. Gellman is a seasoned soloist and songwriter who has performed at more than a few places in D.C., including the White House. On Saturday, December 7, local bluegrass favorites Vintage Blend (Ron Welch, Bill Johnston, Matt Levine, Geff King, and a special guest fiddler) will make the rafters ring with their hard-driving traditional sound.

The New Deal Cafe is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road, and at http://www2.ari.net/home/gking/new_deal.html on the Internet.



City's New Year's Eve Party Planned

by Eileen Peterson

The Woodwind and Brass Quintets from Eleanor Roosevelt High School join the growing number of musical groups set to entertain at the Greenbelt New Year '97 party at the Community Center.

Tickets on Sale

Advance tickets at a discount are now on sale at the Community Center for the family-oriented, non-alcoholic celebration from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., New Year's Eve.

Two bands - Velvet and The Mourning - will rock the upstairs (a third band is tentative) while in the gym young and old will learn how to contra-dance from 7 - 8 p.m. and then will dance the evening away to the bluegrass music of Fiddlestyx.

The New Deal Cafe will be open all evening, with tables there and in the gym. The Cafe will also have free music.

Children Welcome

Face painting and arts and crafts are two of the many draws for the younger set. "Kids' foods" will be available for this night of family and community coming-together to welcome in 1997. The event is co-sponsored by Greenbelt volunteers and the city's Recreation Department.

Volunteers Needed

There are still one-hour slots for people willing to help set up tables (earlier in the afternoon) or to take down after the party. Also needed are people to check bracelets at the entrances. To sign up or for information call Joe McNeal or Cathy Salgado at the Community Center (301-397-2208), Larry Hilliard (301-474-7504) or Eileen Peterson (301-441-8249).

Parent Alert

A Kid Care ID Booth with be provided by the Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee during the Christmas Craft Sale Sat., Dec. 7, 10-5 and Sun., Dec. 8, 11-4 in the Community Center.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.



- Coffees, herbal teas & hot cider
- Home-made muffins and pies
- Vegetarian burgers, tortellini and soup

Music - 8:30-10:30pm
No Cover

Fri, Dec. 6th: Steven Gellman - Guitar and vocals
Sat, Dec. 7th: The Vintage Blend - Traditional blue grass

Fri, Dec. 13th: 2nd Story - World Beat Blues returns
Sat, Dec. 14th: Annette Gallant - Contemporary Folk

Art by Maxine Taylor is now on display at the cafe.

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-11PM. Greenbelt Community Center 474-5642

Toy Drive Begins December 16

Jeepers!, in cooperation with the Institute for Family Centered Services, will hold a promotional toy drive from Monday, December 16 to Friday, December 20. Customers bringing a new, packaged toy to Jeepers! at 700 Hungerford Drive in Rockville or 6000 Greenbelt Road (in the Beltway Plaza Mall) in Greenbelt will be given a free unlimited wristband.

The Institute for Family Centered Services contracts with over 150 public agencies in a four state area. The non-profit group provides in-home treatment to high-risk families, those who have not responded to traditional services and individuals making the transition back to the community after institutionalized care. They also offer adolescent and family counseling, adoptive and foster family support, substance abuse counseling and independent living programs.

Jeepers! Inc., a pioneer and leader in the children's entertainment industry, was founded in 1988. The company owns and operates two Jeepers! in Maryland, one in Greenbelt, and one in Rockville.

Winter Hikes At Park

Greenbelt Park will conduct Winter Woodland Hikes December 7, 14, 21 and 28. Discover the sights, sounds and signs of the wildlife in the winter forest. Meet at the Ranger Station at 10 a.m.

Museum Opens Closet Exhibit

"Open Up! A Look Inside Greenbelt's Closets in the 1930s" is the newest exhibit at the Greenbelt Museum. Beginning Sunday, Dec. 8, visitors to the Greenbelt Museum, at 10-B Crescent Road, will consider how closets reflect a family's needs, personal interests, social status and even likes and dislikes. The exhibit responds to many museum visitors whose curiosity made them reach for the knobs on the closet doors, asking "What's in the closet?" Now they will be able to find out. Museum curator Ann Denkler fashioned the display.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) will be selling the nine inch replica of the "Mother and Child" statue by Lenore Thomas Straus at the annual holiday Craft Fair, at the Community Center, on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8. FOGM and the City of Greenbelt commissioned the statue from a local area artist, Klara Sever.

"Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" is now in rehearsal. It is an original multi-media theatrical production written and directed by Daniel Ray Young. FOGM received a grant from the Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation to write and produce the play which celebrates Greenbelt's 60th anniversary. The play is being staged by the Greenbelt Arts Center and will be presented on four week-ends in January, 1997.

Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

On Wednesday, November 27, the Golden Age Club's speaker was Linda Evans, a well-known Greenbelter, who discussed the types of care available at Independence Court, an assisted-living facility in Hyattsville where she is Marketing Director. Slides were shown by a young man whose grandmother is a resident.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, will feature a seasonal "sing-along." This reporter will be looking for "voices" to lead, so be practicing and wait for a call.

Come out to the meeting and have some holiday fun and socializing. Also do something nice for someone in need.

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Snake Program At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park will hold a program "All About Snakes" on December 8 at 10 a.m. Snakes are the most feared and misunderstood of all creatures. In this area, the majority of snakes are completely harmless. Meet at the Ranger Station.

Christmas Concert By Combined Choir

"Do you hear what I hear?"

The Greenbelt Community Church will ring with Christmas music when the Greenbelt Combined Choir presents its annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is part of the Festival of Lights.

Under the direction of Jean Cook, the choir will sing some traditional Christmas music, such as "O Holy Night" and the French carol, "Jeanette Isabella," as well as a modern arrangement, "Many Moods of Christmas."

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be accepted at the close of the concert. Refreshments will be served downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after the concert.

Music at Greenbelt Elementary School

Students at Greenbelt Elementary School will present their annual holiday program, Sounds of the Season, on Tuesday night, December 10 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

A day program featuring youngsters from kindergarten to grade 3 will perform on Wednesday, December 18 at 2 p.m. The children are from classes of Mrs. Vazquez and Ms. Eckroat, music teachers at the school.

Photo Club Meets

The Greenbelt Photo Club will hold its next meeting at the Community Center on Tuesday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. The photo theme for the meeting is "available low light photography." Participants should bring pictures to show.

The Photo Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to anyone interested in developing their photography skills. For more information call (301) 474-6425.

Fun at Goddard

The video "Images of Earth and Space: The Role of Visualization in NASA Science" will be shown Saturday, December 14, 1 p.m. at the Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center. Learn how researchers turn trillions of bytes of data into colorful visualizations that offer scientists insights into natural phenomena (18 minutes, appropriate for all ages).

Also at the Visitor Center: Goddard at Night on Saturday, December 14, 7 - 9 p.m. People should bring their own telescope or binoculars, or use the Visitor Center telescope to view the stars. Films and presentations on astronomical topics will be shown. Experienced and first-time star gazers are welcome.

Still another event is a model rocket launch on Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Come and watch or bring a rocket. Launches are monitored for safety. In case of inclement weather, call 301-286-8981 to verify the event.

The Visitor Center is located on Explorer Road, near the intersection of Soil Conservation and Greenbelt Roads.

Pancake Breakfast

As a part of the Festival of Lights celebration, Santa will attend a pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 7 at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Breakfast will be served in Grenoble Hall from 7 a.m. - noon. The menu will consist of all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages and beverages.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with American Legion Post 136, the Maryland National Guard and St. Hugh's.

For information about lower cost advance sales, call Barbara Jacobs 262-4165.

Home & Garden Club

The Greenbelt Home & Garden Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School in the Media Center. There will be two guest speakers. Keith Jahoda of the Woodlands Committee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will discuss the reforestation management plan and other topics of interest to members of GHI and the community. Dr. Patricia Shema from the Wild Bird Center will discuss feeding winter birds and plantings to attract birds. New members are welcome.

The Club is also sponsoring a Christmas Door Decorating Contest for Greenbelt Homes. Those interested in having their doors included in the contest should call Isaac Robinson at 301-982-6410 and leave a message with their name and address by December 13. Officers of the Garden Club will judge the doors on December 15. A prize will be awarded that evening to the winner.

Healing Circle

The last Reiki Healing Circle for the winter season will be held on Friday, December 13, 7:30 - 9 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. It will be an opportunity to take a break from December madness with a quiet evening, bathed in light and universal life energy. People are invited to bring a "safe" candle (in a container or on a dish), to help light the room, or some cookies to share.

Reiki Healing Circles include music, guided meditation, the ceremony of putting names into the circle for healing, and several opportunities to experience the universal life energy. The circle is open to everyone.

A small, voluntary donation is requested to help pay for the use of the room.

Festival of Lights

Greenbelt Recreation Department
(301)397-2200

OPENING CEREMONIES AND
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING
Friday, December 6, 7:00pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building *
All ages welcome. FREE.

"TWELFTH NIGHT (What You Will)"
Thursday-Saturday, December 5-8, 12-14
Greenbelt Arts Center
All ages welcome. \$8.00/adult, \$6.00/students & seniors *
Information: 441-8770.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 7, 7:00am-12:00noon
St. Hugh's Catholic Church, Grenoble Hall
Advance sales: \$4.00/adult, \$2.00/ages 6+
At the door: \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/ages 6+ *
Information: Barbara Jacobs 262-4165.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW & SALE
CHILDREN'S CRAFT ROOM (Saturday only)
Saturday, December 7, 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, December 8, 11:00am-4:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center
All ages welcome. FREE.
Children, pre-school and over can create holiday crafts while parents shop, 10am-2pm.

NORTH POLE CALLING
Tuesday, December 10-Thursday, December 12 *
5:30pm-7:30pm
Ages: pre-school - second grade. FREE.
Chat with Santa. Complete and return flier to recreation office by December 9. Fliers available at city recreation centers.


DECEMBER APPLIANCE PICK UP
Because the Christmas Holiday falls on the last Wednesday of December, pick-up of white goods (major appliances) will be done on the third Wednesday, December 18, 1996, for this month only.
Call 474-8004 to schedule pick-up of appliances

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Friday, December 6, 7:00pm
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Thursday-Saturday, December 5-8, 12-14
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Saturday, December 7, 7:00am-12:00noon
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Advance sales: \$4.00/adult, \$2.00/ages 6+
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Information: Barbara Jacobs 262-4165.

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CHILDREN'S CRAFT ROOM (Saturday only)
Saturday, December 7, 10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, December 8, 11:00am-4:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center
All ages welcome. FREE.
Children, pre-school and over can create holiday crafts while parents shop, 10am-2pm.

NORTH POLE CALLING
Tuesday, December 10-Thursday, December 12 *
5:30pm-7:30pm
Ages: pre-school - second grade. FREE.
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OBITUARIES

Gregory Wertz

Gregory Brandon Wertz died suddenly at home in Riverdale on November 20. He was born in Prince George's County in 1975 with only one ventricle in his heart, leading to early surgery and a shortened life expectation. Greg grew up in Greenbelt on Hillside Road; was a member of Boy Scout Troop 746 at the Methodist church; and was graduated from Parkdale High School in 1994. The family moved to Riverdale in the late 80's. Greg then went to work as a Greeter at the Sports Authority in Beltway Plaza.

He is survived by his grandmother Betty Wertz, formerly of Greenbelt and now of Altoona, Pa.; his parents Tom and Sharon of Riverdale; a brother Lenny, Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 746; and a sister Erin. Arrangements were made by Gasch's Funeral Home. The Reverend Richard Wertz, an uncle, of Chicago, officiated at the Interment service in Tyrone, Pa.

Bird Watchers Meet

The Prince George's Audubon Society will meet from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, to see wintering birds and other sights of nature at the Fran Uhler Natural Area of Patuxent River Park in Bowie. This diverse forested floodplain is home to a wide variety of birds, plants and wildlife. It is located just north of Bowie State University on Lemons Bridge Road. This free walk is for beginners and advanced birders alike.

Meet at the gate at 8 a.m. The ground may be damp; dress accordingly. For more information, call Patuxent River Park at (301) 627-6074, or Mike Quinlan at (301) 805-4278.

Bicycles Wanted

Have an old bicycle at home collecting dust? If so, Deliverance Christian Center is collecting used bicycles that are in any condition. Anyone who is interested in donating a bicycle should contact Bishop George Blair, 301-967-2535.

In Memoriam

If smiling was an Olympic event, Greg surely would have been a gold medalist. He loved meeting people and had a vested interest in making people happy. You simply couldn't help but notice Greg.

Greg graduated from Parkdale High School in 1994. Some of his favorite times were the moments spent with his classmates and teachers at Parkdale. In his senior year, Greg was voted most outspoken student.

Greg loved the outdoors and the times he spent hunting and fishing with his father. He once caught a trout with his bare hands (much to the chagrin of many veteran fishermen). Greg also participated in numerous fishing tournaments with his father.

Greg was a Boy Scout and often worked at the Boy Scout booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day festival. Always a willing helper, Greg embodied many of the qualities to which scouts aspire.

Greg was an optimist and a practical joker. He always saw the bright side in everything and he loved to see people laugh. Greg's smile will remain etched in the hearts of those who knew him.

Greg loved his job as a greeter at the Greenbelt Sports Authority. Some of his proudest moments were catching a shoplifter and

Greenbelters Abound In ERHS Concert

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School music program will present its annual winter concert in the school auditorium on Friday, December 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature performances by the Synphonic Band, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band II, and the Concert Choir (featuring voices from the Women's Choir and the Chamber Choir). The performance is free and open to the public.

Greenbelt students who will be performing in the concert include: Symphonic Band: LaTiesha Abraham, Maria Baquir, Sarah Bruno, Shannon Burns, Nhi Danh, Andrew Farris, Jason Flanagan, Alicia Saunders, Eve Serrano, Lisette Werbowetzki, Christine Wilson; Symphony Orchestra: Lynn

discovering a secret shopper. Friendly and outgoing, he was always at ease making others feel welcome.

Much of his life revolved around his lifelong circle of friends, but his best friend was always his dad. They did virtually everything together, along with his faithful dog Lady. He loved his dog and his family and will be missed by all.

—Lenny and Erin Wertz

Support Groups Meet

AMI of Prince George's County, Inc., the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, has three support groups for families of the mentally ill.

The first group meets Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Prince George's County Health Dept., Room 218, 3003 Hospital Drive, Cheverly (across from P.G. Hospital).

On Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., another group will meet at the Dyer Mental Health Clinic, Room 159, 9314 Piscataway Rd., Clinton (next to the public library).

The third group will meet Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Laurel Mental Health Clinic, 8101 Sandy Springs Rd., Laurel.

For information contact Donna, 301-839-0253 or Jane 301-577-6026.

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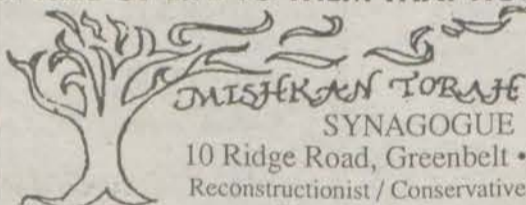
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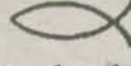
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Cookbook From Terezin Ghetto Now Published

by Muriel Weidenfeld
David Stern has lived in Greenbelt with his wife and children since 1961. However, his life began in Czechoslovakia in 1931. In a country whose leader admired democracy and tried to emulate the United States, it would have been hard to imagine that by 1939 the Nazis would take over the government.

Aware of the Nazi plan to get rid of all Jews, the Jewish residents realized the need to leave. David's mother, Anny, in fact, worked for the Zionist emigration office that tried to get Jews out, to what was then British Palestine. His father, George, was able to get to Trieste and then to Pal-

estine. Anny and David got out in 1939. They were among the last people to get out.

In Czechoslovakia, all Jews remaining were forced into a ghetto, a walled fortress called Terezin (Theresienstadt). Built 200 years ago with barracks for 12,000 soldiers, it was now crammed with 60,000 people, both adults and children. Living conditions were terrible. There was never enough food. There was no room to lie down to sleep. The boxcars loaded with those who thought they were being taken to be resettled in "the East" were actually headed for the concentration camps and gas chambers of

Auschwitz.

Among those remaining in Terezin was David Stern's maternal grandmother, Wilhelmina (Mina) Pachter. She had not wanted to leave, believing that at her age (70) and with the service she had given to her country, she would not be harmed.

In the early days of the Terezin ghetto, its inhabitants set up schools for the children, produced plays and music. Mina Pachter lectured on art history. She also decided to start a cookbook. She and several other women discussed and debated all the good dishes from the good old days. The recipes, containing the richest and finest of ingredients, were handwritten on scraps of paper which were hand sewn into a book.

In 1944, on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Mina Pachter died of starvation. Before her death, she entrusted the cookbook to a friend to deliver to her daughter, Anny Stern. A quarter of a century later, the package finally reached Anny and her husband, George Stern, who had moved to New York.

Anny held on to the book for many years before deciding to publish it. Translated by Bianca Brown, herself a survivor of Theresienstadt, and edited by Cara De Silva, the book is called "In Memory's Kitchen: A Legacy from the Women of Terezin."

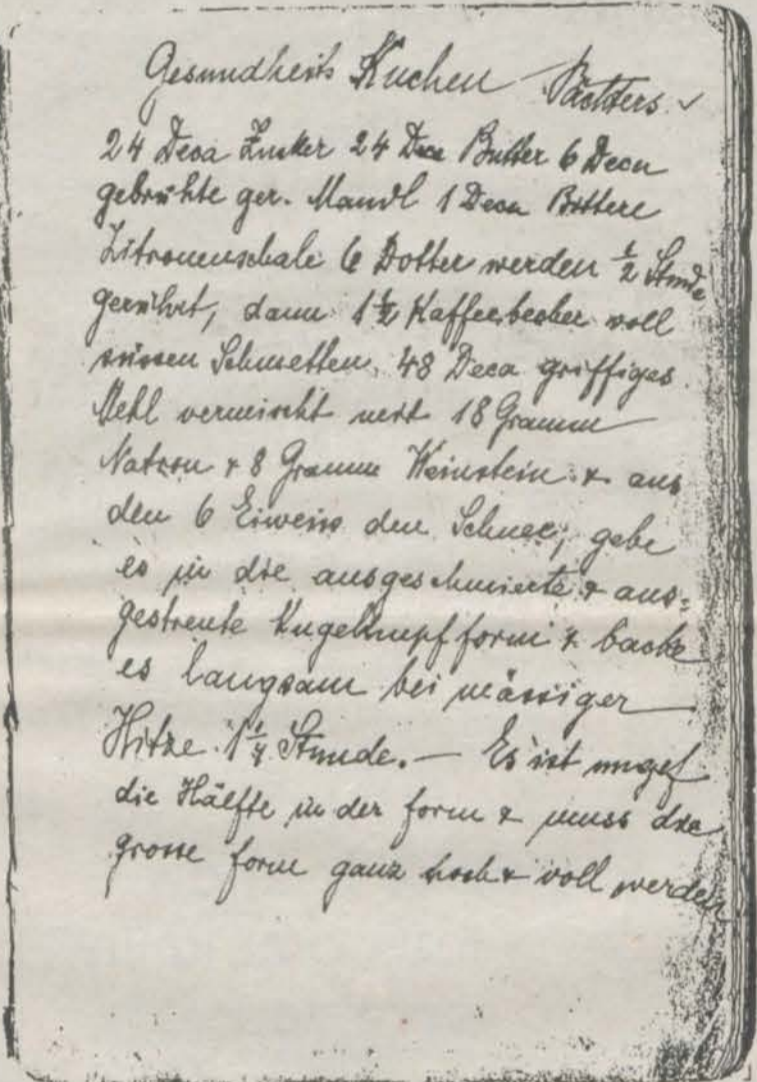
The book contains a foreword by Michael Berenbaum, Director of the United States Holocaust Research Institute, photographs and drawings of life in Terezin, David Stern's translations of his grandmother's poems from Terezin and the more than 70 recipes in the original German accompanied by the English translations. Also included are reproductions of pages in the original hand-written book.

"In Memory's Kitchen," published by Jason Aronson in August, is already in its fourth printing. It is an important book on many levels. As a cookbook it offers recipes not familiar to modern-day cooks. As a historical recollection, it offers first-hand facts not known previously. But most importantly, it is a tribute to the



Mishkan Torah Rabbi Saul Grife (left) greets Independence Court residents, Ethel and Ben Rosenzweig. Grife and Ben Rosenzweig gave a lecture on Hanukah and the Jewish culture to a packed house of Independence Court residents, their families and friends on Tuesday, December 3. Refreshments included Bow Tie cookies by Milt Mortman of Greenbriar.

—photo by Linda Evens



"Pachter's health cake" recipe from the Terezin cookbook "In Memory's Kitchen."

courtesy David Stern

spirit and bravery of the women of Terezin.

Recently, for the first time, David Stern told his family's story to the Judith Resnik Hadassah Group at Mishkan Torah in Greenbelt. Those present will not forget his story and will want to read "In Memory's Kitchen."

Festival of Lights

There are many holiday activities planned for the month of December. See the ad located in the News Review for this week's programs or pick up a 1996 Festival of Lights flier at any recreation facility.

The Game of GREENBELT

is now available at the following locations!

- Greenbelt Museum
- Generous Joe's Deli
- Beltway Plaza Hardware
- Chef's Secret Restaurant
- Doctors Hospital Gift Shop
- Greenbelt Festival of Lights
- Greenbelt Library Bookstore
- Greenbriar Community Center
- Community Pancake Breakfast
- Americopy in the OAO Building
- Lions gift wrap at Beltway Plaza



GREENBELT FAMILY PRACTICE

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1 to r: David S. Granite, MD; Sheila M. Addison, CRANP; Nancy English, CRFNP; Wing H. Tam, MD; Till Bergemann, MD
Beginning December 1996, Greenbelt Family Practice will be extending our Friday Office Hours to 7:00 PM.

We will continue with our normal office hours:
Monday & Tuesday 8 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday & Friday 8 AM - 7 PM
Thursday 8 AM - 12 Noon & select Afternoons

A Review

Arts Center Presents Delightful Celtic Music

by Barbara Likowski

There was some of the familiar and some of the unfamiliar in the St. Andrews program at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) on November 23. It is always a delight to hear the fiddling and singing. Each time we attend GAC's Celtic program we expect more of what we've heard before. In a way we get it, but there is always something different, something unique and we find an interesting, entertaining program once again. We thought this last program was more lively than the one before.

This time we were treated to some lovely Christmas carols. Some were sung in the Gaelic language. But always they were explained or translated first, so that the audience could feel and understand the mood of each. Others were played on instruments.

Of added interest to us from Prince George's County were songs of Celtic origin which had been played in early Annapolis. This seemed so fitting in this our tricentennial year.

The singers and players have begun to seem like friends to us. We looked forward to each.

Mac-Talla, the Scottish Gaelic singers sang and recited mostly in the Gaelic language. Some of their accompanying instruments were strange to us. We were particularly intrigued by bells in the form of a Christmas tree, so fitting for the carols that were sung. Not all of their songs were carols of course. Some were working songs, some we thought we had heard before and we had. They were even more beautiful this time.

The Homespun Ceilidh Band was just as the ad had declared, a big band playing lively music from the Celtic lands. This group with their Renaissance instruments showed their enjoyment in their faces and actions as they played. One young man was playing with such rhythm and gusto that his instrument went up over his head. Undaunted, he continued playing and finally the instrument righted itself. Some of their old instruments such as the viola da gamba and hammered dulcimer were new to many.

A smaller group, Skye Gathering, played Celtic music with fiddle, harp, cello, drum and voice. Because the group was small we were able to make out each instrument. We were especially glad to hear the clear, smooth sound of the Celtic harp. We'd like to hear more of that.

Conducting the program was Greenbelt's own John Ward. He and Trix Whitehall belong to all three groups. John fiddled all evening and never seemed to run out of steam. It was John who also explained the music and opened our eyes to the different kinds of music played in Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Nova Scotia and the Isle of Man. Maybe some Welsh next time?

Trix played the Celtic drum, the bodhran. She also gave us, as expected, another song of

infidelity revenged. Of course, she sang other songs, too, in her high, clear voice. We enjoyed them all.

An added attraction was the combination of story-telling and music. Jan Brenner told of the superstitions and fears that ancient people had at the end of the year when there was very little daylight. This came to a climax with booming drums and other instruments. Darkened lights helped to create the fearful mood.

No Celtic program is complete without toe tapping fiddling. Interspersed in the rest of the program, this sort of fiddling was obviously the audience's favorite. They swayed, they tapped toes, clapped hands, and yelled. When the main program ended, the audience didn't want to stop. They clapped until their hands were sore for another and yet another encore to be played. Finally the performers had to stop, even though the audience tried hard to get them to play one more tune. In fact we were thirsting for more, and then we heard the good news that there would be another Celtic program in the spring. We'd like to hear all three groups again and we'll never get tired of this magic fiddling.

Co-op Supermarket Distributes Refunds

The Co-op Supermarket/Pharmacy this week mailed out patronage refunds totalling over \$57,000 to its members. These patronage refunds were issued to more than 3,500 members of the cooperative. This year's refund amounted to \$1.10 for every \$100 in member purchases at the store between Aug. 1, 1995 and July 31, 1996.

Membership in the Co-op is open to everyone over the age of 18. For a payment of \$10 or more a person receives a member number. If the member gives his/her number at the time of purchase, the Co-op computer keeps a record of each member's purchases.

Members may withdraw from membership at any time and have their membership payments refunded.

HOV Study Subject Of Public Workshop

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has a Beltway High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) study underway. SHA will present preliminary alternatives packages at a public workshop at Largo High School on Thursday, December 12, from 6:30-9 p.m.

For more information or to schedule a presentation, write Mrs. R. Suseela Rajan at the State Highway Administration Project Planning Division, P. O. Box 717, Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 or call her at 1-800-548-5026.

Planetarium Show offered on Fridays

The Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium Program presents "There's No Place Like Home" on Fridays Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 7:30 p.m. There is a fee. The planetarium is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

In the presentation "There's No Place Like Home," the audience follows the interplanetary Troubadour who sings his way through the solar system. This whimsical but highly informative planetarium show takes people on a grand tour of the sun's family. With help from the Troubadour, the audience explores the major planets as well as little known byways of the solar system. In the end, they will discover that their home - Earth - is unique in many ways. This learning experience for the whole family is followed by a live presentation on the night sky.

String Quartet Holds An Open Rehearsal

On Tuesday, December 10 at 5 p.m., the Guarneri String Quartet will hold an open rehearsal in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building at the University of Maryland College Park. This reading session will include Kodaly's String Quartet No. 2, as well as works by other composers. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Open Juried Exhibit At Montpelier Center

The Patuxent Art League will hold its Fourth Annual Open Juried Art Exhibit in the Main Gallery of the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center through December 31. A reception will be held on December 8 from 1 to 4 p.m., with gallery talk by Judge Jacquelyn Serwer at 2:30 p.m.

The exhibit was juried by Dr. Serwer, who is Acting Chief Curator at the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. She has been with the Smithsonian for the past 10 years including time spent as a Smithsonian Scholar in Rome, Italy. She also has worked for the Department of State's Art in the Embassies program, the Ecole Des Beaux Arts in Geneva, Switzerland, Brooklyn College, the City University of New York and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In addition to jurying the show, Dr. Serwer will award a total of \$600 in prize money. The exhibit includes works by Maryland artists who are 18 years of age.

NARFE Holds Holiday Luncheon

The monthly meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be a holiday luncheon at the Best Western Maryland Inn beginning at noon, Thursday, December 12.

All members and guests are invited.



NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting held on November 12, 1996, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution 1996-1 (Resolution 848). The Resolution clarifies the Charter by allowing the City Council to establish, by ordinance, the electioneering distance limit for municipal elections.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 22, TITLED "ELECTIONEERING."

The above titled Charter Amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 1st day of January, 1997, unless on or before the 22nd day of December, 1996, 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 (20%) or more of the persons qualified to vote in the regular election of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland requesting the above titled Charter Amendment be submitted to the voters of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland.

A copy of the above titled Charter Amendment Resolution 1996-1 (resolution 848) 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 301-474-8000 or 301-474-1811 (TTY).

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Arts Center actors Tiffany Givens as Viola, Ilene Levine as Fabia, Gerry Matthews as Sir Toby Belch and Tom Zanner as Sir Arthur Aguecheek reluctantly stage a duel in the Arts Center's production of "Twelfth Night."

- photo by J. Henson

Shakespeare Comedy At Arts Center

by Norma R. Ozur

Question for a Greenbelter who wants to break from frantic holiday shopping and Christmas preparations: Where can you find a fun-filled frolic about a girl who, disguised as her twin brother, loves a lovesick duke who desires a heartbroken countess whose uncle is a drunken

knight whose friend is a wise fool who is put down by a snobbish steward who is tricked by a pert lady-in-waiting? Why, at the Greenbelt Arts Center, where merry madness and music abound and it all is resolved at the end in Will Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." This is one of his most joyous comedies, and at the Arts Center one can find cast and crew hard at work to bring all

the happy elements together for tonight's opening. The production runs Thursday through Saturday evenings, December 5-7 and 12-14 at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday December 8 at 2 p.m. This play is a perfect gift for the upcoming holidays: a rambunctious romp through romance, disguise, retribution and gaiety—with a few fancy sword fights thrown in for

good measure!

Directed by Steve Cox (who is also in the cast) and Norma Ozur, the show features several familiar talented Greenbelters: Jim Adams, Lloyd Rawley, Sheilah Crossley and Tom Zanner, as well as some bright new faces: Tiffany Givens, Pamela Brandt, Ian Rogers, Dan Lavanga, Daniel Mont and some familiar players from recent G.A.C. productions: Norm Gleichman, Stu Fischer, Chris Lapore, Gerry Matthews and Ilene Levine.

Because of the shortened run (two weeks instead of the usual four) reservations are suggested at 301-441-8770. The theater is located at 123 Centerway, beside the post office.

Mentoring Program Proposals Sought

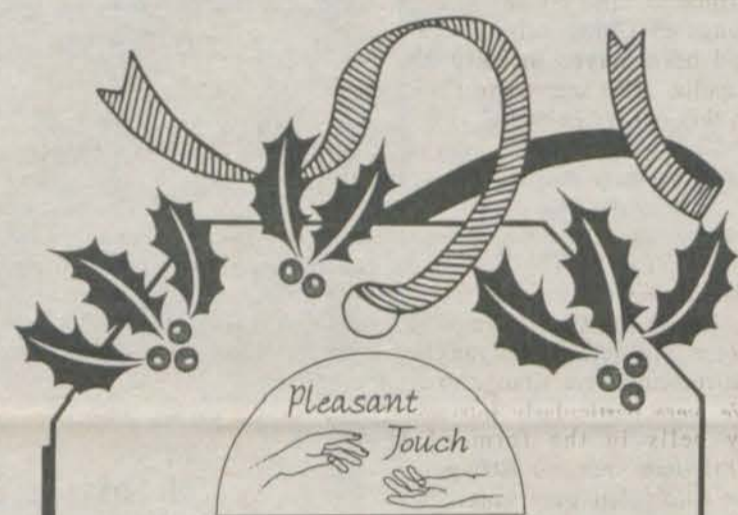
The Prince George's County School System's Office of Youth Development Programs is currently seeking community organizations interested in developing mentoring partnership programs in the school system.

An informational session will be held on Wednesday, December 11 in the Media Center of the Belair Staff Development Center, 3021 Belair Drive, Bowie, beginning at 7 p.m. There is limited funding available to support these mentoring partnerships.

For more information, contact Zack Berry, or Ethel Mitchell, 301-805-2760.

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COUNCIL

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the center. He asked the staff to look into increasing police patrols of the area. Mayor Antoinette Bram added that she has had a request for a police substation at Roosevelt Center. She suggested that additional patrols could eliminate the need for such a costly step. The mayor added that "whatever was going on" at the community center gym that evening was "much too loud," being easily heard from outside the building.

Dinner Dance

Council unanimously authorized reserving space at Martin's Crosswinds for a dinner dance to celebrate the city's sixtieth anniversary. McLaughlin was concerned about the city's need to guarantee a minimum level of attendance. If attendance were poor, the city would be responsible for the shortfall. This, as Bram noted, could add up to "a lot of bucks."

James Donald Wolfe, Sr., representing the Sixtieth Anniversary Committee, made no guarantees. He recalled that the city had to turn people away from the fiftieth anniversary dance, but noted that the fiftieth anniversary has greater significance than the sixtieth. He noted that younger residents do not have the same connection to Greenbelt as older residents do. For that reason, the dance has been planned for the afternoon, not the evening, since older residents are often unwilling to go out at night.

He said that the committee will try to stir up interest in the event and that they hope

to meet the minimum attendance requirement. After requesting that the committee negotiate some changes to the proposed contract, council authorized making the reservation.

Greenbelt New Year

Despite Councilmember Thomas White's observation that "All we do around here is celebrate," council unanimously approved \$1,500 to help support the entertainment program and other expenses for a New Year's Eve celebration in the city modeled after "First Night Annapolis." The program is being sponsored by the Recreation Department and a community volunteer group.

Presentations

Mayor Bram presented Deputy City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams with the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Accounting," which has been awarded to the city for 13 consecutive years.

Ralph Bram, president of the Greenbelt Lions Club, presented the city with a copy of the "Greenbelt Game," in recognition of the city's support in purchasing a square in the game. Sales of the game will support club activities in the community.

Leave Pool

Council unanimously approved establishment of a leave pool in which city employees can donate annual leave to new community planner Terri Hruby, whose husband recently suffered a brain injury that has kept Hruby from work for an extended period.

New City Positions

Under position descriptions presented by the city manager, the position of Public Information and Communications Coordinator will be upgraded to a higher level of pay and responsibility and a new City Treasurer position will be established. These proposals stem from the appointment of former Deputy City Manager McLaughlin as City Manager. Without a deputy city manager, who had served as city treasurer and taken responsibility for several cable television issues, the responsibilities of other employees will be upgraded to cover these tasks. Formal action on these proposals will be taken at the next council meeting.

City Boards

Council accepted the resignations of Beverly Lynch from the Crime Prevention Committee, Ava Ramey from the Advisory Committee on Education and Dorothy Sucher from the Arts Advisory Committee.

Local Theater to Do Staged Play Readings

Silver Spring Stage, 10145 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, will hold a series of staged readings of original plays beginning next Friday. Playwrights interested in submitting scripts for original one-act and full-length plays must submit one copy of the script and a resume by December 20 to Carol Leahy, 11013 Seven Hills Lane, Potomac, MD, 20854. For information, call 301-593-6036.



Debit Cards Offer Convenience at a Cost

Many area banks now offer consumers the option of using a debit card to pay for purchases. The cards are convenient, but consumers should know the costs and the risks, according to Attorney General J. Joseph Curran Jr.'s latest issue of the monthly publication, *Tips for Tough Times*.

Some banks are sending replacement ATM cards that double as debit cards. Since the cards often bear the Visa or MasterCard logo, consumers might be confused about what the card is and how it works. Beware: this is not a credit card. The plastic cards look like credit cards but work like a check, debiting the amount of the purchase

from the customer's checking account.

The cards can be used on-line or off-line. In on-line transactions, the consumer must supply an access code. In off-line transactions, no code is required and the customer signs a receipt just like a credit card transaction.

Off-line transactions provide an opportunity for fraud because a crook could use the card to empty out a consumer's checking account, Curran warns. The amount of money that can be stolen from the consumer is higher with a debit card than with a credit card. If a credit card is stolen, the maximum amount the consumer would have to pay for unauthorized charges is \$50 per card.

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SCHOOL

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program, as well as an athletes' and coaches' dinner.

"They (Chevy Chase bank) have really stepped up in a big way," said Davis. The bank is working with two other middle schools, one in the District of Columbia, and another in Maryland, and, according to Hatton, hopes to eventually hook the three schools up together.

Library of Congress On-Line Service

The National Digital Library Program of the Library of Congress welcomes students to a new school year with a "Back to School Special" on the Learning Page, site for teachers and students available on the Library of Congress World Wide Web homepage at <http://www.loc.gov/>.

The "Back to School Special," available September 16, includes a new area called "Learn More About It!" Here teachers and students will find pages full of helpful hints for using on-line documents, photographs, motion pictures and sound recordings available from the American Memory historical collections on the Library's website. For example, users can access illustrated guides to the content covered by each on-line collection. Teachers will find ideas on classroom uses for electronic materials.

Working in partnership with the Center for the Book of the Library of Congress, the Learning Page also features book lists under the familiar banner "Read More About It," a hallmark of the center's literacy program. For each historical collection, "Read More About It" will offer general-interest and younger-reader lists.

The Learning Page's subject search guides, called Pathfinders, have also been upgraded for the "Back to School Special." Pathfinders for Events, People, Places, Time and Topics have been expanded to include new search assistance specific to education. A new Pathfinder based on historical eras has been added to the Time Pathfinder. Three new primary source collections that went on-line in July have been mapped into the Pathfinders: the Evolution of the Conservation Movement, 1850-1920; the Gottscho-Schleisner Photographs, 1932-1960; and the Theodor Horydczak Photographs, 1920-1950.

The Learning Page is featured in the latest issue of School Library Journal (September 1996) in "History Repeats Itself: Primary Documents Go Online at the Library of Congress," by Martha Dexter, of the educational services area of the Library's National Digital Library Program.

The National Digital Library Program aims to make freely available millions of unique items from the Library's American history collections on the Internet. Begun in 1994, the program is funded by congressional appropriations and support from the private sector. More than



by Linda Savaryn
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Condolences to Gil and Muriel Weidenfeld of Ridge Road, on the death of Gil's 94 year old stepmother Eva Weidenfeld, Lakewood, N.J. Gil is a past mayor of Greenbelt.

Our sympathy to Alverta Shanahan and family on the death of her husband and their father, Lawrence.

Condolences to Celia Wilson on the death of her uncle, Hardin Graymount. Wilson is Director of Development and Planning for the City.

Baris Vural has been selected as a national outstanding campus leader and will be listed in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Baris is a junior pursuing a degree in computer engineering technology at Capitol College in Laurel.

Last month, one of our local photographers, Prospero Zevallos, was elected Vice President of the Maryland Professional Photographers' Association. Maryland is one chapter of the Professional Photographers of America, which has 14,000 members nation-wide. Prospero is a volunteer photographer for the Greenbelt News Review.

It's a girl for Kelly and Charles Noxon. Katie Lynn was born October 31, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz. She joins sister Elizabeth. The children's mother teaches second grade at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Andrew and Carole Levin, of Eastway, had a baby girl, Lillian Elana on November

22. Marine Lance Cpl. Jerome Gary, son of Jerome and Cora M. Gary of Mandan Road, recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan, with the Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

Home based in Camp Pendleton, CA, Gary's unit deployed as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unity. The 1995 graduate of ERHS joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

Army Pvt. Tae K. Kim has graduated from the armor crewman course at Fort Knox, KY. Kim is the son of Chi C. Kim of Morrison Drive.

Gallery Exhibit

The Gallery of Prince George's Memorial Library System presents "The Mysterious Life of Objects," an exhibit by Hyattsville artist Suzanne Koch. Her acrylic still lifes, rich in color and patterned surfaces, focus on everyday objects like her mother's quilts and her daughter's toys.

The show will be on display through January 3. The public is invited to the opening reception to be held on Saturday, December 14, 3-5 p.m.

The Gallery is in the Greenbelt Branch Library, 11 Crescent Road. Gallery hours are Mon.-Wed., 2-5 and 6:30-9 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat., 2-5 p.m.

Koch has shown recently at the Calvert Mansion in Riverdale, the Maryland College of Art and Design in Silver Spring and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.



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Genette Don Bullian, left, and Rebecca Bunting with competition awards.

Greenbelters Win In Beauty Contest

Two young ladies from Greenbelt recently competed in the Miss North American Scholastic Holiday Pageant on November 17 in Glen Burnie.

Rebecca Bunting, First Runner-Up in the Little Miss Greenbelt Pageant 1996, won the Photogenic and Sportswear Modeling categories in her age division, as well as winning the Holidaywear category. Rebecca also was the Overall Supreme Winner for the entire pageant, competing against girls from five to 17 years old. Winning this title qualifies Rebecca to have her Beauty, Sportswear Modeling,

Photogenic and Talent fees paid for the national competition, to be held in New York in April. She will compete there against contestants from around the country.

Genette DonBullian, Second Runner-up in the Miss Greenbelt Pageant 1996, won the Beauty, Photogenic and Sportswear Modeling titles in her age group, which qualifies her to have her Beauty fees also paid in the national competition.

Both girls won an array of trophies, banners, crowns and other prizes.

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GHI Budget Is Unveiled

by Mary Moien

The first formal reading of the 1997 Greenbelt Homes Inc.(GHI) Budget took place at the November 21 meeting of the GHI board of directors. There had been substantial discussion at the previous meeting on November 7 (and reported in the November 14 News Review), but there was little discussion of the budget at this meeting. There was additional discussion of the ivy issue and a request for Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students to earn community activity credits on GHI projects. The policy for GDC garage rentals on Parkway was also decided.

Budget

The GHI 1997 budget provides for an increase in total charges of 3.5%. The increase translates into an average increase of 3.2% for frame homes, 3.9% for masonry homes, and 4.1% for the larger homes.

The budget includes an additional \$50,000 to be put into the replacement reserves. One board member, Nat Shinderman, opposed the addition at the current time. Shinderman indicated that he felt the increase in the replacement reserves should be made at the time that a net decrease in member charges can be effected. This could be accomplished in 2000 when the HUD rehabilitation loan will be paid in full and/or in 2003 when the National Consumer Cooperative Bank loan will be paid. The other board members did not agree and the replacement reserve budget item stands.

Ivy

The removal of ivy from homes has been a frequent topic. Some members have had their ivy removed as part of the yard inspection program and others still desire to keep the ivy. The board had asked the Architecture and Environment Committee to review and possibly suggest changes to the policy. The committee recommended that "the Board of Directors.. grant special exceptions for ivy and/or climbing vines with the proviso that the member abides by the Statement of Responsibility." The statement would be a signed statement; however board members were not certain that the signed statement would be enforceable. The topic was tabled until GHI gets an opinion from its attorneys.

Community Service

Natalie Arnold, a student at ERHS, addressed the board regarding the need for high school seniors to complete 36 hours of community service. Arnold asked the board to consider letting seniors do

At the Library

P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11.

On Thursday, December 12, Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5 at 10:15 a.m. and Tickle Toddle Storytime for two year olds and parents or caregiver at 11:15 a.m.

For more information on these or other programs, call the library at 301-345-5800.

volunteer work in GHI. The board was interested in this issue and will identify community service activities that meet the requirements of the school system.

Parkway Garages

The Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), a subsidiary of GHI, met also. The 1997 budget was approved. It was noted that while gross rental income continues to be ahead of budgeted figures, the net total income for the third quarter is down \$1,500 due to an overly large vacancy loss.

A revised rental garage policy for the GDC apartment garages was discussed and accepted. GDC tenants housing a vehicle have first priority whenever fewer than ten garages are rented by GDC tenants. GDC tenants and GHI members housing a vehicle have second priority. The third priority goes to non-GDC Parkway Road residents storing a vehicle. GHI tenants housing a vehicle have fourth priority.

Second garages for GDC tenants and GHI members housing a vehicle have fifth priority.

Second garages for non-GDC Parkway Road residents storing a vehicle have sixth priority. The seventh priority goes to non-vehicle storage.

(Article compiled from information provided by GHI)

Eating Disorder Group Meets

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park sponsors an Eating Disorders Support Group designed for individuals with eating disorders and their families and friends. The group meets on the first four Saturdays of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. This month they will take place on Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

Sing along With Messiah

All are invited to sing Handel's Messiah with the Laurel Oratorio Society on Saturday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Laurel Presbyterian Church, 7510 Old Sandy Spring Road, Laurel. There is a fee at the door, and no audition is required. People can bring their own music or rent a score for a nominal fee. For more information call (202) 624-2741.

Chromatics at GAC On Friday, Dec. 20

by Shirl Phelps

Perhaps you saw the Chromatics performing at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival - a rockin', Doo-woppin', homegrown a capella group whose songs are as dazzling as their rainbow-colored shirts.

If you missed that performance, this Greenbelt-based group is coming back to the Arts Center on Friday, December 20, at 8 p.m. They say performing in Greenbelt is special.

"Greenbelt audiences have always been great and we enjoy every opportunity to sing here," says Steve Leete, a co-founder of the group. "Part of the enjoyment is all the people from Goddard and our friends and neighbors."

The ten-member group performed at the New Deal Cafe recently. Using only their voices, they filled the room with a tapestry of rich, tightly woven harmony. Energy and enthusiasm rippled and flowed from the performers to the audience and back again. At times, it is hard to say who is having more fun; the audience or the singers. The songs are punctuated with smiles, jokes and laughter.

"Singing with the group is like a dream come true for me," says member Paul Kolb. "I love the camaraderie and singing with people who are better than I am. It is more fun than my job."

Karen Smale adds jokingly, "It's that pesky day job that keeps getting in the way."

Although they have the dedicated polish of profes-

sional musicians, all the members have full-time lives in addition to singing. Some work at Goddard Spaceflight Center and some work elsewhere, but this shared avocation is leading them into great things. On December 26, the Chromatics will be performing at the White House.

"It was a hobby group," says bass singer Alan Smale. "We did little concerts at Goddard and became better and more serious over time. We blended and meshed better and we started to think that we could really do this."

The repertoire of the group ranges from classic Doo-wop, Gregorian chants, folk tunes, madrigals, to also include selections from the Beatles, Paul Simon, and West Side Story. For a modern twist, the group takes songs straight from the radio to arrange into an a capella format from artists like Alanis Morissette and Sophie B. Hawkins. Newest member, John Meyer, also contributes original works of his own like "Goddess of the Internet."

"I've been looking for a group like this for ten years," says Meyer.

The new year is not even here, yet they already have thirty performances, both public and private, scheduled. Also, they plan to start recording their music next year.

With all of this, the Chromatics plan to be here not only on December 20 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Arts Center but also to perform again at the New Deal Cafe as well as at next year's Labor Day Festival. Says Steve

United Cerebral Palsy Needs Donated Cars

Avoid the year end rush and have donated vehicles towed before the holidays. United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) urges donors to call now to donate so vehicles can be removed with minimal wait. Donations must be made by December 30 to receive credit for the current tax year.

To donate a car or other vehicle to United Cerebral Palsy call 301-262-4993, ext. 16 or 1-800-621-9403, ext. 16. UCP handles all details including paper processing, towing the vehicle and selling it at an auction. The whole process can go very quickly. There is no charge to the donor.

For the donor's tax purposes, UCP provides a statement of estimated retail value from the N.A.D.A. Appraisal Guide for autos/trucks, 1979 or newer. UCP will pick up vehicles anywhere in the area. All vehicles are accepted, running or not, car or truck. Trailers, boats and RVs also are accepted.

All proceeds go to UCP to help support its many programs. These include residential, employment training, community living training, summer respite for children, career development for high school students, and others.

Leete, "It is nice to feel supported by our community. We appreciate people who make a specific effort to come see us." The Greenbelt Arts Center is located next to the Post Office in the heart of old Greenbelt. To make reservations to hear the Chromatics on December 20, call 301-441-8770.

Greenbelt CARES

Carol Leventhal, CARES director, attended the 30th annual convention of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, held in New York City, November 21-24. The CARES psychological consultant, Norm Epstein, Ph.D., was one of the workshop presenters at the meeting.

Tammy Mountcastle attended a planning meeting with the guidance counselor at Springhill Lake Elementary School in anticipation of a new group they will be leading. The group will serve fourth grade students that are experiencing motivation difficulties in school. The group is scheduled to begin in early December.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A 19-year-old Greenbelt resident man was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning, November 24, and charged with disorderly conduct. The man, along with two others, attempted to enter the bar at the Holiday Inn on Hanover Drive. All three were underage. After being asked to leave the property, the man began yelling profanities and was subsequently arrested. He was released on citation pending trial.

A 17-year-old nonresident youth was arrested, charged with possession of a concealed deadly weapon, on Monday afternoon, November 25. Officers found a knife in the youth's possession while responding to a call of pos-

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

sible truants in the area of Gardenway near the B/W Parkway. The youth was released into the custody of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a parent was notified.

A glass patio door of a residence in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane was broken out on Saturday evening around 5:30 p.m., November 23.

Thefts and Burglaries

Police are looking for a man described as black, 25 - 30 years old, 6' tall, weighing about 230 lbs. The man was seen leaving a laundry room in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace around 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 24. A coin box in the room had been broken into.

Other thefts reported include: money from a locker at Greenbelt Middle School on Monday morning, November 25; documents and file from two office suites in the 7500 block of Greenway

Center Drive on Monday morning, November 25; a portable CD player from an office in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road on Monday morning, November 25; and a cellular telephone from a jacket at Teepees at Beltway Plaza on Tuesday evening, November 26.

Vehicle Thefts and Recoveries

A 1988 Acura Legend was reported stolen from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on Saturday morning, November 23. The vehicle was recovered later the same day by Metropolitan Police. A 26-year-old DC man was arrested in connection with the recovery.

A 1983 Buick LeSabre four-door, NY tags N441MV, was reported stolen from Beltway Plaza on Saturday evening, November 23.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5 Court of Crescent Road, 9200 block of Edmonston Road, 6000 and 7400 blocks of Greenbelt Road, 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, 8100 block of Mandan Terrace, 15 and 16 Courts and 400 block of Ridge Road, and 6100 block of Springhill Terrace.

Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, 474-5454.

Tree Identification Program at Park

Learn how to identify trees with a park ranger at Greenbelt Park December 14. Meet the ranger at 11 a.m. at the Blueberry Nature Trail.

How to Buy Firewood

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis R. Riley reminds all citizens that when they purchase firewood, they should make certain that the wood is sold by the "cord." The Maryland Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures Section regulates the sale of firewood and according to Maryland law, wood sold for use as fuel can only be adver-

tised, offered for sale and sold by measure using the term cord and fractional parts of a cord.

"Many terms commonly used in selling firewood are meaningless. Such terms as truckload, arm full, face cord, rack or pile should immediately arouse suspicions of the customer. They are all illegal under Maryland law," Riley said.

A cord, on the other hand, has a precise legal definition. It is the amount of wood that is contained in a space of 128 cubic feet, when the wood is ranked and well stowed. Ranked and well stowed means that the pieces of wood are placed in a line or row, with individual pieces touching and parallel to each other and stacked in a compact manner. Cubic feet is calculated by multiplying the width of the stack by its height by its length.

According to Lou Straub, chief of Weights and Measures, it is important that when the consumer accepts bulk delivery of firewood, the order comes with a delivery ticket. The law requires that all bulk sales of firewood have a delivery ticket containing the vendor's name and address, the quantity of wood delivered, the cost of the wood, the type of the wood, a signature of the person who determined the quantity of the wood delivered and the license number that identifies the vehicle that transported the wood.

Late Bulletin

On Wednesday, December 4 at about 1:30 a.m. Greenbelt Police officers responded to the 7900 block of Mandan Road for a report of a rape. Investigation revealed that the victim, a 20 year old woman, parked her car in the parking lot, and was walking across the grassy median to a residence when she was approached by a man who threw her to the ground, struck her in the face several times and then raped her, according to police spokesperson Pfc. George F. Mathews. After raping the victim, the man removed money from her purse and fled the scene on foot. The man was last seen running from the parking lot toward the residences in the 7900 block of Mandan Road. He is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", a medium build, brown eyes, black hair, and a dark complexion, and last seen wearing a dark shirt, a green jacket, dark pants and gloves.



Become a Volunteer

Come Monday, Dec. 9, from 6 - 9 p.m. to the Hampton Inn in Landover to find out how to become an American Cancer Society Volunteer. Volunteers with the Prince George's County Unit will be there to answer questions. The Hampton Inn is located at 9421 West Largo Drive in Landover. Light refreshments will be served. To sign up for the meeting and for further information, call (301) 933-9350.

Help Plan Forum On Nonviolence

The next meeting of the Prince George's Peace and Justice Caucus will take place Monday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m., at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church, Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue.

The chief item for consideration is the planned community forum dealing with two aspects of personal nonviolence. How can the many minor disputes that continually occur in families, on highways, in boy-girl relationships and all other parts of people's lives be prevented from escalating into serious, if not deadly conflicts?

The second phase of the forum will treat the issue of what can be done when someone is faced with an immediate threat of violence. Although no method can be guaranteed to prevent violence, there are responses that can minimize the prospect of being victimized.

The forum will discuss patterns of behavior that in many cases have been found to prevent or greatly reduce violence. Monday's meeting will mainly be devoted to planning a forum to achieve these goals. Everyone interested is invited to attend. For additional information, call Bertram Donn, 301/474-1353.

Shakespeare Comes To U. of Maryland

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be presented by the National Players at the Tawes Theatre at the University of Maryland at College Park December 5, 6, 7, at 8 p.m. and December 8 at 2 p.m. For information call 301-405-2201 (Voice or TTY).

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causes of crime, the MJPI Board feels that there is an urgent need to try to bring together the best and most imaginative minds in order to give this problem serious attention.

The Board thinks that a comprehensive strategy to prevent crime can be designed and implemented. But it may be necessary to devise this strategy with people who have little or no connection with law enforcement, because any truly comprehensive strategy must focus on other areas, including environmental factors and the creation of alternative opportunities for those most likely to engage in violent and predatory behavior. Anyone interested in volunteering should call the office of Frank Dunbaugh, (410) 974-0555.

Student Workers Get State Tax Break

According to Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein, students and other part-time workers who expect to have less than \$6,550 in income during 1996 can be exempt from having Maryland income tax withheld from their paychecks by properly completing Maryland withholding Form 507. High school counselors and college placement personnel will be provided with forms and information that students can take directly to their employers. Students merely complete some personal information, leaving employers with no further paperwork in most cases.

Both large and small businesses who hire students for part-time work or other seasonal help may benefit from being aware of this tax policy. A minimum wage employee can work about 1,300 hours or 167 eight-hour work days before earning the \$6,550 minimum filing amount.

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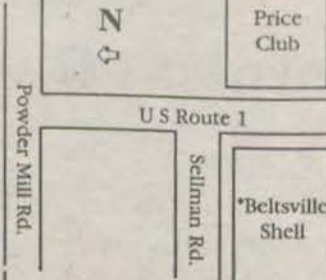


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Approved and recommended by the National Association of School Nurses, Open Airways For Schools is an entertaining and highly interactive approach to asthma education. Through flip charts, posters, role playing, games and discussions, children are taught what is asthma, proper use of their medications, what triggers an asthma attack, how to prevent an asthma attack, and when to call for help. Handouts for the children and for their parents reinforce the lessons taught in the six 40 minute sessions.

Any civic group, club or company interested in providing Open Airways For Schools in the school of their choice is urged to contact the Lung Association.

Parents interested in having Open Airways For Schools in their elementary school should contact the principal.

Further information on Open Airways For Schools and asthma can be obtained by calling the American Lung Association of Maryland at 301-572-3205.

Metro Alert System

Metro will adopt the Five-Penguin Alert System for reporting information on levels of service to the public during inclement winter weather. The Five-Penguin System, which was introduced by the Metropolitan Washington Area Council of Governments (COG), will help area residents understand street clearing and transit system schedules under various winter storm conditions.

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EPA Lead Paint Rule Affects Home Sales

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reminding the general public and industry that the recently released lead paint disclosure rule will affect all real estate sales and rentals, with few exceptions, as of Friday, December 6, 1996. The principal purpose of the rule is to warn the public of lead poisoning hazards, so they can take actions to prevent their children and other family members from becoming victims of this disease.

Effective December 6, 1996, before a sales contract or rental agreement is finalized, the following steps are required:

- Sellers and landlords must disclose known lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards and give available reports to buyers or new and renewing renters.

- Sellers and landlords must give buyers and renters the pamphlet, *Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home*.

- Home buyers have 10 days to conduct a lead-paint inspection at their own expense.

- Sales contracts and leasing agreements must include certain notification and disclosure language. Sellers, lessors and real estate agents share joint responsibility to ensure compliance with this rule.

For fact sheets, copies of the residential disclosure brochure or sample disclosure forms, call the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at (800) 424-LEAD. For copies of the rules, please call (202) 554-1404. The rules and certain disclosure documents are also available through the Internet at: gopher.epa.gov/docs/lead_pm For general information on lead issues, call the EPA Region III customer service hotline at 1-800-438-2474.

Study Circle Group Forming in County

The Prince George's County Human Relations Commission will host a series of small-group discussions throughout the area on race relations. Everyone is invited to participate; there is no cost. Interested participants should call the Human Relations Commission at 301-883-6170.

These discussions are designed to bring citizens together to share concerns and ideas on what might be done about improving race relations in Prince George's County. The Commission is involved in an extensive collaboration among county institutions and citizens on this critical issue.

Study Circles, a model of group dialogue, have been chosen

as the vehicle to increase citizen involvement. Study Circles meet for approximately two hours once a week for five weeks. These sessions evolve into successive rounds of in-depth discussion.

The participants are challenged with the opportunity to develop their own views and to connect their experiences to public issues. Study Circles enable individuals to disagree without being disagreeable or feeling threatened, and to explore others' beliefs and perceptions. New friendships and community connections are established as well as an opportunity to talk about personal concerns with others.



Greenbelt Golden Age Club members wait to enter the Conference House on Staten Island, part of their tour of the islands of New York City harbor on October 20 - 21. At this home representatives of the Continental Congress met with the British Military Commander to discuss avoiding the American Revolution. The Americans found the British terms unacceptable.

- photo by James Giese



Greenbelt Golden Age Club members took the ferry to Ellis Island, a stop on their two-day tour of the islands of New York harbor, October 20 - 21. Greenbelters among the passengers in the picture are Bernie McGee (foreground), Jim Williamson (in trench coat looking at New York City skyline) and Jack Taylor (seated at end of park bench on right).

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