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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Bus Stop Versus Parking Conflict Ends in Stalemate

by Diane Oberg

In the most recent conflict between parking and bus stops, parking won, at least for the time being. As the vote neared, Mayor Judith Davis' frustration was clear. "It's interesting how we change," she said. "Council members say, let's make sure people can have access to public transportation." By taking no action at that night's meeting, she said, council had maintained a situation where disabled people "cannot get to the bus without practically crawling."

The issue, at the November 22 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, was how to balance the competing needs of motorists, residents and bus riders regarding the bus stop located on southbound Southway (heading towards Ridge Road) at Crescent Road opposite the Municipal Building. Currently three parking places are located in front of the bus stop. When filled, these spaces prevent buses from pulling to the curb. Their standing away from the curb blocks motorists attempting to turn onto Southway to reach the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Road.

Bus riders must walk between the parked cars to get to the bus, which can be particularly difficult for people with mobility limitations. It also limits the usefulness of the "kneeling" feature of Metrobuses, which is fully effective

only when the bus is right next to the curb.

To get feedback on the problem, the city sent a survey to residents of the 1 and 2 Courts of Southway. Only three residents returned the survey, two of whom opposed eliminating parking at the bus stop. City staff noted that parking near the corner of Southway and Crescent Road is "at a premium," that no accidents have occurred there and that similar situations exist at other bus stops in the city. In the absence of consensus among the city staff regarding what, if any, action should be taken, City Manager Michael McLaughlin proposed prohibiting parking at the bus stop between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for a six month trial period.

In the end, council also reached no agreement about what action should be taken. On a 4-1 vote with Davis opposed, council sent the issue back to staff with directions to look at other approaches. Councilmembers Thomas White, Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts and Alan Turnbull opposed eliminating parking in that area without consideration of other possible approaches. Davis favored giving McLaughlin's proposal a try.

Turnbull proposed taking out one space and "bump[ing] out

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Jaeger Tract Development Project in State of Flux

by Elaine Skolnik

The Jaeger tract saga is currently adding another chapter to its long and complicated history. Situated east of Kenilworth Avenue and jutting into the 1,100 acre Greenbelt Park like two massive horns of a bull, the Jaeger tract returns to the spotlight because ADC and C Management Company (ADC), a New York-based firm, is studying the feasibility of developing the two remaining tracts (17.4 and 3.7 acres) of the 76.57 acre Jaeger property.

Already housed on almost 56 acres of the property are the two high-rise apartment towers of Westchester Park — one with 308 condominium units; the other with 303 rental units — and 226 two and three-level condominium townhouse/apartment units.

Since September, ADC has presented several visions for the remaining 17.4 and 3.7 acre properties. The company has not yet purchased the two sites from the seller, Chevy Chase Bank, administrators for the Jaeger Estate. In a letter to their attorney, Russell Shipley, of the law firm of Shipley & Horne, ADC partners said, "We have informed them (the sellers) that we are willing to renegotiate the contract based on a new proposed devel-

opment plan. In order to come to a final commitment with the sellers and have an immediate closing as the sellers are requesting, we would need a gesture of support from the Civic Groups of Westchester Park for the new proposed development plan."

The latest plan calls for 35 single family detached homes on the 17.4-acre parcel, which is zoned Rural Residential (RR: two units an acre). According to ADC, "These homes will be more of the larger custom type homes." An earlier proposal that was later taken off the drawing board called for 17 townhomes and 46 detached single family dwellings under the Comprehensive Design Zone/Residential Medium. Although this zone is allowed under the 1990 College Park, Langley Park, Greenbelt Master Plan and Sectional Map Amendment, a lengthy process of rezoning the tract from the existing RR zone to the Comprehensive Design Zone would be required.

ADC also requested "a gesture of support" for the 3.7-acre parcel located between the condominium townhome/apartment development and the 6100 Towers condominium building. The company proposes the development of two adult buildings totaling 60 units.

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What Goes On

Sun., Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Greenbelt East Tree Lighting,
Greenbriar Community Building

Mon., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.
Reception for Dr. Iris Metts,
Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council
Meeting, Municipal Building

Tue., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.
GATE Meeting, Community
Center

Wed., Dec. 15, 8 p.m.
Council executive session,
Municipal Building

Thur., Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
GHI Board of Directors meeting,
GHI offices, Hamilton
Place.

ERHS Again Gets National Recognition

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and its principal, Dr. Gerald L. Boarman, received more honors at a White House presentation ceremony on November 19. ERHS is one of 13 schools designated as 1999 New American High Schools by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) throughout the country this year. Seventeen other schools have been previously honored in 1996 and 1998. ERHS adds this recognition to two previous national recognitions as a Blue Ribbon School.

The New American High School initiative identifies leading-edge high schools from across the nation that have dramatically improved the quality of education for all students and assists other schools in that endeavor. "These New American High Schools are setting a new standard of excellence for all students," said U. S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley. "Their extraordinary reform efforts are grounded in classroom innovation, breakthrough instructional methods, imaginative technology use, and partnerships with colleges and communities."

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New Year 2000 Plans Are Biggest & Best Yet

by Patti Brothers

Those who haven't already made plans for bringing in the new year, and also the new century, can join friends and neighbors at Greenbelt New Year 2000, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Many volunteers have been involved in planning this very special, expanded event, which begins at 6 p.m. on Braden Field with a fireworks display.

The evening's activities will then move indoors at five different locations. The Community Center will host the great rhythm and sounds of Trinidad and Tobago — wear your island apparel! Kaydee Puppets will delight the audience with wonderful "let your imagination take you away" puppet shows. Bridges to Bliss will entertain the entire family with their fun, whimsical songs. Dave Schulman will demonstrate his great juggling, how-does-he-keep-all-those-things-up-in-the-air skills. The

children's craft room, run by Barbara Simon, will be open once again for a night full of creativity. For those who feel like dancing, Blackberry will play their toe-tapping, get-your-feet-moving Cajun music, opening with a dance lesson. John Hill will provide the party goes with a full night of music from his acoustic guitar and wonderful voice. The Futures & Fortunes Gift Shop and the artist's studios will also be open for your shopping pleasure. DC motors will begin the final celebration and ring in the New Year in fine style with their great, nonstop sounds that span the last four decades.

Youth Center

The Youth Center will have lots of "get involved" activities for everyone — sumo wrestling (can you get up once you fall down?), an obstacle course (try to out-run your neighbor) and a karaoke DJ who will provide

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Greenbelt Places 4th In County Snow Rodeo

by Barry Bernstein

The Greenbelt Public Works Department co-sponsored a snow rodeo at Redskins Stadium with the county's Public Works Department on October 27. The event was also sponsored by the Council of Governments (COG), Local Government Insurance Fund (LGIT), and Injured Workers Insurance Fund (IWIF).

The city of Greenbelt initiated the idea of this year's snow rodeo as early as last January, which gained interest from the county. The last snow rodeo took place three or four years ago because interest lapsed. Next year, the city would like to have a smaller rodeo in Greenbelt.

"It is good for the morale of

city workers," Bill Phelan, Greenbelt horticulturist, said.

The three different competitions comprising the rodeo included a circle of safety which was a safety check of a dump truck's brake system, lighting system, etc.; a written test of a Maryland motor vehicle law; and an obstacle course which was a drive through with barrels and barricades. Total points for over 15 jurisdictions including Washington National Airport were added up after all three events were completed. Large and small jurisdictions competed in different events. Greenbelt placed fourth of seven teams in the smaller jurisdiction events.

Mayor Judith Davis and

(See SNOW, page 11)



l. to. r. Connie Harris, Greenbelt Human Resource Officer; Leslie Messer, partner to Greenbelt, P.G. County Public Works; Mayor Judith Davis; Kenneth Hall, Acting Public Works Administrator; Kay Graham, partner, County Emergency Preparedness; and City Councilman Rodney Roberts. In the background are city employees Tommy Ray, Gene Diest and Charles Rall.

- photo, by Joseph J. Zelinka, Public Safety, Program Coordinator, COG

Highly Satisfying

Our congratulations to the Greenbelt Metro station Sector Planning Group for producing a preferred concept plan for the land at and next to the Metro station.

For over two years these citizens and community leaders from Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt voluntarily gave up a number of Saturdays and many evenings to put together the concept plan. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission planning staff who worked with them were very pleased with their work. Considering the diverse points of view of those participating, achieving consen-

sus is a true accomplishment. We hope that the plan will become a useful guide to both the developers and the county officials.

We also commend two of this paper's dedicated reporters, Virginia Beauchamp and Elaine Skolnik, who gave up much of their time to cover and report on the doings of the Sector Planning Group. We believe that this paper is the only area newspaper to have provided comprehensive coverage of this important planning exercise. Virginia's and Elaine's willingness to attend these many long meetings made this outcome possible.

We Need to Know More

Although we have serious reservations about building a full interchange of the Capital Beltway at the Greenbelt Metro Station, we think that the Greenbelt City Council acted prematurely in opposing it. The proposed interchange would also serve the proposed Metroland Development and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) administrative center. Until land use around the station is determined, the need for the interchange cannot be assessed. Before we say no to an interchange, we want to know the effect on development and on traffic in Greenbelt. Those who think that denying an interchange will prevent development in this area are burying their heads in the sand.

At the same time, we do question the merits of building a full interchange: i.e., an interchange with ramps to provide

access to the Metro site from and to the east, as well as full Beltway access to the USDA. We are not satisfied with the answers that have been given to many important questions:

How will environmentally sensitive lands in the area be protected?

What are the visual and physical impacts of a design that has ramps crossing the Metro Yard and CSX tracks while connecting to a road that runs beside the railroad tracks, that is to go under the Beltway?

Will building a full interchange put more traffic on an already overcrowded Beltway, instead of promoting mass transit?

Lastly, should Maryland taxpayers bear the cost of this expensive structure when it appears to primarily benefit a private developer?

Letter

Please Help!

On November 21, Sunday, at about 5:30, we were walking our dog, Zany, behind the GHI offices in the woods. Zany was chasing deer and having a great time, like she has many other times. Except this time she ran deep into the woods and must have gotten turned around in the dark.

We searched and searched for her. We talked to many residents that back to the woods. Some reported seeing her. We put up signs offering a reward of \$100.

We still have not found our dog. Zany is part of our family. We miss her, we love her and we desperately want her back.

Please, if you have her, return her. Zany's kid Nick (age 9) is very sad. Zany is a black Lab, 1 1/2 years old, very friendly, 82 lbs. She had a purple collar. 301-614-3553.

Thank you,
Tina and John Morris
Southway

Maryland Boy Choir Christmas Concert

On Saturday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m., the Maryland Boy Choir will present its 17th Annual Christmas Concert at University United Methodist Church on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. The choir, under the leadership of Joan McFarland, will present a staged production of Gian Carlo Menotti's one-act Christmas opera, Amahl and the Night Visitors, featuring choir alumni as soloists, along with traditional songs of the season and an audience sing-along. There is a fee. Tickets may be purchased at the door 30 minutes before concert time; no reservations will be taken in advance. For additional information call the Maryland Boy Choir at 301-559-3456.

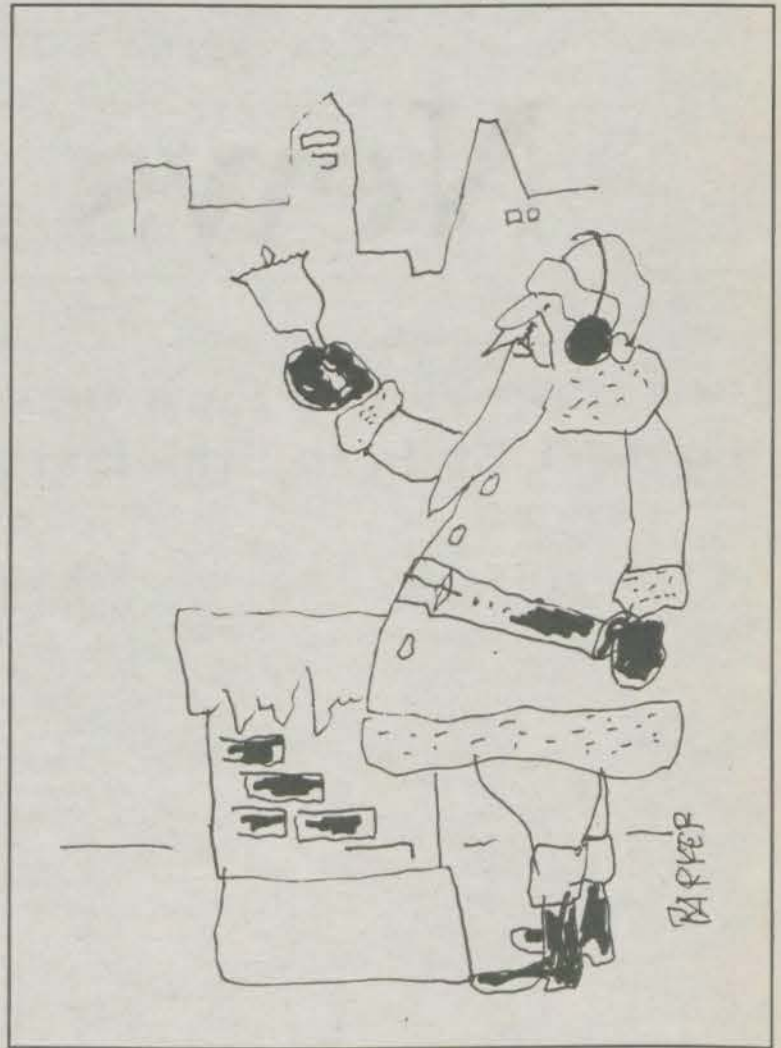
A GATE Board Meeting Is Cancelled

Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) will not be holding the previously scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, December 21 due to the holidays. The board will continue the current schedule on the third Tuesday of the month, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio, second floor of the Community Center.

GATE will be holding its monthly introductory camera class on Wednesday, January 5 from 7-10 p.m. in the Studio.

For further information please contact Malia Murray at the Studio 301-507-6581 or at home 301-627-3082.

The Old Curmudgeon



"I'm dreaming of a white http://www.com Christmas..."

AMI Support Groups Meet

A free support group for families who deal with mental illness will be held on Tuesday, December 14 (second Tuesday) at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose room of the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. The group is sponsored by the AMI of Prince George's County, Inc. (Alliance for the Mentally Ill).

Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m. AMI will also hold a workshop at Landover Mall. John Allen, director of consumer affairs, mental health division, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will speak on dealing with changes in entitlements for people with disabilities.

Pre-Solstice Walk At Greenbelt Park

Join a Park Ranger on an easy three mile or less trail walk to celebrate the coming change of season. Walkers will discuss the astronomy of the Winter solstice and enjoy the last of the fall lights and weather. Dress appropriately and wear comfortable shoes. They'll also hunt for the Y2K bug. Meet at the Ranger station on Saturday, December 18, 1 p.m. For more information call 301-344-3944.

The workshop will be held in the Community Policing Station located inside the entrance to Promenade 3 of Landover Mall, at Landover Road and Brightseat Road.



City Notes

The streets crew applied crack sealer on Southway, Westway, Breezewood Drive, and Hanover Parkway, and patched Mandan Road. They cleaned catch basins and underpasses and patched potholes around the city.

Leaves were hauled to the county facility for disposal.

The special operations crew decorated the roof of the city office building and set up stages, barricades and trash cans for the tree lighting ceremony.

The parks crew began installation of an irrigation system on Braden Field and continued leaf collection using the leaf vacuum and posted the area for next week.

The horticulture crew decorated Roosevelt Center and around the city office building for the Festival of Lights. They planted additional pansies at Schrom Hills Park.

Gray Panthers

The Greenbelt Gray Panthers will be included in the annual Festival of Lights celebration and will sponsor a pot-luck supper at the Community Center on Saturday, December 18 from 5 - 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Bring a favorite food item and anecdote or memory to share with others. Call 301-474-6890 or 301-474-6668 for further information.

Advisory Planning Bd. Sets Public Hearing

The Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center (Senior Classroom), 15 Crescent Road, on an application filed by the City of Greenbelt for consideration of a request for a Department from Sign Design Standards for premises located at 129 Crescent Road. The applicant is requesting permission to exceed the allowable building sign area for the purpose of installing a changeable letter band at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2-4 p.m., 8-10 p.m., Tuesday 8-10 p.m.

Greenbelt Post Office Christmas Hours

The Christmas extended hours for the Greenbelt Post Office beginning December 11 are as follows:

- Saturday: Dec. 11 & Dec. 18, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Monday - Friday: Dec. 13 thru Dec. 17, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Sunday: Dec. 19, ONLY 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monday - Thursday: Dec. 20 thru Dec. 23, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday: Dec. 24, Normal Hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GHI Notes

The newsletter committee will meet Monday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Marketing Committee meets Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Member & Community Relations Committee meets Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Thursday, December 16 starting at 7:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

The Combined Choir Concert Is Dec. 19

The Greenbelt Combined Choir's free concert will be Sunday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Church. Jean Cook is once again directing the choir. Mary Shipley is pianist and organist.

The program includes a traditional English carol, as well as the spiritual "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?," a calypso carol "Who's Gonna Tell the Story?," and "An American Carol Sampler," which is folk carols all composed and popular during the 1800s. Soloists will be Rena Hull, Mary Hillstrom, Jim Tilton, Ralph Webb, Ginny Wells and Ginny Williams.

The combined choir will also give a concert for the residents of Green Ridge House Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Star Gazing Party At Northway Field

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be holding a star gazing session on Saturday, December 11 at the Thomas N. Wolfe ball field (Northway Fields) at the end of Northway. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 10:30 p.m.

Local amateur and professional astronomers will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of the spectacular nova in the constellation Aquila, Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, globular star clusters, constellations, double stars and nebulae. The event is free and open to the public. Since star parties are dedicated to observing the night sky, they will only be held if the sky is clear enough to permit observing. Star parties will not be held if skies are overcast or mostly cloudy. If in doubt call 301-277-4041 and leave a message.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be Thursday, December 16, 7:30 p.m. at the H. B. Owens Science Center. Special guest will be Ian Durham with a short planetarium show on the winter solstice at Stonehenge. The public is invited to attend.

Community Events

Y2K Committee Needs Citizens Help

The Greenbelt Y2K Community Preparedness Group will have a meeting open to all residents at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 16 in the dining hall at the Community Center. The group will be preparing to help Greenbelt respond to any disruptions that may occur due to Y2K. Those who have Citizens Band radio or would like to volunteer to be on call at the beginning of the new year are encouraged to attend. Call 301-441-3809 for information.

Greens Will Meet

The Greenbelt Greens will meet on Monday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Police Station, at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads.

There will be a discussion of the recent Greenbelt election and future plans for Greenbelt. There will also be a report on the World Trade Organization protest in Seattle. Refreshments will be served. For further information phone 301-474-1998.

Ranger Station Host Needed

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking volunteers to help answer phones, and greet campground visitors in a warm and friendly environment. This position is available on each day of the week in four-hour shifts; 8 a.m.-noon and noon-4 p.m.

Contact Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

Reading Aloud Tips Available at Library

"Tips for Reading Aloud to Young Children," a guide for parents, grandparents, child care workers and anyone who spends leisure time with children, is available at the Prince George's County Memorial Library System.

According to the librarians' tip sheet, reading aloud to children helps prepare them to learn to read. Suggestions on the list include: make a special time for reading aloud and read about people, places and things seen on television.

Co-op Vouchers List Wrong Rate

Jim Cassels, chairman of the Greenbelt Co-op, reports that some of the informational statements included with the recent mailing of patronage refund vouchers showed an incorrect patronage refund rate. The correct rate is 0.01160, which was correctly stated in the article about the patronage refunds in last week's News Review.

The Co-op regrets the error.

Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

Greenbriar will host the Greenbelt East Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 12, at 7 p.m. in the Community Building, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway. Choir members from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will sing songs of the season. A reception will follow in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. Everyone is welcome. For further details call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

At the Library

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime. Ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Storytime. Ages 3 - 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time. Two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Superintendent Meets To Attend Reception

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Iris T. Metts has accepted an invitation by the City Council and the Advisory Committee on Education to attend a public reception at the Municipal Building on Monday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. Metts will deliver a brief talk at the City Council meeting that follows at 8 p.m. The meeting will be cablecast live on municipal access channel B-10, and re-broadcast on Tuesday and Thursday.

Rec. Dept. Sponsors Santa, Pictures, Ride

The Recreation Department's celebration of the Festival of Lights will continue this week when Santa comes to the Youth Center on Saturday, December 11, from 10 a.m. — noon. Greenbelt children who want to let him know what they are wishing for should bring their lists. Participants will receive a picture with Santa and can have the visit recorded on video if they bring a VHS tape. This event is free.

On Thursday, December 16, the Greenbelt Park rangers will escort Greenbelt residents to the lights at Watkins Regional Park. Participants will ride through a holiday display featuring thousands of lights and then return for light refreshments. This program is free; however, interested participants must pre-register. Call 301-397-2200 for more details.

Officer Installation At Democratic Club

Installation of the club's officers for 1999-2000 will take place at the Annual Holiday Social of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt to be held on Friday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

Prince George's County Councilmember M. K. (Jim) Estep (D-Upper Marlboro) will conduct the swearing-in ceremony. Officers elected at the November meeting are President Jim Inzeo; Vice-presidents Konrad Herling of precinct 21-03, Emory Harman of precinct 21-06, Kurt Walter of precinct 21-08, and Tim Tilghman of precinct 21-13; Treasurer, Sylvia Lewis; Recording Secretary, Mary Vondrak; Corresponding Secretary, Pat Unger; and Sergeant-at-arms, Ben Barnes.

Estep will also give a short slide presentation on the recent report "A Region Divided: The State of Growth in Greater Washington, DC," prepared by the Brookings Institution on Urban and Metropolitan Policy.

The public is welcome to attend. Members will provide desserts for the social hour.

Photo Club Meets

The Greenbelt Photo Club will meet Tuesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Members will show and critique photos taken on the November field shoot at Greenbelt Lake. All are welcome to attend and bring favorite shots of Greenbelt Lake. For more information, call 301-779-6576.



Donation Drop-Off

The December Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, December 11 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be reused by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Remember — Donation Drop-Off is the second Saturday of every month.

**RECEPTION FOR DR. METTS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING SECOND FLOOR
December 13, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM
December 13, 1999 - 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. Presentations
 - Dr. Iris T. Metts, Superintendent of Schools
 - Police Youth Academy Program
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
 - Community Relations Advisory Board Report
 - Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report #99-5
 - Art Advisory Board Report #99-3

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks And Recreation," by Adding a New Article VII, "Trees"
 - 1st Reading
12. A Resolution to Establish a Task Force on Millennium Communities
 - 1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

13. Selection of Fire Department Contractor
14. Award of Contract - Design Services for the Public Works Addition
15. Award of Bid - Greenbelt Lake Water Quality Improvement Phase IV
16. Award of Contract - Vitetta Architects - Greenbelt Community Center Window Project
17. Compensation Issue
18. State Legislation
- * 19. Approval of Grant Applications - Greenbelt CARES

V. 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 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, CMC
City Clerk

OBITUARY



Howard Kash

Howard Kash died suddenly on Sunday, December 5 in his home in Greenbelt. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Kash lived in Greenbelt since 1957 because, as he often said, it was the only place he'd want to raise his children. His respect and affection for the town, its beauty, its active citizenry, and its enduring principles, were foundation stones of his life for over 40 years.

He was happy, optimistic, and kind, and worked energetically in the local real estate business that he built, nurtured, and loved until the day he died.

A World War II decorated veteran, he was a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

He is survived by Fannabell Kash, his wife of 52 years; daughters Lesley Kash, who serves abroad in the Foreign Service with her husband Hank Meyer, and Kim Kash who lives in Greenbelt with her husband Michael Cooney; and his sister, Mary Jane Arthur of San Diego, CA.

Services are private. Donations may be sent to the University of Kentucky Alumni Association, Sturgill Development Building, Lexington, KY 40506-0015.

Children's Cafe Benefits Yachad

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is hosting the Third Annual Children's Cafe Tzedakah to benefit Yachad, the Jewish response to homelessness, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 11. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Children's Theater Group, the Glenarden Woods Elementary School Improv Group and many other young people will perform. Cost for admission is one nonperishable food item or a cold-weather clothing item. A donation also will be taken. The synagogue is at 10 Ridge Rd. For more information, call 301-474-4223.

Holiday Lights Concert Program

The Greenbelt Concert Band, with Tom Cherrix conducting, will present a free Holiday Lights Concert at the Community Center auditorium on Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m.

The program will feature Christmas through the Ages by Susan Christiansen, A Caribbean Christmas by James H. Burden, A Canadian Brass Christmas Suite and A Chanukah Celebration by David Bobrowitz and Kenneth Soper. There will also be special selections by Holy Trinity Girl Scout Junior Troop #2208, Bowie.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
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 December 12, 1999 - 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
 "A Ceremony of Carols"
 led by Director of Music Daniel Abraham



Barbara Wells and
 Jacob B. ten Hove,
 Co-ministers

Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Fannabell Kash and family on the death of her husband and their father, Howard Kash.

Our sympathy to Mary Moien and family on the death of her mother.

Get well wishes to Sharon Lefchick of Ridge Road, who is home recovering from surgery.

Jonathan Stephen Lange was born on Tuesday, Dec. 7 to Kathy and Jon Lange. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 14 oz. Proud grandparents are David and Sandra Lange of New Carrollton and Larry and Maria White of Greenbelt and Vero Beach, FL. The young family lives in Gaithersburg.


Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
 Municipal Building Sundays 10 A.M.

Devotional Gathering
 Saturday December 11 at 8PM

Selections from the Baha'i Holy Writings, prayers, and music followed by refreshments and a social period.

— The public is welcome —
 Greenbelt Community Center
 Multi-purpose room.
 No donations accepted.

Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160
 Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.bahai.org/>

Genetic Disorder Group Needs Help

Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing materials for mailings in the Lanham office of Neurofibromatosis, Inc. for a few hours each week. Lunch is provided. Call Mary Ann Wilson at 301-577-8984 for information or to volunteer.

Neurofibromatosis is a genetic

disorder that causes tumors to grow on the covering of the nerves anywhere in the body at any time. The disorder affects 1 in 3,000 males and females of all races and ethnic groups. At this time, there is no known cure and the symptoms are generally treated with surgery.

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 For transportation or more information call 474-4212 or contact us on the Internet at GrnBaptist@aol.com
Greenbelt Baptist Church



Is Christmas coming too fast for you? Slow down with Advent!

The Christmas season seems to start sooner every year. Many stores put up Christmas decorations the day after Halloween! We are pressured to engage in a two-month spending frenzy. The anxiety builds as the shopping days dwindle. So many gifts that still need to be bought! So many parties to attend! So many family gatherings to plan! No wonder we often feel deflated when Christmas Day finally arrives!

There is an alternative. For thousands of years Christian people have observed the four weeks before Christmas as the season of Advent. This is a time of quiet, spiritual reflection—during which we prepare for the coming of God into the world as a human being named Jesus.

We invite you to experience Advent at your local Episcopal (Anglican) Church...

St. George's, Glenn Dale
 Lanham-Severn Road
 at Glenn Dale Road
 301-262-3285
 Stgeogd@aol.com
 www.stgeo.org
 Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity, Bowie
 13106 Annapolis Road
 301-262-5353
 dandrews@umd5.umd.edu
 www.us.net/edow/5/htb/
 Sundays: 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m.

St. Barnabas', Upper Marlboro
 14111 Oak Grove Road
 301-249-9671
 Lharris@queenanne.org
 www.stbarnabas.net
 Sundays: 7:30 & 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

St. James', Bowie
 13010 8th Street at Chapel Avenue
 301-262-4442
 StJamesBowie@juno.com
 Sundays: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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"Virtual Greenbelt" Now on the Internet

by Barry Bernstein
Greenbelt can now be visited instantly anywhere around the world with the help of "Virtual Greenbelt," an Internet site containing images, interviews and other materials related to the city.

Virtual Greenbelt owes its existence to Professor Jo Paoletti's frustration with the limits of the traditional classroom. Paoletti, as American Studies faculty member of the University of Maryland, was teaching a course in "material culture: the use of objects to interpret the human experience." The final project for her students was to prepare an exhibit — a display, actually. The students had no advance time to set up exhibits, and 25 or 30 displays overflowed the space and were difficult to visit and evaluate. Paoletti expressed her frustration to a colleague, outlining her dream: a computerized exhibit gallery where students create and display their projects over the span of an entire semester, with time for feedback and revision.

Website Born

The website she created is an ongoing project developed by the Department of American Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park. It is also a collaboration with the Greenbelt Museum, which houses many of the historical items noted on the site.

Visually, the site is pleasing. It offers pictures from Greenbelt's past, including the building of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway through Greenbelt in 1954, pictures of Greenbelt municipal employees, and an array of other notable pictures related to the city.

"The site offers a rich body of primary resources for classes studying 20th century domestic life and progressive urban planning ideas, and provides publicity and education outreach for the real Greenbelt community," said Mary Sies, an associate professor of American Studies, as reported in a publication by the Arts and Humanities Department at the University of Maryland. Virtual Greenbelt also offers the chance for students to have hands-on experience in research and methods to give presentations to the public. The site houses many student projects from the University of Maryland, some of them containing a wealth of information about daily life in Greenbelt, accessible to a wide audience.

First Stage

The website is currently in its first stage of a two-tiered project. The first stage houses the pedagogical platform that the Department of American Studies uses to teach web-based courses involving students in primary research projects focusing on "historic" Greenbelt. The second stage will provide a virtual Greenbelt Museum.

"I think that Virtual Greenbelt compares favorably to the 50th anniversary book on Greenbelt, for anyone who is curious about the town's origins and early years. And for learning about daily life in a modest town in the 1930s and 1940s, I'm not sure it has much competition, at least online," said Paoletti.

Visitors to the website will get a clear picture of past

Assisted Living Concept Explored by Task Force

by Barry Bernstein

"People have had to leave Greenbelt for reasons of inadequate care. I see our charge as enabling people to live in Greenbelt," Alexander Barnes, Sr., Assisted Living Task Force member, said.

The Assisted Living Task Force met on December 6 in the Greenbelt Community Center to discuss several options for assisted living for senior citizens of Greenbelt. The task force was established by the Greenbelt City Council to determine the feasibility, including need for establishing an assisted living facility in Greenbelt. If the task force recommends such a facility it is also charged with recommending a range of options for providing it, including consideration of city sponsorship. The November 1997 election questionnaire showed that 68% of respondents foresaw a need for assisted living and 65% responded that a task force should be established to study the feasibility of establishing assisted living options in Greenbelt.

During the meeting, voting members of the committee,

Greenbelt, known as one of three "green towns" built during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration, and present Greenbelt which is attempting to control urban sprawl and an overabundance of traffic. The site can be visited on the Internet at <http://www.otal.umd.edu/~vg>.

staff liaisons and advisory members (non-voting) gave their input on the future of assisted living care and what should be done for the growing elderly population in the city.

The committee had mixed emotions about whether assisted living should be maintained at individual homes or at facilities that provide the care or both. Currently Avery Gardens, an assisted living care facility, is being built on Greenbelt Road, just east of the city.

Committee members were anxious to move forward but were reluctant to do so because of the complexity of the issue. "It is stepping-stone progress," said Christal Batey, Adult Care Center of Washington administrator and committee advisory member. "Even the experts of both profit and non-profit care are struggling to get the perfect assisted-living structure."

Committee member Helen Geller said, "I feel that we should try a modest approach. When I was interviewed by city council to be a committee member, we were talking about making (existing) structures into assisted living facilities." "Home care is based on an hourly rate and is not that much less expensive than an assisted-living center that has a contract with a professional care agency," Cassie Triplett Avery Gardens' advisory liaison said.

Gathering Information

The idea of using a mailing list company to gather demographic information from

Greenbelt citizens including age and income was discussed by the members.

In March 1998, Triplett said to the committee, "We sent out a feasibility study to a number of residents in Prince George's County which told us there was a need for assisted care in the area."

Members of the committee discussed the possibility of recommending that a city care

coordinator be hired to get feedback from Greenbelt citizens that may need such assistance. A coordinator would act as a social worker with a wealth of knowledge about assisting the elderly.

The committee plans to explore whether to pursue this idea with Council at the next meeting on January 3. Its mission is to have a full report on assisted care by next October.



GREENBELT NEW YEAR 2000

Friday, December 31 ♦ 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Family Fun Featuring:
Sumo Wrestling
Karaoke DJ ★ Puppet Shows
Magical Acts ★ Children's Crafts
Cajun and Swing Dancing
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And Much, Much More!

Celebrate the Millennium with your neighbors, family and friends!

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For more information visit our website www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/newyear



GNY 2000 EVENT SCHEDULE

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER			Greenbelt Historic Theatre	Greenbelt Arts Center	Greenbelt Youth Center		
Main Ballroom							
6:00PM	The Festivites Begin with a Fireworks display at Braden Field	Room A Juggler • Dave Schulman 7:30PM to 8PM 8:15PM to 8:45PM		Snack Bar Open all evening featuring soft drinks, candy & salty treats	In The Gym concurrent shows Talk of the Town and Karaoke DJ 8:00 PM to 12:00 PM		
6:15PM							
6:30PM	In the Ballroom, the rhythm and heat of the Caribbean with Trinidad & Tobago Steel Band 7PM to 9PM	Room B Bridges to Bliss Children's Music 7PM to 9PM	Victorian Magician Eric Henning Show #1	Children's Drama Show The Hippo who wanted to be a Ballerina 6:30PM to 8PM	In The Game Room Swing Dance Lesson and Dance 9PM to 10PM		
6:45PM							
7:00PM							
7:15PM							
7:30PM							
7:45PM							
8:00PM							
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8:30PM							
8:45PM							
9:00PM	DANCE DANCE DANCE To the Sounds of D.C. Motors Band R&B Rock Celebrate with	Room C & D Giant, Children's Craft Rooms 7PM to 8:30PM 9PM to 10:30PM	Victorian Magician Eric Henning Show #2	Children's Drama Show The Hippo who wanted to be a Ballerina 8:30PM to 10PM	In The Multipurpose Room Youth Bingo games all evening 7:30PM to 11:30PM		
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11:45PM							
12:00AM	COUNTDOWN 2000 Roosevelt Mall • Ballroom • Youth Center						
12:15AM	D.C. Motors Band 9PM to 1AM	Room E Kadee Puppets Show Every 15 Minutes 7PM to 9PM	Victorian Magician Eric Henning Show #3	Progressive Rock featuring the Hot, Edgy & Loud Band PEROXIDE 10:15PM to 11:45PM	Food Vendors located throughout the event		
12:30AM							
12:45AM							
1:00AM		Room F FREE Coat Check All Evening					
		Dance Studio/Cajun Dance with Blackberry Lesson 7:30 to 8:30 Dance 8:30 to 10:30					
		Room G Singer John Hill Entertains you over good food 7:30 to 11:30					

FUTURES & FORTUNES

Gift Shop & Artist Studio...Guests of all ages are invited to visit the second floor Artist's Studios and take part in "Forward Thinking" collaborative art activities. Meet the artists in person and purchase custom made treasures to grace your home or as a gift for that special friend. Studio hours are from 6 to 8PM on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center.

For More Information Visit Our Web Site

www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/newyear



Front row left to right: Rookies: Rachel Spigone, Meghan Johannes, Emilia Pedsoli
 Second row from left to right: Varsity: Tiffance Edwards, Breane Rapisardi, Eva Connors, Stephanie Holland
 Third row from left to right: Varsity: Kelsey Hall, Karen Garcia, Amanda Winfrey, Kristen Taylor, Kassie Winfrey
 Back row from left to right: Rookies: Krysten Diaz, Jasmine Guy, Devin Fendlay, Amanda Dorsey, Stephanie Tallman, Soraya Pracht

Cheerleaders Bring Home CYO Trophies

by Marion Holland

At the annual CYO Cheerleading Competition, held at Largo High School on November 20, the St. Hugh's Cheerleading Squads made quite a show.

The Rookie Squad, consisting of nine first and second graders, impressed both the crowd and the judges with their outstanding performance. They brought home a first place trophy for their efforts. The captain, Devin Fendlay, was awarded a first place medal for her leadership abilities.

The Varsity Squad is made up of nine third through seventh grade girls. Their performance, against tough competition, earned them a third place trophy. Stephanie Holland, captain of the Varsity Squad, took home a third place medal for her ability to lead her squad.

The squad practices two, sometimes three, times a week, working very hard to perfect their routines. They are to be commended for their ability to balance of both their academics and this strenuous sport.

"Spirit Week" Raises Funds for Charities

Anyone who had a chance to drive by St. Hugh's Catholic School near the beginning of October may have noticed some early preparation for Halloween. The school celebrated "Spirit Week" and the entire student body had a great time. The Student Government Association developed the project combining service to others and fun. Each day of the week had a theme and money was raised for various charities.

The week began with "career day." For a donation, the children could come dressed in the attire of the career of their choice, with the money given to the American Red Cross.

Tuesday was "pajama day," with all children in flannels and bathrobes. The money raised was sent to Children's Hospital.

"Twins day" was the theme for Wednesday, in which everyone chose a buddy to dress alike. The Boys and Girls Club of America was the beneficiary of this day. Blue and white were the predominant colors on Thursday. "School colors day" raised money for the Kiko Fund (Steve "Kiko" Gingell).

Finally, Friday arrived for the most spirited event, "crazy hair day." Everyone was amazed to see the different hair styles, colors, and adornments worn throughout the day.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was the real winner of this day.

Principal Liz Whelan proclaimed the project a great success. The children were able to show school spirit and help others at the same time.

The American Red Cross came out to the school during the following week and was presented with an oversized check representing the school's donation. The children enjoyed hearing how their donation would help many people around the country. More service-oriented activities are being planned for the students of St. Hugh's.



"Career Day" (left to right) Miss Mary Foeckler, Ellie Lomax, Amanda Crisman, and Aisha Antoine (fourth grade).



"Crazy Hair Day" (left to right) Brandon Harrell, Chris Beaver, Marcos Segarra, Kyle Armstrong, Kerry Mullaney, and Rita Wade.

Bally Total Fitness Seeks Toys for Tots

Bally Total Fitness has announced that anyone donating a new toy to the Toys for Tots campaign at any of its designated fitness centers will receive a 30-day guest pass to work out at Bally Total Fitness. Bally's fitness centers will serve as collection points for the Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots program.

In Greenbelt, new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots collection should be brought to Bally Total Fitness at 7415 Greenbelt Road, in Greenway Center. Toys should be brought to the facility by Tuesday, December 21 and put in the Toys for Tots box in the reception area.

Bally's support of the Toys for Tots program is one of the company's "Stronger Communities" initiatives, a program through which Bally donates reconditioned fitness equipment, unused fitness apparel and fitness center memberships to organizations serving the communities where Bally operates clubs. Since the program began Bally has donated more than \$10 million worth of fitness equipment,

apparel and memberships to inner city schools, youth-at-risk programs, boys and girls clubs, police athletic leagues and other community service organizations.



GREEK FOLK DANCING PARTY
 8-10PM DECEMBER 12

Open house Greek folk dance party hosted by the Greek Dancers of Greenbelt. Guests are invited to join in the action. No experience or partner required, simple instruction provided. Admission free but everyone is encouraged to bring a snack item to share during the break.

GREEK DANCE GROUP OF GREENBELT
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FOR FURTHER INFO, CALL 301-397-2208 OR CHRIS AT 301-927-6218

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV
Channel B-10 Schedule
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Monday, December 13
 8:00 p.m. City Council Meeting - Live

Tuesday, December 14 & Thursday, December 16
 6:00 p.m. Festival of Lights, Tree Lighting & Concert
 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Y2K
 8:30 p.m. Audrey Scott Show with Charles Rhodes of the Radio & Television Museum

Plan a visit with Santa! Bring a blank VHS tape to the Youth Center on December 11th between 10am-12 noon and have your visit recorded.

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING-301-507-6581
 7:00 p.m. Trip to Pakistan
 8:00 p.m. Public Safety

Civil War Yuletide Event at Museum

Historic Surratt House, 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, will celebrate a Civil War yuletide with candlelight tours on the evenings of Saturday, December 11, 5-9 p.m., Sunday December 12, 3-9 p.m., and Monday December 13, 6-9 p.m. The historic house will be decked out with period greens and holiday exhibits that will include antique dolls and toys and 19th century greeting cards and ornaments. For further information, call 301-868-1121.

Holiday Shopping List

- Greenbelt Cooks - Then & Now
- Greenbelt Calendar
- History of Greenbelt
- Mother & Child Statue
- Mugs Toys

Available at the Greenbelt Museum Gift Shop (open 1-5 Sundays) and at the Co-op Grocery Store Saturday and Sundays 10-2

For Phone orders, call 301-474-1936

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS
Fall Gutter Cleaning

The fall Gutter Cleaning Program is underway. The following buildings will be cleaned during the week of December 13th through December 17th.

- 1 through 12 courts of Plateau Place
- 9 through 22 courts of Hillside Road.
- 1 through 9 courts of Research Road
- 65, 69, 71 & 73 courts of Ridge Road
- 1 through 15 courts of Laurel Hill Road
- 1, 2 & 4 courts of Southway
- 15, 17, 18, 19, and 21 through 31 courts of Ridge Road
- 2 court of Gardenway

All buildings in the community will be cleaned this fall. We hope to complete the program by the end of December, weather permitting.

Notices will be published each week in the News Review weekly until all units are complete. Please be aware that workers will be placing ladders in your yard and appearing outside your windows at times. It is our intention to complete this project in an orderly and professional manner.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the maintenance office at (301) 474-6011 or (301) 474-4161 ext. 129.

Dr. Eleanor White Named School Region II Director

by Mary Moien

New Prince George's County Schools Superintendent Iris T. Metts has initiated a number of changes since her appointment last summer. One of these has been the consolidation of school clusters within the county. Until recently, Dr. Gerald Boarman, principal, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), was the Chief Educational Administrator (CEA) for the ERHS community of schools. All of the Greenbelt schools were in this cluster, as well as a small number of other facilities. The ERHS cluster no longer exists and Dr. Boarman has returned full-time as principal.



Eleanor White, Director of School Region II.

-photo courtesy Prince George's County School System.

Dr. Metts has reorganized the clusters of schools into five much larger groupings with a regional director for each. Greenbelt schools are in Region II and Dr. Eleanor White was named the Region II Director. The other high school clusters her region includes are Bladensburg, DuVal and Fairmont Heights. Five middle schools and 25 elementary schools are part of the region.

Dr. White was recently profiled in the school system's Employee News. She has a career with county schools that spans more than two decades. She was the CEA for the Gwynn Park community of schools and also has served as principal, vice principal and teacher at Gwynn Park High School. Dr. White also served as Acting Human Resources Director in the school system. She has a doctorate of education in educational leadership.

The school system has stated that the regional directors were selected for their administrative leadership, financial prowess, and team spirit. Among her many responsibilities, Dr. White is responsible for serving as an initial contact to parents and the community for the superintendent.

Dr. White has developed a theme for her region - "The New Millennium: Rigor and Relevance." She has stated, "I believe our instructional program has to be relevant and rigorous in order to improve student achievement." Her office is at Robert Goddard Middle School. She can be reached at 301-429-8900.

SHL School News

The children at Springhill Lake (SHL) School had many interesting experiences during the first quarter of the school year. The kindergarten classes used apples to perform many math tasks such as sorting, graphing, counting, as well as tasting! A field trip to Darrow Berry Farm was both a fun and learning experience.

Owens Science Center provided third graders with scientific experiments in "Water, Water Everywhere" so they could use a sling psychrometer to find the humidity in the air. They also explored the traits of solids, liquids, and gases as they made clouds in a bubble.

Fifth graders attended Camp Schmidt in October for two days and one night for a great outdoor environment program emphasizing problem-solving skills. Trips to the Baltimore Museum of Industry and Watkins Nature Center have also provided the children with hands-on activities.

The computer lab is open to all students from first grade to fifth grade. Children are working with writing processing, graphics programs, printing projects, and analytical skills and efficiency.

Congratulations to Vaneé Fykes, Kevin Jackson, Steven Savavong, and Steven Chatman who attended the Science Trek at Prince George's Community College on October 16 for a fun, interesting, and informative day.

Parents were treated to a special program called "Pastries for Parents" with special speaker Darren Swain, State Delegate. Many good ideas for helping children succeed in school were discussed. Parents were also provided with "Second Step Parent Program" to help their children know how to handle conflicts.

Area Schools Upbeat on Success Stories

by Nelda Young

At the Advisory Committee on Education's (ACE) principal reception on December 6, Eleanor White, director of Region II, gave an upbeat five-minute keynote address. Representatives from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), Greenbelt Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, and St. Hugh's Parochial School listened before sharing their wish lists and success stories.

During her first 90 days in office White has visited 30 of the 39 schools in Region II in an attempt to get to know the schools and people in her region. White told the ACE members the Prince George's County schools need volunteers, tutors, and mentors.

White said the focus during this initial period for Dr. Iris T. Metts, superintendent of schools, is mathematics and reading, two of the original three R's. Their goal is to use teams as a bridge to success for the students of today in grades K-16, reaching into their adulthood.

The school representatives say they are excited about their pilot programs, grants, and dynamic teachers. Local schools are using grant money to hire teachers, but they see a dark cloud on the horizon. They hear talk that Prince George's County budgets may move backward from school-based to formula-based calculations. They fear that such formulas will steal their "purchased" teachers and reassign them to schools with fewer teachers. If this happens, the local teacher-to-student ratios, which are currently low, would skyrocket.

Space is another topic of concern for the local schools. They

do not have enough. They report that every square inch of space is used all day every day. Vice Principal John Enkiri of ERHS says they currently have 22 temporary buildings, and still need more.

One administrator proposed a dream package where mentors would work one-on-one with students in a secure space. Perhaps schoolrooms could be made available at night, was a suggestion she offered. A volunteer coordinator could match the students and mentors to create a workable schedule. As she continued to think out loud, she suggested older students could participate in the program and earn community service hours for their efforts.

Other Options

What else can the community do? Wire the schools for internet service. Create a plan to wire the unwired schools, such as Springhill Lake, and implement the plan. Greenbelt residents, University of Maryland students or even classes, and ERHS students were suggested as possible sources for managers and workers.

Principal Phyllis Gillens of Magnolia told of cutting deals and creating partnerships with businesses in an attempt to help her school. Home Depot has donated seven laser jet printers to Magnolia and the school is trying to locate a storage facility for them. Gillens says she currently has five businesses that are her schools' working partners.

Principal Liz Whelan relayed St. Hugh's success stories. She says they are using a buddy system with older students tutoring the younger ones. Also they are raising money through booster clubs, alumni, and the commu-

nity. Springhill Lake made an unusual request. Their students may voluntarily wear a uniform to school including a white shirt. The school needs new or used white, collared shirts to distribute to their needy students. Shirts of all sizes would be useful.

Legion Hosts Party

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host a children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 18 at 1 p.m. All children 12 and under are welcome. Parents are invited to bring their cameras. Dancing dogs and Santa and his elves will be there. Santa says, "I'll see you at the party." The party is free and open to the public.

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Hoyer Announces New Teachers Funds

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has announced Prince George's County Schools will receive \$2.37 million in federal funding to pay for new teachers in order to reduce class sizes. The money for the Class Size Reduction Initiative is included in the Fiscal Year 2000 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which was recently signed by President Clinton.

The Class Size Reduction Initiative is designed to help public schools hire new, well-prepared teachers to reduce the average class size in the early grades to 18 students per classroom. Studies have shown that smaller classes raise the level of student achievement, improve classroom discipline, and ensure that children are receiving the personal attention they need. Maryland schools need this funding because it is estimated that over the past ten years enrollment in Maryland public schools increased by 22.8 percent.

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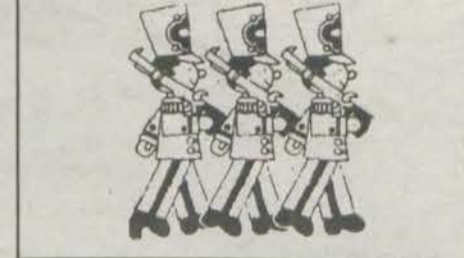
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JAEGER

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This would require a special exception since the existing R-30 zoning of the tract (multi-family low density - 10 units per acre), would permit only one 30-unit apartment building.

ADC contends that "...the traffic density of 60 age-restricted units will be less than that of R-30 (garden style units) because of the age-restricted usage" and "The issue of school capacity will not be a factor..." The proposal provides "80 parking spaces" for the adult buildings.

Community Response

In his November 10 letter to Robert Crecco, president of the Westchester Park Civic Association, Shipley said, "With the deadline imposed by the seller, it would be appreciated if the community could respond to this proposal as quickly as possible."

To address the latest development proposal, an ad hoc committee of community residents was formed with Crecco at the helm. After discussing the issue at two meetings, Crecco responded to Shipley. In his letter of November 23 Crecco pointed out that (1) the majority of respondents to a community survey "opposed all development — including development allowed by current zoning" for both the 3.7 and 17.4-acre parcels and (2) "if development were to occur on the 3.7 acres, the majority of respondents would find most acceptable 30 units" as permitted by the existing R-30 zoning (no special exception). For the 17.4-acre parcel, respondents found "most acceptable 35 units of single family detached houses per current RR zoning."

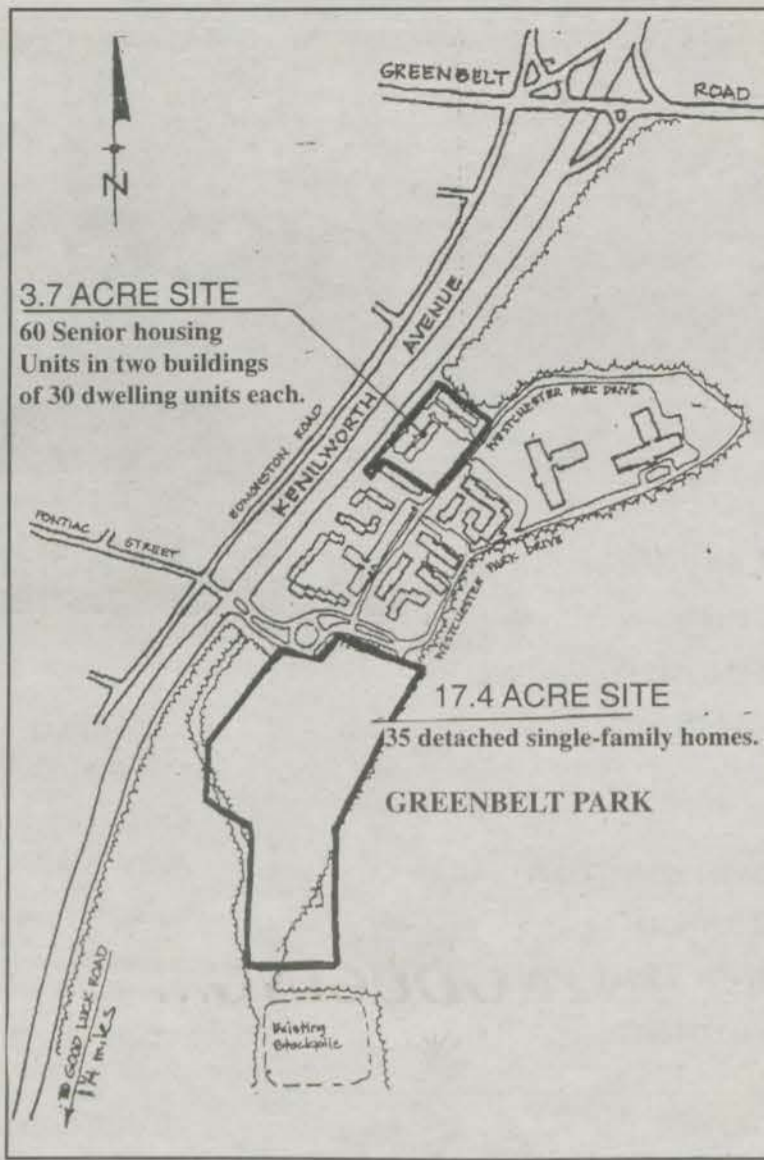
"We have every right to expect these lands to remain undeveloped," argued Ceal Franz, president of Westchester Park's multi-family townhouse/apartment condominium. She cites the brochures given to purchasers which promised the development would be "surrounded on three sides by permanent Parkland protected forever from further residential development."

Greenbelt's Position

The City of Greenbelt is already on record as opposing all development on the two parcels. Over the years, past and present councils have consistently requested the Federal government to purchase the parcels "to protect the park's boundaries and eliminate the threat of development."

In response to a letter by Mayor Judith Davis dated October 1, 1999, U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski reported that she had requested the National Park Service to respond to the city. U.S. Senator Paul Sarbanes, responding to the city, noted that, while he shared Greenbelt's view, there was "extremely limited" federal funding. Sarbanes said he is pressing for legislation that would expand funding for both federal and state parkland acquisition. He encouraged the city to explore potential sources of funding offered by the State of Maryland.

In a statement to the News Review, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer said: "As you may know, I am a strong supporter of smart, controlled growth and I



Revised PROPOSAL adapted from original AD&C Proposal for Westchester Park.

share the City of Greenbelt's concern regarding possible future development of the Jaeger tract. I will continue to work with city officials to seek workable solutions, whether that means state, local or federal funding for this property.

The statement continued, "A member of my staff met with the City Council, the City Manager and the City Clerk on March 31 of last year to discuss this issue. At that time, we expressed our willingness to work with the City on the potential purchase of the Jaeger Tract and we suggested that the City pursue several avenues for funding for the land. I look forward to continuing to work with the City to move this project forward."

In support of Greenbelt's position, Chairman John Schaffer of the New Carrollton

City Council sent letters to Mikulski, Sarbanes and Congressman Albert Wynn opposing development of the parcels and calling for "subsequent conversion of the land to parkland." Berwyn Heights Mayor William Armistead's letter to Congressman Hoyer stated: "The Town believes the Federal government should purchase this property to protect the park's boundaries and eliminate the possibility that unsuitable development would occur placing increased pressures on the area's traffic congestion, schools and infrastructure."

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NEW YEAR

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music all night long for listening and/or for singing. Dave Schulman will give up his juggling skills at the Community Center and move to the Youth Center to conduct a swing dance lesson, followed by a dance to get those bodies moving. The Youth Center will also host kids bingo, always a very popular activity.

The Arts Center will be presenting a delightful children's play — "The Hippo Who Wanted to Be a Ballerina" — starring children but for audiences of all ages! The progressive rock band, Peroxide, will end the evening in the Arts Center with their hot, edgy sounds.

Theater, New Deal Cafe

The Old Greenbelt Theatre will host Eric Henning, magician extraordinaire, who will dazzle the audience with his wonderful illusions and mystical magic in three great shows. The New Deal Cafe will provide entertainment and delicious food, all night long. Tickets can be purchased at the Community Center now through December 25. Children under five are free. For information call 301-397-2208. Tickets purchased later or at the door cost slightly more.

Petition Drive

Meanwhile the Westchester Park Civic Association is organizing a petition drive and letter writing campaign requesting Federal or State purchase of the property for incorporation into Greenbelt Park. In an effort to wield more control over land use within Westchester Park, Joe Haskell, board member of the association and the 6100 Towers condominium, is gathering information dealing with the advantages and disadvantages of the incorporation of Westchester Park as a municipality. Currently, Westchester Park is an unincorporated community.

ERHS

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Overall, the designated New American High Schools have achieved higher college attendance rates, higher SAT and state test scores, higher graduation rates, and lower drop out rates. The schools have also forged active partnerships with universities and colleges to better prepare their students.

ERHS has six career pathway academies. "The shared vision for the school's community has been that each student is unique and that as a member of a caring community of lifelong learners, each student will be able to identify, prepare for, and realize his or her goals," Dr. Boarman said.

Two Million Granted To Teach Technology

The Maryland Higher Education Commission has awarded \$2 million in grants to colleges and universities to teach faculty to use technology in the classroom. The grants, part of a two-year program, will provide training to more than 6,000 faculty members at 37 colleges and universities and two higher education centers.

"Technology is creating new opportunities for Marylanders to take advantage of the state's excellent colleges and universities on their own schedule and without having to travel great distances," the Secretary of Higher Education, Patricia S. Florestano, said. "But to take full advantage of technology's promise, we have to give faculty the training and tools they need to use it."

Florestano said that 17 collaborative proposals were submitted for funding and nine selected to receive funds beginning this year. Among these was Prince George's Community College, which will work under a \$700,000 grant as part of a consortium under the University of Maryland University College. A total of 3,101 faculty participants will receive training in this consortium.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1999
7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

• Woodlands Committee Charter	Discussion
• Recommended Bylaws Changes	Action
• Resolution - Expenditure Authorization #1 - #2 Reading	Action

Regular Board meetings are open to members.

"Operation Midnight" Combats Juvenile Crime

by Barry Bernstein

Some time ago the City of Greenbelt Police Department implemented Operation Midnight, a program focused on juvenile crime and victimization that helps parents prevent their children from coming into contact with crime as a suspect or a victim.

The program models a similar curfew enacted by the city of Laurel in 1996 which requires that all minors under the age of 17 should not remain in any public place or any "establishment" between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. without the presence of a parent or guardian, according to the City of Laurel Ordinance N. 1189.

Also, the program is an extension of the Prince George's County Curfew Code which restricts the time that people under the age of 17 can be in a public area during week nights, Sunday to Thursday, 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. as well as weekend nights, Friday and Saturday, midnight to 5 a.m.

Greenbelt's Operation Midnight allows police officers to stop children under the age of seventeen, contact their parents and take them home if they are found to be walking the streets and/or the parking lots of Greenbelt between midnight and 6 a.m. seven days a week. The parents give written permission to do so prior to any action taken by the police. This is not a curfew law and therefore is not subject to the Constitutional questions or challenges which pertain to curfew laws, according to a memo written by Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze.

"Most parents are cooperative to the program, especially when dealing with older children who tend to be more adventurous about staying outside after midnight. People see the kids, complain, and officers respond to those complaints," Greenbelt Police Officer Master Patrol Officer (MPO-Public Information Officer) George Mathews said.

There are several procedures that police officers follow when carrying out Operation Midnight, according to Mathews.

First the officer will call out on their police radio whenever contacting a juvenile, giving the location, race, and sex of the juvenile being stopped. The officer must always treat the child with dignity and in a friendly manner, according to Mathews. Also, the officer must check with police dispatch to see if the child's parent/guardian has an "Operation Midnight" agreement with the police department. Following the routine check, the officer contacts the parents and must comply with whatever decision the parent makes for the child, according to Mathews.

Many citizens are aware of the program and its impact on the community.

"If a person that is outside late at night has a certain look about them, then the police are more likely to apprehend that person," Jason Flanagan, Greenbelt resident, said.

"I feel parents should be more responsible taking care of their children. The curfew should be from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.; 12 midnight is not enough," Patrick Whelan, Greenbelt resident, said.

Students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) do not tend to be in favor of Operation Mid-

night.

"It isn't fair...why should adults be able to go out after midnight, yet some of them act like children," Rosa Salazar, ERHS student, said. "We should be able to take walks when we want," she said.

"I don't think it is fair because police shouldn't be the ones to tell you when to go home; it should be up to your parents," Audrey Brlansky, ERHS student, said.

Parents in Greenbelt can register their children with the Greenbelt Police Department by picking up an Operation Midnight form available at the Greenbelt Police Headquarters, 550 Crescent Road and at the City Administration Building, 25 Crescent Road. Individuals with questions about the program can call Officer George Mathews, at 301-507-6515.

SNOW

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Councilmember Rodney Roberts also participated in the event. Davis was Roberts' spotter in a dump truck equipped with a snow plow that was larger than any of Greenbelt's trucks.

"I felt there was excellent opposition and an opportunity for the various snow removal teams to get to know each other and have fun while in a friendly competition," Mayor Davis said. "I think this was a very positive competition. It was a very good way to meet people from different jurisdictions who are involved with snow removal and it is a great way to start out the winter season," said Ken Hall, acting director of Greenbelt's Public Works Department.

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A truck going through the obstacle course.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Armed Robbery

Greenway Shopping Center, Dec. 2, 5:09 p.m., a woman was putting groceries into her vehicle when she was approached from behind by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded money. After obtaining cash and jewelry, he fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as black and in his 20s, 6'0" and 220 lb., with black hair in long dreadlocks. He was unshaven and was wearing a green army-type jacket, a white shirt, and baggy blue jeans.

Assault

7-11 Store in the 7900 block of Goodluck Road, Nov. 25, 11:01 p.m., two people were standing in the parking lot when they were approached by a group of people. As the group was walking toward the store entrance, one of the members verbally taunted the two and then kicked one of them in the face. The same assailant along with a second person also punched both victims several times. The assailants then fled the scene in a vehicle.

Drugs

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m., two 17-year-old nonresidents and a 16-year-old nonresident were charged on petition with trespassing after they were stopped on the school property. The 16-year-old was also charged on petition with possession of marijuana and giving a false statement to a police officer. One of the 17-year-olds and the 16-year-old were taken into custody pending action by the juvenile justice system. The remaining 17-year-old was released to a parent pending trial.

Area of Southway and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, Dec. 3, 3 a.m., a 21-year-old resident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after officers responded to the area for a report of a traffic accident in which a traffic sign had been struck. The driver was located in a vehicle nearby which had recent body damage. Also in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The driver was also charged on citation with driving with a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

Weapon

Area of Cherrywood Terrace and Cherrywood Court, Nov. 28, 1:04 a.m., a 15-year-old youth stopped for suspicious activity was found to be in possession of a butterfly-style knife. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system after being charged on petition.

Unattended Children

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Nov. 27, 11:23 a.m., a 44-year-old resident was arrested and charged on citation with leaving children unattended after officers responded to a 911 hangup call at the residence. The officers discovered three unsupervised children, ages 10, 6, and 3, in the residence. Their mother returned home approximately 30 minutes later and was released on citation pending trial. The children were not injured.

Burglary and Theft

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Nov. 24, 11:37 p.m., two bedroom window screens were removed and a window was broken out at a residence. It did not ap-

pear that entry was gained.

Greenway Shopping Center, Nov. 29, 11:42 a.m., a wallet was taken from a purse while the victim was shopping.

6300 block of Ivy Lane, Dec. 2, 8:40 a.m., a laptop computer was taken from under a desk in an office suite cubicle.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicle was reported stolen: a white four-door 1991 Nissan Maxima with Maryland tags FNE 919, Nov. 23, from the 6000 block of Cherrywood Court.

Greenway Shopping Center, Dec. 2, a 21-year-old resident was arrested and charged with theft af-



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ter requesting help because he locked himself out of his vehicle. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police Department. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block of Hanover Drive, 7600 block of Hanover Parkway, Greenway Shopping Center, 9200 block of Edmonston Road, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, 6100

block of Springhill Terrace, and 6400 block of Golden Triangle Drive.

Activities Planning Volunteers Needed

The Holiday Project is seeking additional volunteers to join hundreds of Washington metropolitan area volunteers visiting people who reside in nursing homes, hospitals and other institutions on holidays throughout the year. Call Bobby Anderson at 703-370-1156 to get in on the 1999 Holiday Season.



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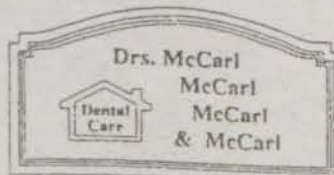
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the curb like a choker." He noted that the proposed parking restrictions would not cover all the hours during which there are conflicts between motorists, parked cars and bus riders. Putens suggested a curb cut-in, and Davis, as a compromise, suggested restricting parking at just two of the spaces.

But the hour was getting late, there were concerns about whether the proposed approaches were too difficult for the buses (in which case the drivers were likely to continue stopping in the street), and council decided to toss the hot potato back into the lap of city staff.

Pension Shift

Council unanimously approved converting employees hired since 1980 from the state pension plan to a new state contributory program. The new program will provide 30-year employees with 42 percent of current earnings. Under the old program such employees would receive 24 to 36 percent of current earnings. However, employees will have to contribute two percent of their salaries to the state program. To minimize the impact, employees have the option of reducing their contribution to their deferred compensation accounts by two percent of salary without affecting the amount of the city's match.

State employees converted to this new program in July, 1998, but municipalities were given time to decide whether to join or stay with the old program. (City expenses under the plan will also increase by 0.4 percent of employees' salaries.)

Employees can increase their future benefits by paying a one-time fee to be credited with service under this new program as of July 1998. The city will offer employees the option of either making this payment in a single lump sum or through payroll deductions over the next year which, as Turnbull pointed out, amounts to an interest-free loan to employees.

Other Actions

As part of the consent agenda, council granted city employees an extra personal day to be used by June 30, 2000. Some form of extra holiday has been granted to employees since December 1969.

Council reappointed Sheldon Goldberg and Joyce Chestnut to the Advisory Planning Board and Joseph Griffith to the Employee Relations Advisory Board, appointed Andy Levin to the Advisory Committee on Education and accepted the resignation of Judith Holland from the Arts Advisory Board.

As required as a condition of \$925,000 in state grants received by the city, council authorized Davis to sign a preservation easement on the Community Center that gives the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual easement on the exterior shell of the building and on the interior of the first floor of the original 1937 building.

Public Input Sought On School Enrollment

The Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has scheduled three public hearings to solicit public comment on school enrollment projections developed by M-NCPPC planners for 2000 - 2005. The hearings will be held at 11 a.m., during the Planning Board's regularly scheduled Thursday meetings, on December 16 and January 6 and will take place in the Fourth Floor Hearing Room of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. Public testimony will be heard at the December 16 meeting; final analysis and recommendations will be presented on January 6. Written comments will be accepted until December 23.

The purpose of the hearings is to provide the public with an understanding of the methodology used to arrive at school enrollment projections; to review the five-year projections to be used in 2000 for each school; and to obtain public input before the projections are finalized.

A discussion paper prepared by M-NCPPC planners, "Adequate Public Facilities for Schools in Prince George's County," which describes the current methodology used in calculating enrollment projections, is available to the public. The M-NCPPC draft enrollment projections for 2000 - 2005 became available December 1. For copies of the discussion paper or draft projections, or for additional information on the public hearings, call the M-NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Department at 301-952-4712; TTY 301-952-3796.

State Offers Help On Medicare Choices

More than 15,000 Marylanders are dealing with questions regarding insurance coverage in the wake of Medicare HMO withdrawals and loss of prescription drug coverage. The Maryland Department of Aging has initiated a statewide, toll-free call center, operating Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to call 1-800-AGE-DIAL (1-800-243-3425), to obtain information and referrals to trained counselors. The Call Center will continue to operate until December 31, 1999.

Anyone currently enrolled in an HMO which has withdrawn from Medicare is advised not to drop out of their current plan before December 31, 1999, or they may lose the right to purchase Medicare supplemental insurance without submitting to a medical examination. They should also continue to use the covered health care services provided through their current plan.

The Maryland Insurance Administration (1-800-492-6116) and the Medicare hotline (1-800-638-6833) can also provide information on traditional Medicare, Medicare HMOs, Medigap, and beneficiary rights. Internet users can visit the Medicare website www.medicare.gov.

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER 2000 WINTER SESSION

In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. All classes have a limit on enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!! All registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic & fitness classes.

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-senior classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in City elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 301-397-2204.

All registrants registering as a resident non-passholder must show proof of address to receive Greenbelt resident status. **Acceptable Proof: Valid license or current lease.**

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

GAFC Class & Registration Dates

Winter Session: January 3, 2000 - February 26, 2000

Passholders & Residents register: Monday, December 13 & Tuesday, December 14

Non-Residents register: Wednesday, December 15 - Friday, December 17

Register in person at the GAFC between 6:00am and 10:00pm for all dates noted above.

Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times.

Class rates have been pro-rated for Martin Luther King and President's Day.

Activity	Day/Time	Pass Holders	Res-NonPass Holders	NonRes-NonPass Holders
Land Aerobics Classes (16 years+)				
Rise & Shine	M/W/F 6:30am-7:15am	\$61	\$65	\$70
Step I	M/W/F 6:30pm-7:15pm	61	65	70
Step It Up	T/TH 7:30pm-8:15pm	50	55	60
Tighten & Tone	M/W/F 9:00am-9:45am	61	65	70
Tighten & Tone	T/TH 6:30pm-7:15pm	50	55	60
Water Aerobics Classes (16 years+)				
Aquacize	M/W/F 8:00am-8:45am	\$61	\$65	\$70
Aquacize	M/W/F 10:00am-10:45am	61	65	70
Aquacize	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	46	50	54
Aquacize	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	50	55	60
Aquacize (drop-in)	F 6:00pm-6:45pm	2	5	5
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F 2:00pm-2:45pm	61	65	70
Deep Water Aerobics	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	46	50	54
Deep Water Aerobics	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	50	55	60
Deep Water Arthritis	M/W/F 3:00pm-3:45pm	61	65	70
Seniorcize	T/TH 10:00am-10:45am	46	50	55
Water Interval Training	M/W 6:00pm-6:45pm	46	50	54
Water Interval Training	T/TH 8:00pm-8:45pm	50	55	60
Adult Swim Classes (16 years+)				
Adult Beginner	TH 7:00pm-7:45pm	\$40	\$45	\$50
Adult Adv. Beginner	TU 7:00pm-7:45pm	40	45	50
Lifeguard Training	Call 301-397-2204 for info.	125	125	125
Children's Swim Lessons (6 Mo.+)				
Water Babies - A	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	\$17.50	\$20	\$22.50
Water Babies - B	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	17.50	20	22.50
Aqua Tots I	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
Aqua Tots II	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
Beginner for 4's	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
Beginner I	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
Beginner II	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45
Advanced Beginner	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	35	40	45
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	35	40	45
Intermediate Swimmer	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	35	40	45
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	35	40	45

Volunteer Center Seeks Volunteers

The Prince George's County Volunteer Center, a volunteer recruitment and referral service for the county, is seeking office aides to help with a variety of projects around the office. For more information, call Dan at 301-699-2800.

Home Schoolers Can Skate Fridays

Throughout the month of December, home schoolers are invited to join fellow home-school friends for skating every Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. at Herbert Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park. Call MNCPPC at 301-277-3719; TTY 301-249-4252 for information.

Bring Toys for Tots To Coldwell Banker

To help give underprivileged children of the Washington/Baltimore metropolitan area a chance to experience joy this holiday season, Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors is participating in the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Coldwell Banker will serve as a Toys for Tots sponsor and a drop off point for donations until December 21.

The public is encouraged to participate by donating new, unwrapped toys at the Greenbelt office of Coldwell Banker at 7213 Hanover Parkway, Room 210, telephone 301-474-5700.

Concerto: Exhibit At Montpelier

Montpelier Resident Artist Sahomi Naka will be featured in the Resident Artists' Gallery during the month of December in an exhibition of unique prints that explore the essence of nature.

Naka's prints capture the fleeting moments experienced in nature by expressing the ability of nature to inspire the human spirit. The knowledge that emotions are both simulated by and unified with nature is the "concerto" at the heart of these prints.

Sahomi Naka was born in the ancient capital city of Kyoto, Japan, where she studied music and Japanese calligraphy. She studied printmaking at the University of Maryland, College Park. She has shown extensively and locally has exhibited at the American Museum of Women's Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art and Dumbarton Gallery.

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Opening this year's Festival of Lights, members of the Greenbelt Combined Choirs and children join in caroling at the tree lighting ceremony outside the Greenbelt Municipal Building.



An artisan demonstrates her pottery making at the craft show.

Festival of Lights Lures Local Families

by Nelda Young

The Greenbelt Festival of Lights is truly a family affair. At the Friday night tree-lighting outside the Municipal Building, all ages came to sing carols, drink coffee or cocoa, eat cookies, see the decorations, and meet Santa.

Greenbelter Angela Miotto brought the family. Her daughter Ginina said, "There's no tree lighting as nice as this in Rockville." Ginina brought her four-year-old son, Zachary, to meet Santa. That night she called her son Rudolph because he wore reindeer horns and knew the words to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Unfortunately, "Rudolph" was not giving interviews. Ginina said, "Zachary knows Santa is coming." Zach's Aunt Diana and eight-month-old cousin Garrett came to see Santa, too.

Zach's reindeer horns were a gift from P. J. Siegel, who claims Greenbelt as her lifelong residence, except for time served in the military. Her daughter Shaine, Little Miss Greenbelt, came on official business. She and the other Misses Greenbelt helped Santa hand out candy canes. Christmas is a busy season for them. Saturday they assisted Santa at his Fire House breakfast. Shaine will perform in the Greenbelt Arts Center's "The Hippopotamus Who Wanted To Be A Classic Ballerina." And, for the ten days prior to Christ-

mas, she will be gift wrapping at Beltway Plaza.

Barbara Molyneux, a transplanted retired high school math teacher from Albany, New York, came to the event because she thought it would be fun. She is an outgoing person who likes to get involved in the community. During her three years in Greenbelt she has volunteered to work at the housing cooperative and with the finance committee. Why did she choose to move here? Her son lives in Washington. Even if he moves away, she said she will stay in Greenbelt because she likes it.

The only person this reporter could find who admitted he had talked to Santa was Mike Yang. He said, "Initially I was afraid of Santa. But when I talked to him, I found out he's a nice, regular guy." Mike is 28 years old.

Sophia Kean, 11-year-old niece of Mary Lou Williamson, did not talk to Santa. However, when opportunity knocked, she reached out her hand and accepted one of Santa's large red-and-white-striped candy canes, which she planned to eat while doing her homework. On Saturday she planned to speak to Santa personally at the firehouse breakfast and tell him she wants Bath and Body Works "stuff" for Christmas. For the uninformed, "stuff" means lotion, hair gel, nail polish, and things like that.

Adults in the crowd remi-

nised about Christmases past—they spoke of a hemlock tree in North Carolina that was well received and a Norfolk pine that was not. Santa seemed flexible on the subject of trees but made it clear that the children had better be good or they would not get presents this year.

photos
by
Leigh Catterton

Free Maryland Opera Studio at UMD-CP

The Maryland Opera Studio will present "A Tale of Two Cities, Berlin and Paris in the Twenties" on Friday, December 10 and Sunday, December 12 at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Madden Dance Theater in the Dance Building of the University of Maryland. The work is a cabaret written by Kathleen Cahill, directed by Leon Major, and Robert McCoy. Performers include James Jones, Melissa Unkel, Gretchen McNeil, Keith Wolfe, James Hall, and Ellen Kliman. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information call 301-405-5556 or e-mail to concerts@deans.umd.edu

Craft Fair Offers Many Things

by Dennis Jelalian

The craft fair held in the Community Center December 4 and 5 offered a smorgasbord of wonderful goodies. To prevent confusion, I've interviewed three of the vendors.

Phyllis G. Hall, of the District, makes quilts that fold into pillows. She had them in a wide variety of fabrics. Hall said that the design goes back to 1972. She is the third in the tradition of making the quilts. She said it takes her about five hours to make one.

Ron Edmundson's business card says that he makes canes, incense holders, and necklaces. Ron goes into the woods looking for interesting shapes in wood. He takes them home and seasons them for four to five months. Then he soaks them in linseed oil for two days. He may sand or carve the wood before or after staining the wood. He's very free form about his work. He says, "See what you want to see."

He lets the work suggest how he treats it. "Lines look good."

Mike and Sheilah Worrell have a one-two punch. Sheilah makes handknit items and one of a kind jewelry. They have separate business cards. Hers says "a division of Outback Bee Products."

Mike is the bee keeper. Besides several types of honey, he offers bee's wax, bee's wax hand cream, bee's wax candles, and perhaps most surprising, pollination. When asked how many hives he kept, he said about 50, but they are scattered over a wide area up Route 83 near Pennsylvania. We don't often think how important pollination may be. Mike has made a business selling pollination services to farmers.

Mike's elderberry honey has won two first prizes. One from the Maryland State Fair at Timonium, and the other from the Maryland State Beekeepers 63rd annual honey show in 1999.



A young craft show buyer checks out earrings.



Santa Claus, who was sleighless that night, arrives at the tree lighting ceremony on Greenbelt Fire Company 35' pumper truck.

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