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Thursday, December 7, 2000

Jaeger Tract Acquisition Closer With 'Friends' Pact

by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt City Council agreed to consider entering into a Friends agreement with National Capital Parks-East to secure the Jaeger tract for Greenbelt Park, barely approved a number of promotions and job reclassifications, and took up the issue of power outages in the city at its November 27 meeting.

Park Report

John Hale, superintendent of National Capital Parks-East, which includes Greenbelt Park, addressed council on current activities and future plans for the park. He immediately declared his interest in acquiring the Jaeger tract for the park but indicated a problem in funding.

Hale said that acquisition of the tract had progressed up the list of priorities for land acquisition in the system but that lack of funding was a barrier. He suggested that the city and the park enter into what he described as a Friends' agreement. This formally establishes the goal of obtaining the land and highlights the land's importance to the city and to the park.

With such an agreement there would be a greater focus on the issue and it would work to join forces to try to find funding, whether through the legislature or elsewhere. A fund-raising arm can be added to the agreement, he said.

Mayor Judith Davis replied that the Jaeger tract was a long-standing interest for the city and

that council would take Superintendent Hale's suggestion "to heart."

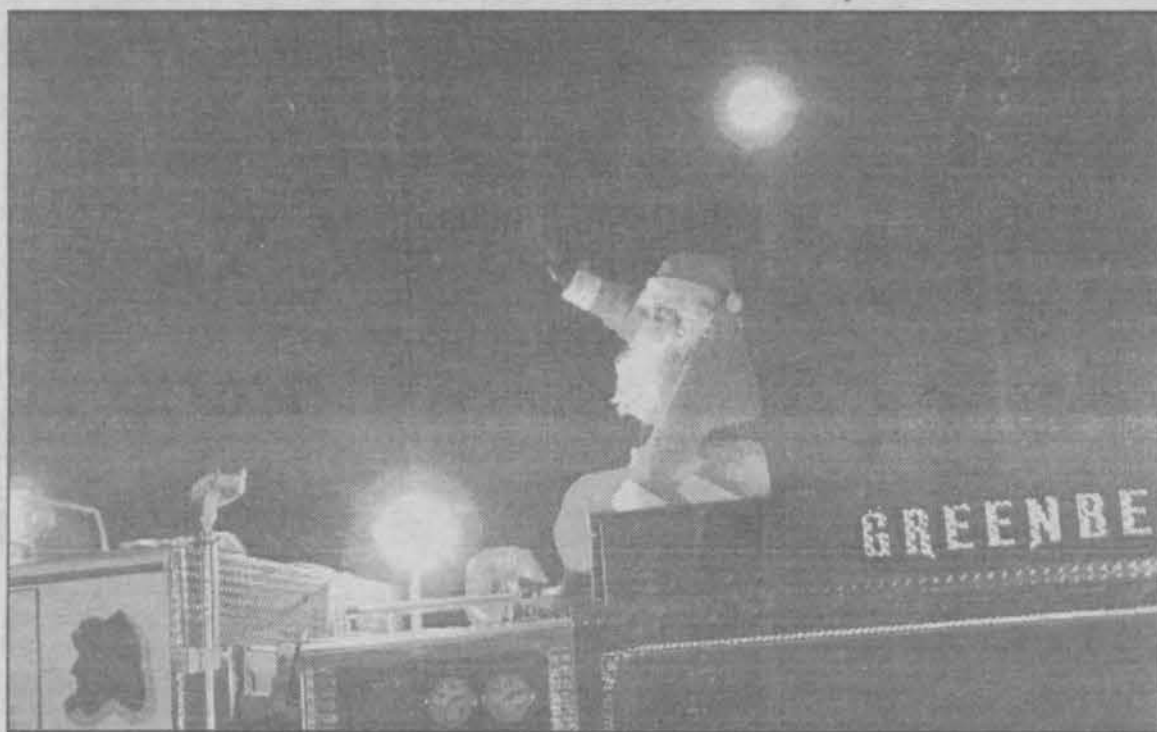
Councilmember Alan Turnbull congratulated Hale on the close ties between the park and the city. He said that markers and interpretive materials in the park show the relationship between the park and city. Hale also mentioned the ongoing programs with local schools and groups and both on- and off-site programs in the community.

Personnel Actions

Turnbull expressed it this way: "We hire him (City Manager Michael McLaughlin) and he deals with them (city staff)." So then he wondered why the council is being presented with a list of promotions and reclassifications of city staff to approve. He said he felt uncomfortable ruling on individuals whom he might know. He felt that council's job was to set policy and general guidance but that such approvals amounted to too much micro-management.

In response, McLaughlin provided background. These positions were not included in the annual budget but had been awaiting approval for some time. Council is being asked to approve the transfer of money in the budget to fund these promotions and reclassifications rather than to rule on each personnel action.

This procedure then raised
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Santa arrives for the tree lighting ceremony, riding on a Greenbelt fire truck.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

Santa Arrives to Light Holiday Tree

by Laura Beckert

"Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the Way..." This tune along with many others drifted across last Friday night's clear cold air as a crowd of Greenbelt residents assembled together in front of City Hall for the opening ceremony of Greenbelt's Festival of Lights. The Brass Choir of the Greenbelt Concert Band kicked things off. Since the band started playing a little early, the crowd was initially sparse. Nevertheless the band played Christmas songs and got the growing crowd juiced up for some hardcore-caroling.

Upon conclusion of the Brass Band, Mayor Judith Davis gave a small speech in which she expressed her delight at being able to attend the Tree Lighting ceremony for the first time. City Council duties had prevented her attendance in previous years.

The Greenbelt Combined Choir with the help of the Mayor, the Miss Greenbelts, many young Santa Claus fans, and the audience belted out a large repertoire of Christmas carols. Santa must have heard the crowd singing all the way up at the North Pole, because he came rushing to greet them atop a siren-screaming, lights-flashing fire engine. There were plenty of Greenbelt Police present to make sure that Santa obeyed all the applicable traffic laws.

At the sight of the man in the

red suit, the mob of young children went crazy with delight. After surgically removing some children from his person, Santa was slowly able to make his way to the stage where he lit the Christmas tree. Santa with his Greenbelt elves (the Miss Greenbelts) then passed out candy canes to all the awestruck children.

As the crowd was dispersing, a few young children took the opportunity of having small personal chats with the big man. One of the children gave Santa a present (a folded up sticker) and when asked, told him she would like a candy cane for Christmas. Once Santa dealt with all the earnest requests he drifted away back to the North Pole to rest up for his next Greenbelt visit on Christmas Eve.

Ring in New Year — 2001 And Pick Up a Passport

by Patti Brothers

Those who haven't already made plans for bringing in the new year are invited to join their friends and neighbors at Greenbelt New Year 2001. This celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever, with something for everyone.

There is something new this year - the Greenbelt Millennium Passport! This is a new and exciting activity. The Passport contains 14 different events that will occur during the year 2001 in the city. Pick up a Passport at the 2001 New Year's Celebration, which is the first of the events, attend or visit the 12 other events and have the Passport stamped at each. Turn in the completed Passport at the last event - the 2002 New Year's Celebration. Completed passports are eligible for entry in a drawing for a weekend getaway and other prizes. And best of all the Passports are free!

Fireworks

The 2001 Celebration activities will begin with a display of fireworks on Braden Field and then move indoors at five different locations. The Community Center will host the rhythm and

sounds of Trinidad and Tobago - wear Island apparel. Kaydee Puppets will delight the audience with "let your imagination take you away" puppet shows. Bridges to Bliss will entertain the entire family with their fun, whimsical songs. The Goddard Storytellers will be telling wonderful, spell-binding stories all



night long for people of all ages.

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, the Scottish Country Dancers will have people moving all night. John Hill will provide party goers with sit-back-and-relax music from his acoustic gui-

tar and marvelous voice. There will be activities in the Artist's Studios as well. The Greenbelt Swim Team will be providing delicious food all evening. DC Motors will begin the final celebration and ring in the New Year in fine style with their great, non-stop sounds that span the last four decades!

The Youth Center will have lots of "get involved" activities for everyone - sumo wrestling (who can get up once they fall down?) and an obstacle course (try to out run a neighbor) provided by Talk of the Town and a karaoke deejay by Sight and Sound Entertainment, who will provide music for listening and/or for singing. Dave Schuman will

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What Goes On

Mon., Dec. 11, 8 p.m.
Council work session with Westchester Park Civic Association, Municipal Building Council Room

Wed., Dec. 13, 8 p.m.
Council work session with Prince George's County Economic Development Corp., Community Center

Council Shows Pleasure With Greenbelt Rd. Plans

by Virginia Beauchamp

Members of the Greenbelt City Council found themselves setting aside their usual hostility to representations from the State Highway Administration (SHA) at a worksession with SHA officials on Wednesday, November 29. Instead of grand ideas for faster and wider highways to carry traffic through the city and its environs, two consultants to the SHA, Ken Goon and Karen Jarrett, (consulting engineers with R. K. & K. Baltimore), were talking small. Their task was to show how utilizing a state program for neighborhood conservation might improve Greenbelt Rd. from U.S.1 to Mandan Rd.

Also present at the meeting were members of a special task force of citizens from Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights who will be working with the SHA team to come up with design plans for the road improvements. Greenbelt members, who were

appointed in May, include: Sharon Bradley-Papp, Joyce Chestnut, Bill Clarke, Paula Clinedinst, Scott Filfield, and John Pak (a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School). Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, is staff representative on the committee.

Berwyn Heights mayor, Tawanna Gaines, and former mayor, William Armistead, as well as the city's administrator, John Groulx, were also present at the November 29 meeting. Although College Park will be included in the project, its representatives did not attend. Four members of the Greenbelt city council were present; and Edward Putens, ironically stuck in Washington traffic, called in by cell phone to apologize for his absence.

Neighborhood Conservation

According to Goon, \$50 million has been allocated by the State of Maryland over a six-year period. See GREENBELT RD., page 12

Letters

THANKS

We thank all who supported our recent book sale at Greenbelt Library, especially the volunteers who gave hours to setting up the thousands of sale items. We invite all to continue visiting the Novel Endings used-book store at the library.

Barbara Tanen, Judy Bell,
Lucie MacKinnon and
Eileen Peterson
Friends of the Greenbelt
Library
Book Sale Committee

THANKS

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross wish to thank the 44 donors whose contributions made the special blood drive on December 4 a success. The special drive was held to accommodate those people who were not served at the previous drive on November 6, and others who had not donated blood in the last 56 days.

The American Red Cross recommends an interval of 56 days between blood donations. Those people who donated at the regular drive on November 6 will be eligible to donate again at the next blood drive scheduled for Monday, February 5 between 2 and 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Because of scheduled appointments, there were no waiting lines at the December 4 drive. The Red Cross provided adequate personnel.

Please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment for the February 5 drive.

Janet Goldberg

Girl Scout Council Seeks Volunteers

The Girl Scout Council of the National Capital is seeking volunteers who are interested in the development of young girls as caring, competent, confident women and leaders for tomorrow's world. Volunteer opportunities exist on many different levels and all are welcome. To volunteer or get more information, call 301-893-1819 or 800-834-1702.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the November 29 meeting. Florence Holly led members in prayer and read a poem "Matins" by Henry Van Dyke. After President Souser led members in saluting the flag, Dolores Capotosto led members in singing "America the Beautiful."

Karen Haseley announced that volunteers are needed to help Nicole Gizelle with sculptures for the New Year's Eve program. The three sessions are December 3, 5, and 14. If interested call 301-474-8000, ext. 107.

Help local families in need by dropping off a donation to the holiday giving tree at the Greenbelt Community Center Business Office by noon on December 22.

Sunshine chair Betty Petroff sent notes of cheer to Marge Hromulak and Joe Rimar. Ernie Varda, Program chair, introduced

COUNCIL

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other questions. Why not wait for the overall personnel study which has been discussed for some time and appears to be behind schedule, Councilmember Thomas White inquired. He was hesitant to single out these individuals and thought that such an action was dealing with the personnel situation in a piecemeal approach.

On the other side, Mayor Davis and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Edward Putens supported the action. They felt it was unfair to make these employees who had been eligible for promotion wait for the system to catch up with them. Eventually the recommended promotions, reclassifications and changes in the staffing schedule in the 2001 budget were approved. Turnbull and White voted against the motion, urging faster action on the overall personnel study.

Power Outages

Two Greenbelters then asked council for help in getting Pepco to explain or deal with what they described as many momentary power outages. While not ruling on their petition for help in its first presentation before council, members asked for some background information on the situation.

Stephen Jascourt and Aaron Johns testified that they had kept a record of a series of brief and unexplained power outages and

brought them to the attention of Pepco, which promised to investigate. Jascourt has filed a complaint about this matter with the Maryland Public Service Commission. Neither group appears to be moving swiftly to deal with the situation.

Council was sympathetic and asked that staff look into the issues and come back at the next meeting with more information and possible recommendations. Council also suggested discussing the issue with New Carrollton, College Park, and Berwyn Heights to see what the situation was in those communities.

Council also indicated they could take this issue up with Greenbelt's local legislative team at an upcoming meeting. Also on the agenda for that meeting was the quality of cable service provided by Comcast and the continuing apparent disparity in the availability of highway overpasses in Bowie as compared to Greenbelt.

Other Business

A resolution to amend a resolution to establish a public safety advisory committee was given first reading. The structure and function of the committee would change with the addition of non-voting liaisons and additional voting members. This change had been recommended to revitalize the committee. Appointments of Silke Pope and Walter Mooney to the committee were approved.



Santa passes out candy canes to a young admirer.

- photo by Frederique Schmuelling

Mayor Judith Davis, who spoke on many topics including the upcoming budget session, playground improvements, the Greenbelt theater, the assisted living task force, Metroland, the public hearing on curfews and Greenbelt's boundaries. Davis graciously answered many questions from the floor. President Souser thanked the Mayor for speaking to the Golden Age Club and presented her with a certi-

cate of appreciation. The December 6 meeting was the regular board/business meeting. Upcoming meetings are on December 13, with a speaker from the Red Cross, and December 20, which will be the monthly birthday/Christmas party.

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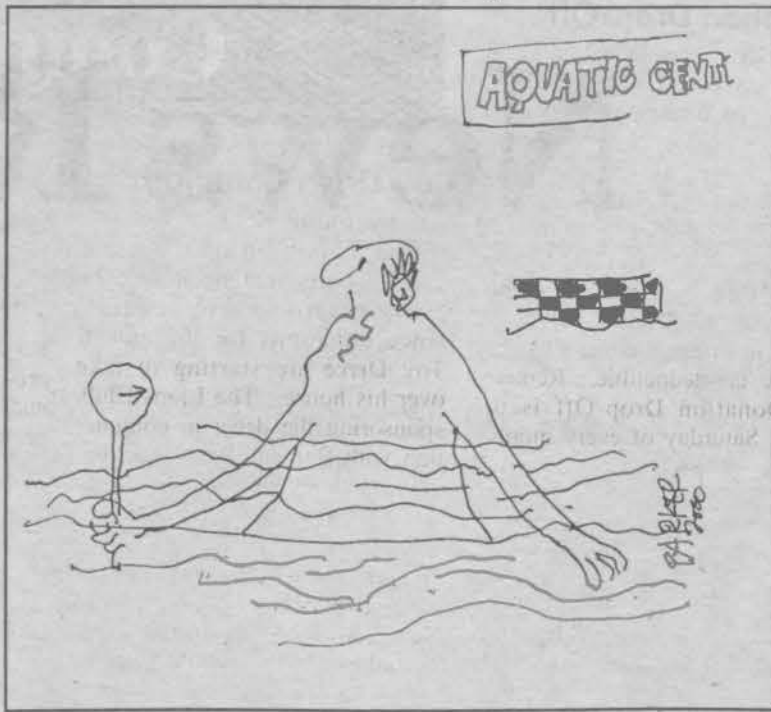


NOTICE of MEETING

The City of Greenbelt
Board of Elections

Tuesday, December 12, 2000, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Bldg. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call or send e-mail to: Kathleen Gallagher City Clerk kgallagh@ci.greenbelt.md.us or 301/474-3870.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Exactly eighty-three degrees ... I can bring my tropical fish for an outing!"

Public Hearing Held by County Delegation

The Prince George's County House Delegation is holding a public hearing on all late-filed bills at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Building, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale on Monday, December 11, at 7 p.m. Included in this hearing is a bill Senator Leo Green will propose that will raise the salary of chief election judges

by \$50.00 and election judges by \$25.00. The hearing will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to testify should arrive a few minutes prior to the hearing in order to sign the testimony sign-up sheets. To present written testimony provide at least 30 copies. For information call the Delegation Office at 301-858-3074.

Channel B-10 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV

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Tuesday & Thursday, December 12th & 14th

- 2 & 6 pm "Perils for Pedestrians"
- 2:30 & 6:30pm "ACE Reading Program-Springhill Lake Elementary School"
- 3 & 7 pm "Greenbelt Combined Choir"
- 4 & 8 pm "Holiday Lights Concert" featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band and the Combined Choir

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Donation Drop-Off

The December Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, December 9, 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 used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Remember, Donation Drop-Off is the second Saturday of every month.



Festival of Lights Schedule of Events

The Festival of Lights began on Friday, December 1, when a crowd of more than 450 came out to the Municipal Building to see Santa light the City of Greenbelt holiday tree. All who came enjoyed instrumental music, caroling, cocoa and cookies. This was the first of a month-long calendar of events.

A copy of the Festival of Lights flier is available at all Recreation Department buildings. It lists all holiday events in the city. For information call 301-397-2200.

Following are upcoming events:

Art Exhibition

Art in Autumn, works by the Prince George's Artists Association, will be on display through December 18 at the Greenbelt Community Center Gallery. It is hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department; all ages are welcome.

Santa's Visit

Saturday, December 9, 9 to 11 a.m., Santa visits the Greenbelt Youth Center; for ages pre-school and up. This free program is hosted by the city recreation department. Youngsters can come tell Santa their wishes. Parents are invited to bring a blank VHS tape to have the visit recorded on video.

Wacky Winter Workshop

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center, a Wacky Winter Workshop will be open to children grades 1 to 4. Pre-registration is required. There is a fee. Parents will have five hours free to do shopping on their own while their children are participating in the workshop. There will be a variety of activities including games and crafts, a make-your-own pizza lunch and photo with Santa.

Holiday Lights Concert

Sunday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center Gymnasium, there will be performances by the Greenbelt Concert Band and Greenbelt Combined Choir. All ages are welcome. There is no charge.

Greenbelt East Tree

The public is invited to the Greenbelt East tree lighting on Sunday, December 10, 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building. All ages are welcome at this free program. Entertainment will be by the ERHS Choir.

Children's Santa Party

On Saturday, December 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. children will have a free party with Santa at the Greenbriar Community Building.

Community Events

Toy Drive Continues

by Judith Ransom Bell

Joe Wilkinson of the Lions Club reports that he has to be "very careful where I walk," since donations for the annual Toy Drive are starting to take over his house. The Lions Club, sponsoring the drive in conjunction with Beltway Plaza management and merchants, will continue distributing through December 24.

One of the stops will be Margaret Brent Regional School in New Carrollton, which offers special education services to students ages 5 to 21. Eighty-six students will receive toys supplied through donations placed in red and green boxes at Beltway Plaza Center Mall, Greenbriar, the Co-op Supermarket, the Youth Center, the Aquatic and Fitness Center, and the Community Center. All toys must be new and unwrapped. No used toys or stuffed animals can be accepted. For more information contact Joe Wilkinson at 301-474-6893.

At the Library

Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers, ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, December 13, 4 p.m., BookKids Discussion Group, ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, December 14, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, ages 3 to 5.

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

Combined Choir, Band Give Holiday Concert

Each year, the Greenbelt Concert Band features a vocal group at its Holiday Lights Concert. This year the band will be joined by the Greenbelt Combined Choir, which has built its own tradition of annual holiday concerts. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center this Sunday, December 10. The concert is free.

Under the leadership of Tom Cherrix, the Greenbelt Concert Band is an adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical programs for residents of the city and surrounding areas. With support from the city and rehearsal space provided by the recreation department, the band has been performing for over 40 years.

The Greenbelt Combined Choir has been performing for nearly 30 years during each holiday season. It was originally made up of singers from the church choirs within the city, but now has members from other areas as well. Last Sunday the choir gave its annual concert at Greenbelt Community Church. Jean Cook is the choir's director.

The band will open the concert with six holiday pieces ranging from Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer to a Chanukah Celebration to Russian Christmas music. The choir will then join the band for three other works which range in style from Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring to Frosty the Snowman. The choir will complete the program with six more selections beginning with the Holly and the Ivy and ending the program with O, Holy Night.

Boy Choir Performs Christmas Concert

On Saturday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m., the Maryland Boy Choir will present its 18th annual Christmas Concert at University United Methodist Church on the campus of the University of Maryland. The choir will perform Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols," with April Stace, harpist. Joined by alumni, it will also perform traditional songs of the season and lead an audience sing-along.



Directed by former Greenbelter Joan McFarland, the choir was formed in 1983 and is the only community-based, treble-voice boy choir in the Washington area. Members range in age from 8 to 14. Since its founding, the choir has performed at the Kennedy Center, the White House, Constitution Hall, and Wolf Trap. The boys have sung with the National Symphony Orchestra, the Oratorio Society, Choral Arts Society and many other well-known groups. The choir's performance of Britten's "War Requiem" received a Grammy award last February for "best choral performance."

Tickets may be purchased at the door 30 minutes before concert time; reservations will not be taken. There is a fee. The church is located at 3621 Campus Drive, on the UM campus. For further information, call 301-559-3456.

Duncan to Speak To Democratic Club

The Annual Holiday Dessert Social of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, December 15, at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

The guest speaker will be Douglas Duncan the county executive of neighboring Montgomery County. Duncan will also install the incoming officers: president, Kurt Walter; treasurer, Sylvia Lewis; recording secretary, Mary Vondrak; corresponding secretary, Pat Unger; and sergeant-at-arms, Ben Barnes. A vice president from each of the four precincts rounds out the slate, which was voted in at the November meeting.

Members are reminded to bring a dessert to share. The public is welcome. Anyone needing further information should call outgoing president, Jim Inzea, at 301-441-2426.



Greenbelt Post Office Christmas Hours

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

Monday through Friday, Dec. 11 through Dec. 22: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 and 16: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23, Regular hours: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Holiday Party Helps The Hard of Hearing

Avoid large gatherings at the holiday season? Feel ill at ease at family gatherings? Join the Prince George's Group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People at a holiday meeting Thursday, December 14, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The party will be critiqued and suggestions will be offered for reducing stress during this busy holiday season. Spouses or close friends are invited to join so they too can learn how best to communicate with hard of hearing people at large gatherings. Bring finger food to share.

For directions or further information call 301-474-0345.

"Adopt a Pet" Day At PetsMart Sunday

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, December 10, noon to 3 p.m., at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The public is invited to visit PetsMart and meet dogs and cats looking for loving, permanent homes. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications for the homeless animals. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at www.pgspca.org for more information. There is a fee to adopt a pet.

Roosevelt Presents Instrumental Music

The instrumental music department at Eleanor Roosevelt High School will present its annual winter concert on Thursday, December 14, at 7:30. The concert will be held in the auditorium and will feature the award-winning Symphonic Band, Symphony Orchestra, and Concert Band III. Many students from Greenbelt will be participating, including: Chi-Hea Ahn, Jamie Bailey, Sarah Bates, Kyle Brady, Nikia Coates, Andromeda Huff, Ranjani Iyer, Sang-Hui Kim, Jennifer McLaughlin, Matt Sciannella, Madeline Bell, Bora Chung, Charlene Gerring, Heraa Hajelsafi, Ji Yeun Kwon, Julia Snyder, Lisa Witter, Ryan Brooks, Chris DeCruise, Anthony Faucette, Selina Gooding, James Harris, Cory Holland, Patrick Kelsner, Candice Magruder, Andrea Martin, John McCann, Danielle McCray, Rhonda McPhatter, Brandon Scott, Sakeenan Shakoar, Aaron Williams, Sean Williams, and Joel Wolf-Pitts. Come out to enjoy an evening of free music.

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Meets

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m. in the media center. A bylaw committee will be formed. Free babysitting will be provided. Parents, guardians, teachers and interested people of the community are all invited to attend.

Greek Folk Dancing Party this Sunday

A Greek folk dancing Christmas party will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 10 in the dance studio at the Community Center.

No partner or experience is needed and instruction will be provided. Admission is free, but guests are asked to bring a snack item to share. For more information, call the Greek dance group at 301-397-2208.

Party 2001 Needs Volunteer Workers

The Greenbelt New Year Committee is finalizing plans for this year's celebration. The 2001 celebration promises to be the best yet. Plans are well underway. T-shirts are in and available for purchase, entertainers have been booked, rooms have been reserved, and tickets are currently on sale. The only thing needed is more volunteers to assist in bringing in the new millennium. The next meeting of the committee is Monday, December 11 at 7:30 in the Community Center. Become an integral part of the first New Year celebration of the new millennium!

Greenbelt Greens Meet on Dec. 11

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Greens will be held on Monday, December 11, in the Police Station's Community Room, corner of Crescent and Ridge Roads, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with an electoral committee meeting of the Maryland Green Party. Greenbelt attorney Mark Miller is expected to lead a discussion on the close election in Florida. There will be a celebration of the Greens gaining ballot status in the state. Nancy Hey of Hyattsville will be honored for the high number of signatures collected.

Refreshments will be served. For further information phone 301-474-1998. The informal weekly meetings of the Greens will continue to be held at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café on Wednesdays.

**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS
GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE**

The GHI gutters cleanings scheduled during the week of December 11 through 15 are as follows:

Frame Homes

- 2 through 15 courts Laurel Hill Road
- 1 through 7 courts Plateau Place
- 55 through 62 courts Ridge Road

Masonry Homes

- 25 through 47 courts Ridge Road
- 1 through 3 courts Gardenway Road

Schedules for the remainder of the program will be published weekly in the News Review. The contract supervisor for the program is Irvin Utz. He can be reached on (301) 474-4161 ext. 121.

OBITUARY

Salvatore Gussio

Greenbelt Pioneer Salvatore Gussio died of congestive heart failure on November 30, 2000 at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville, where he had lived since January. He lived a long, active, and good life for 92 1/2 years.



Salvatore Gussio

At the age of 19 he eloped with Dorothea May Noack and enjoyed a marriage of over 68 years. She died in 1996.

The Gussios came to Greenbelt in 1938 and lived first at 2-J Westway, later moving to their home on Crescent Road.

A native Washingtonian, at the age of 14 he began his apprenticeship as a stone mason. He also attended night school classes at McKinley Tech. From 1927 to 1935 he was a stone carver on the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

In 1938 he was employed by Southern Railway System as a dining car steward. After 35 years, he retired as Dining Car Superintendent.

Mr. Gussio studied art at the Washington School of Art.

As an outdoorsman, he taught his children to swim and ice skate and participated in these sports with them. He was also a seasonal hunter and his family enjoyed dining on his "catch of the season." For his hunting he raised hunting dogs, which he trained for himself

Human Rights Day Observed by Baha'is

On Saturday, December 9, the Greenbelt Baha'i Community will observe Human Rights Day. They will honor more than 200 Baha'is, mostly elected community leaders, who have been executed in Iran since 1979, solely because of their religion.

Several Greenbelt Baha'is who lost close family members have created a presentation to tell their relative's story on the 20th anniversary of their martyrdom. The program will include music, poetry, and slides, and will conclude with a reception. It begins at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The public is invited. No donations are accepted. Call 301-345-3983 for more information.

and friends.

He enjoyed his retirement years golfing with friends and spending time in his second home in Piney Point, MD, where he enjoyed fishing and boating. He supplied family and friends with his "catch."

Mr. Gussio was a Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the Eastern Star.

He is survived by three children, Ellen A. Domchick of Silver Spring; Carl O. Gussio of Baltimore; and Elizabeth "Betty" M. Shifflett, Greenbelt; two sisters; two brothers; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville on December 4. Interment was in the Greenbelt City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Lutheran Home, 9701 Viers Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

Advent Program At Lutheran Church

On December 10 at 10 a.m., Stephen Pruitt, Minister of Music at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, will present a special Advent and pre-Christmas Matins Service. It will include presentations by the Pruitt-established Holy Cross Chorale and Bethlehem Choir and will introduce the latest addition to Pruitt's music ministry, the handbell ringers. The brass quartet and additional instruments will add to the lessons and carols in the celebration. Holy Cross is at 6905 Greenbelt Road, telephone 301-345-5111.

Watts Will Teach Piano Masterclass

Andre Watts, artist in residence, will conduct a free piano masterclass on Tuesday, December 12 at 10 a.m. at Ulrich Recital Hall in the Tawes Fine Arts Building at the University of Maryland. Watts is appearing in his first semester of a three-year appointment at the University of Maryland School of Music. Watts will provide coaching and critique to select piano students of the school.

Meals on Wheels Seeks Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park is looking for additional driver and visitor volunteers to deliver meals to residents living in the Greenbelt, Beltsville and College Park areas, Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer meal packers are also needed. They help make sandwiches and serve hot food for delivery. The hours are from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. For additional information call 301-474-1002.

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- 11 am Sung Service

ERHS Choir Sings at Kennedy Center

by Mary Moien

The Chamber Choir from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will join the Washington Chorus for "Music for Christmas" at the Kennedy Center on December 16, 17 and 21. Dianne Peterson, executive director of the Washington Chorus, told the News Review, "We are delighted to welcome back the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir as our partner school this season. Eleanor Roosevelt was the first high school choir to sing with us on the 'Music for Christmas' concerts when we started our education program in 1992."

The Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. Barbara Baker, will join with the Washington Chorus under the musical direction of Maestro Robert Shafer. They will be accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra. A holiday concert for the entire family, the popular "Music for Christmas" concerts feature beloved carols and Christmas classics, a choral procession, plus seasonal favorites for all to sing.

The Washington Chorus has both a high school partner program and a mentor program that allows selected high school choirs to receive specialized workshops on the mechanics of singing and the principles of vocal health. Singers from the Washington Chorus are paired one-on-one with members of the Chamber Choir during the rehearsals that lead up to the Christmas concert.

The ERHS Chamber Choir is one of six choirs at the school and has been the recipient of many awards over the years. Earlier this year, the choir performed at the National Cathedral with the Dave Brubeck Quartet and in 1999 performed with the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center for the Anti-Defamation League. Dr. Baker conducts the Chamber Choir, as well as the Women's, Men's, and Gospel Choirs at ERHS. Peterson commented that "Dr. Baker has an exceptional program and her fine work is nationally recognized. It's a thrill every year to have the opportunity to present outstanding choirs from the greater Washington area

to the over 6500 patrons in our audiences for these concerts. We know that this year will be no exception!"

Concerts will be held on December 16 at 2:30 p.m., December 17 at 8:30 p.m., and December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Tickets are available by calling the Washington Chorus Box Office at 202-342-6221. Selected discounts are available for senior citizens, students, and groups.

Get a Free Booklet On Care of Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available to the public free of charge. The booklet uses colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. The contents of the guide include: how to use shade trees and windbreaks to save home energy; how to attract songbirds to a yard; how to save trees during construction; how to plant the right tree in the right place; how to plant conservation buffers for streams; how to create living snow fences; the right way to plant trees; the right way to prune trees; how to get conservation trees for planting; where to get help caring for trees.

For a free booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

AMI to Meet

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) will hold two meetings this month for family and friends who deal with mental illness.

The first meeting will be held on December 12, 7 p.m., at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, in the multi-purpose room.

The second meeting will be on December 13, 7 p.m., at Dyer Health Center, 9314 Piscataway Road, Clinton.

For information call Jane Kelley at 301-377-6026 or 301-322-1900.



NEW YEAR 2001

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demonstrate his great juggling skills in the multipurpose room and conduct a workshop as well. There will be lots of food available for purchase at the Youth Center provided by the Boys and Girls Club cheerleaders.

The Arts Center will be showing a delightful play, "Millennium Juke Box." This is a play for all ages featuring actors and actresses of all ages. Come and watch a jukebox come alive!

The Theatre will host Eric Henning, magician extraordinaire, who will dazzle the audience with illusions and mystical magic in three shows. The New Deal Cafe will provide entertainment and food all night long.

There will also be activities, including a fire dancer in Roosevelt Center, depending on the weather.

Reasonably priced tickets are available at the Community Center now through December 25. Children 5 and under are free. Call 301-397-2208 or stop in to purchase tickets now (and pick up a beautiful collector t-shirt). Tickets purchased later or at the door cost slightly more.

Don't miss Greenbelt New Year 2001 - and don't forget to pick up that Passport!

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HOSPICELINK helps people seeking information and education about hospice care, and makes referrals to hospices in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The national toll-free telephone number is 800-331-1620. HOSPICELINK is a service of the Hospice Education Institute, an independent non-profit organization located in Essex, Connecticut. There is no charge for the service. It holds 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. Founded in 1985, the Institute has played an important role in encouraging good hospice care, and in educating both health professionals and members of the public about the possibilities, principles and practices of good end-of-life care. HOSPICE LINK telephones are answered

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For more information about the Hospice Education Institute and its programs and services, call 800-331-1620 or 860-767-1620, email the organization at hospiceall@aol.com, or write to 190 Westbrook Road, Essex, CT 06426. HOSPICELINK lines are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, Eastern Time.



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City of Greenbelt

COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters, etc.

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS & WORK SESSIONS

DECEMBER 2000 (rev.)/EARLY JANUARY 2001

Meeting	Date	Time
Interview for Advisory Group	Mon. 12/11	7:45 p.m.
Work Session with Westchester Park Civic Association	Mon. 12/11	8:00 p.m.
Work Session with P.G. Co. Economic Dev. Corp. (CC)	Wed. 12/13	8:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Mon. 12/18	8:00 p.m.
Work Session on City Goals/Quarterly Car Review (CC)	Wed. 12/20	8:00 p.m.
No Meetings 12/25, 12/27, or 1/1	Mon. 12/25	
Work Session - TBA (CC)	Wed. 01/03	
Regular Meeting	Mon. 01/08	8:00 p.m.

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. All interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Rd. Meetings marked "CC" will be held in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Check out the City of Greenbelt Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

Looking for gift ideas for your child's teacher this holiday?

Why not donate a book to your school library
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The Buy-A-Book program of Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) makes it easy for you to find an appropriate gift for your child's teacher. ACE has collected wish lists from the schools that Greenbelt children attend as their neighborhood school - Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, St. Hugh's, Greenbelt Middle, Robert Goddard Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Recently, the schools added to these lists by indicating that Harry Potter books would also be welcome. To check out the other books schools are interested in simply ask for the Buy-A-Book Notebook at Bookland in Beltway Plaza. Then pick out one to give your child's teacher for the upcoming holidays.

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Chemists Present Programs

by Mary Moien

All of the seats in Miss Moore's fifth grade at Magnolia Elementary were filled. All of the floor space was taken also as the students faced a long table filled with vials, bottles, and strange paraphernalia. Dr. James Cassidy, a retired chemist in private industry, took his place behind the table for a hands-on demonstration of the importance of chemistry in everyday life, especially the kitchen. Cassidy is a member of the American Chemical Society and the local coordinator for National Chemistry Week. He was one of several volunteers who visited Greenbelt elementary schools during National Chemistry Week, November 5 - 11.

Assisted by Dr. Paul Terry, a retired scientist from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), Cassidy described topics such as proteins and carbohydrates in food. These were difficult ideas to describe in

a short time. Discussing foods, he asked the students if they would rather eat a young chicken or an old chicken. To demonstrate, Cassidy "plucked" a student from the audience and felt his arms. He joked with the class: "I'm old, scrawny and tough," indicating that the boy was young and tender. He then described how young chickens have cells that multiply and are replaced rapidly making for a tender bite and how older chickens need salt or some other chemical to break down the tough old cells and make them edible.

An experiment showing the burning of calories by the body got the most excitement out of the class. Several students blew up balloons and then others felt the balloons and found them to be warm. Cassidy stated that energy was stored in the balloons. Also, the air is now compressed inside the balloon. The students proved this by letting go of all



First step in the preparation of cheese using chemistry kits, Greenbelt Elementary School. Left to right, April Graham, Courtney Bush and Dr. R. Taylor

-photo by Pam Bauer



Determining characteristics of common kitchen substances in water, St. Hugh's school. Left to right, Jayashree Katta, Jack Whelan, Emily Ivy, Michael Iacone and Katherine Gessner with Dr. Cassidy in the background.

- photo by Margie Sparks

the balloons and watching them shoot around the room as the compressed air escaped. The empty balloons were no longer warm to the touch; energy had been dissipated.

Dr. Cassidy also presented his interactive show to a seventh grade class at St. Hugh's. The class showed great interest in the material presented.

Two other volunteers from BARC visited Greenbelt Elementary School and St. Hugh's School the same week. They were Dr. Rosannah Taylor, a plant physiologist, and Valorie Akuffo.

During the visit to Greenbelt Elementary School, Dr. James Brown, president of the Chemical Society of Washington, presented an American Chemical Society plaque to Taylor. This award was in recognition of Taylor's activities with students including hands-on workshops at BARC and in local schools to increase agricultural literacy for both classroom students and teachers.



Presentation of ACS awards to volunteers: left to right Michelle Foster, Nadia Hayes, Michael Zmidzinski, Dr. Rosannah Taylor, Dr. James Brown, president of the Chemical Society of Washington, a section of the American Chemical Society (ACS), and Valorie Akuffo.

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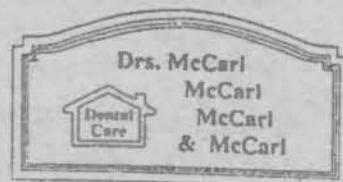
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Benefitting the Arts with Santiago Rodriguez

by Nick Mydra

Does the name Santiago Rodriguez sound familiar? Someone might say maybe he's a new baseball pitcher for the Boston Red Sox. Nope. Maybe it's that guy who approached you in the shopping center parking lot last week and said he could fix up your car and make it look like new again. Cheap! Nope. Say, wasn't he that guy your kids were talking about having to write about in history class? Again, nope. Then, who in the world is Santiago Rodriguez?

Those of us who were at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Saturday, November 18 know. He's a professor in the music department at the University of Maryland and he can play the piano a little bit. Correction, boy, can he play the piano — a lot. Rodriguez, the Silver Medal winner of the Van Cliburn International piano competition in 1981 performed here in a benefit concert the week before Thanksgiving.

Scheduled for 8 o'clock, the concert didn't start for 20 minutes and was just over an hour in length. You could say it was quality over quantity. Too bad it couldn't have been a lot of both.

To quote the front page of the program: "This is a first in an annual series of concerts which will feature young pianists in the greater Greenbelt area. Rodriguez most generously donated his talents to help launch the series. We hope that this program will help create a genuine interest of future participants. The series is named for Albert K. Herling, a participant in, and patron of the arts, because he was always thinking of the future." Al Herling was someone I had the opportunity and privilege, along with many others, to witness performing on the piano. A man of many talents, the arts were very special to him. As Santiago Rodriguez said during the concert, "If we didn't have the arts, we would know that we were missing it."

The concert started with Mozart's Sonata in C Major, which is in three parts: Allegro Moderato, which was light and happy; Andante, the second part, that has a somber tone to it; and back to light and happy with the Allegro. Chopin's Ballade No. 1 in G Minor followed. Somber in feeling, it's the kind of piece Santiago could sink his teeth into and play with a lot of emotion. Mozart lent itself to displaying Rodriguez' technical side, and it was flawless. Next, Debussy's "The Isle of Joy" provided an eerie sound. Quite the contrast from the Mozart piece. Rachmaninov's Prelude in E Flat Major and Prelude in G Minor, which is march-like, again showed Santiago Rodriguez' superb technical prowess. Clean and tight when called for, broad and dynamic when needed.

The rest of the evening featured Spanish music, or Spanish-influenced music. "Andaluza" by De Falla, a Spanish composition again highlighted excellent technique. Granado's "Oriental," a Spanish dance, showed a Moorish influence which

gave it a haunting tone. It was played to perfection.

"Danza del gaucho marero" an Argentinian piece by Ginastera is a modern composition that has the performer playing pulsating phrases again and again. That could be a difficult piece to pull off after the other more harmonious selections, but Santiago Rodriguez does it almost effortlessly. The last two numbers were of Cuban origin and help to accent Rodriguez' Cuban heritage. Three dances by Touzet: the first one had a section that sounded like a Gershwin arrangement. The last piece of the evening was by Lecuona, "Cordoba," "Gitanerias," and the familiar "Malaguena."

Before he started to perform Rodriguez said that you could clap any time you want. You didn't have to wait until the appropriate moment. There was a lot of applause, and a lot to clap about. A standing ovation at the end confirmed it. I'm looking forward to next time; how about you?

Suspect Arrested In Murder Attempt

Thirty-three-year-old Abdoul Gadire Kaba, of 9140 Edmonston Court, was arrested and charged Nov. 27 with attempted first-degree murder and first-degree assault. Investigation revealed that the victim was stabbed for an unknown reason, allegedly by Kaba, who had been temporarily living with the victim. Kaba was arrested on the scene and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The victim, a 29-year-old male, was transported to Prince George's General Hospital for treatment of a stab wound to his abdomen.

POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Nov. 23, 6:29 p.m., a 25-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The victims stated that he pointed a gun at them when they went to his residence. The man was apprehended on the scene, and the gun, a BB/air pistol, was recovered. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Nov. 28, 10:55 a.m., a 16-year-old female resident was arrested on petition for assault and disruption of school activities after a teacher reported that a student threatened her during class. The youth was released to her mother pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Attempted Arson

7500 block of Mandan Road, Nov. 22, 3:28 p.m., someone attempted to set fire to some papers inside a residence.

DWI

Kenilworth Avenue at Old Calvert Road, Nov. 30, 1:17 a.m., a 35-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary and Theft

Academy 8 Theaters in Beltway Plaza Mall, Nov. 22, 9:27 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

Target in Beltway Plaza Mall, Nov. 24, 11:50 a.m., an unattended purse was taken.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Nov. 24, 2:17 p.m. Entry was gained by breaking open a window. CDs, video games and a video game player were taken.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Nov. 28, 3:49 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a desk in an office suite.

Greenbelt Youth Center, Nov. 28, 5:16 p.m., a child's scooter was taken.

7700 block of Greenbelt Road, Nov. 29, 8:22 a.m., a wallet was taken from an unattended purse in an office suite.

Vehicle Crimes

Beltway Plaza Mall, Nov. 25, a 30-year-old female resident was arrested and charged with theft. An officer observed

a vehicle parked in a fire lane. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County police department. The vehicle was stopped after it was driven away, and the driver was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gray two-door Buick Regal with Maryland tags GJW 478, Nov. 26, from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court, and a burgundy four-door Buick Century with Maryland tags GMM 100, Nov. 27, from the Greenbelt Metro station.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 8000 block of Lakecrest Drive, 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, 6 court of Hillside, and 6100 block of Breezewood Court.

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Heating bill too expensive? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C. has just published a booklet, "How to Get Government Help to Pay Your Energy Bills." The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay heating bills.

The booklet tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. It also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce energy bills, even if they have no home equity.

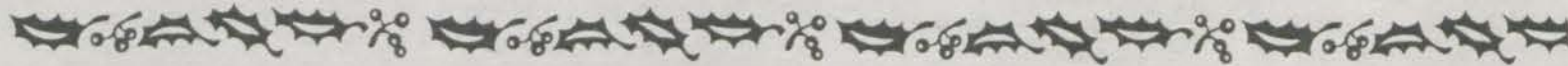
Consumers can receive a copy by writing to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help for Energy Bills Booklet Offer, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, D.C. 20039-0848. There is a fee. Consumers can get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.



Greenbelters and friends filled the fire station hall for the annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club, Fire Department Auxiliary and the American Legion on Saturday morning, December 2.



Mayor Judith Davis and the three Miss Greenbelts are joined by a group of carolers who seemed more interested in when Santa Claus would arrive at the annual Festival of Lights tree lighting ceremony. -photos by Laura Beckert



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Some of the young crowd who were eagerly awaiting Santa's arrival.

- photo by Leigh Catterton

GREENBELT RD

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period for revitalization projects in older communities. Part of the Governor's "Smart Growth" plan: this money—typically in \$2 or \$3 million-dollar grants—will be used to enhance existing transportation networks.

Examples of such improvements may include resurfacing roads, correcting drainage problems, building or replacing curbs and gutters, installing sidewalks, creating bicycle lanes and bus stops, making roadway intersections safer, and establishing landscaping and decorative plantings to enhance the appearance or historical quality of a community.

Scope of Project

Goon said that both College Park and Greenbelt had requested that the Greenbelt Rd. project be expanded. College Park, concerned about disruptions of cur-

rent traffic infrastructure in connection with the University of Maryland's plans to build a new basketball arena, would like to consider extending the study westward to Adelphi Rd. Greenbelt Councilmember Rodney Roberts, looking eastward, had suggested expanding the study to the main gate of NASA at Soil Conservation Rd.

In considering the ramifications of these proposals for expansion, SHA planners have had to consider the guidelines governing the Neighborhood Conservation Program. Typical projects extend over a one-mile length, Goon said. This one, if confined to U.S. 1 and Mandan Rd. as boundaries, would constitute a four-mile project; extending it would create one of about seven miles.

The issue, Goon said, was whether such an extension would move it into the category of major projects and, as such, not be covered under the Neighborhood Conservation Program. SHA officials were currently studying this question and expected to have an answer by December or January. For this reason, the citizen task force had not yet been called into session, Goon said.

Councilmember Thomas White spoke against both proposals for expansion. "College Park's request is arena driven," he said, while that concerning NASA derives from its new Master Plan. "Both focus on getting people in and out of autos," he charged. "The rest of the concept is based on neighborhood-pedestrian access, traffic calming, and the like."

Roberts said he was concerned instead about NASA employees who might choose to walk or bicycle to work. "Route 193 is not a friendly place to do that," he said.

Timeline and Process

Goon described the typical timeline for a neighborhood project. About one year would be spent by the task force and professional staff to develop the concept. Roughly another year would be occupied by engineers in creating the design. Then a third year would be required to carry it out.

The process involves a draft of project goals and elements, which is already complete for the Greenbelt Rd. project. The community task force will then edit, add to, and subtract from this draft and set project limits. After a series of background studies by both SHA and the task force, the data gathered will be presented at a public hearing.

With new input from the hearing, SHA staff will then sketch possible options, to which the task force will react. Then a fourth meeting will be held among members of the two groups, at which a consensus on the concept plan is usually arrived at.

As the final stage of the process, a second public hearing will take place, at which adjustments will be made; this will then be followed by official town endorsement of the plan.

Power Point Presentation
Consultant Karen Jarrett then offered a slide presentation of problem areas along Greenbelt Rd., such as the dangerous bus stop opposite Greenway Center or the road crossings at the high school and middle school. "Would a neighborhood project preclude a pedestrian overpass over Greenbelt Road?" asked Kap Kapistan, representing Beltway Plaza. All were gratified at the staff answer of "no."

The slide presentation then depicted improvements already in place in Towson that had been

funded under the Neighborhood Conservation Program. These included numerous areas of attractive landscaping.

As the meeting wound down, Councilmember Alan Turnbull thanked the SHA representatives for the meeting and for the process they had outlined. "It's been music to my ears," he said.

Mayor Judith Davis concurred. "We've been concerned for a long time in improving the streetscape before Beltway Plaza," she said. "The slides gave a visual idea of what is possible."



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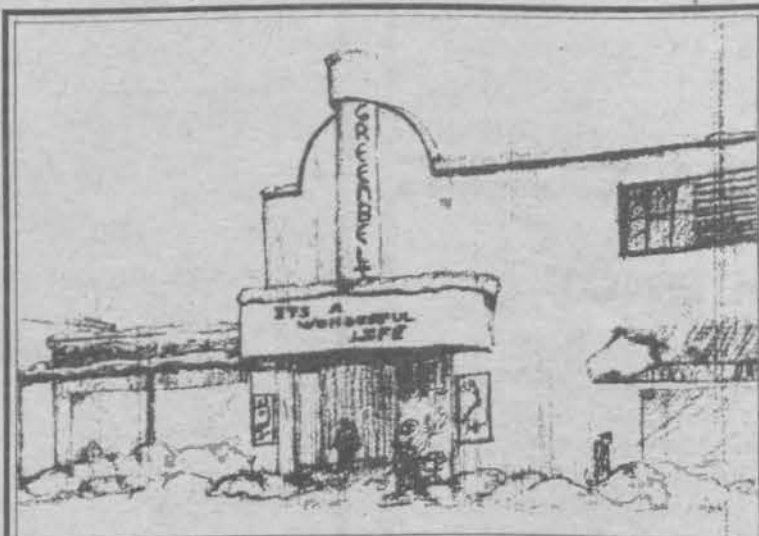
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Genevieve Elazier has joined the staff as a Crisis Intervention Counselor. She is currently attending the American School of Professional Psychology in Arlington, working toward a doctorate. Elazier will work with Ingrid Klechner, C.I.C., to provide the city with 24 hour daily crisis intervention services.

Judye Hering began publicizing the winter session of CARES' GED course, to be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Registrations for the 10-week course will begin Tuesday, January 16 at 10 a.m., in the Municipal Building. Students should call CARES for registration information.

During November, on average 22 families per week were seen for counseling services at CARES. The weekly average of individuals was 49; the weekly average of youths was 25. Approximately 69 students received tutoring assistance.



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