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State Senator and 3 Delegates Meet Here with Constituents

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt's entire delegation to the state legislature held an open door meeting on Saturday, January 12, in the Greenbelt City Council Chambers to field questions and comments from constituents. State Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin were all present. The topics discussed included redistricting, bond issues, education and environmental issues.

Redistricting

Green began the session with an update on redistricting. He indicated that he was as surprised as anyone when he learned that the proposed redistricting had been changed for district 23 (Greenbelt's district) the very morning it was to be submitted. The proposed plan will now divide district 23 into two districts - 23A and 23B. The two districts would still be represented by one state senator--currently Green. However, the three delegates currently live in district 23A, where Greenbelt would be located, and that district would only have two delegates in the future. The new district, 23B, is considered a minority district and would elect a new delegate in the next election.

Bond Issues

Mayor Judith Davis reminded the delegates of bond issues that Greenbelt has passed for which the City hopes to obtain additional funds in the new legislative session. They include funds for construction of an addition to the

Springhill Lake Recreation Center and funds for the renovation of the Greenbelt Theatre. The delegates indicated that these issues will be brought up. Green indicated that the recreation center bill would have priority as it was in last year's budget for planning funds. However, Green warned that nothing is certain, saying, "It's going to be a tight [budget] year, very much so."

The purchase of the Jaeger tract was another bond issue discussed, although the tract lies in an adjacent district. Green commented that the Jaeger tract lies in Senator Pinsky's district, but he expects that he will co-sponsor a bill on this issue.

Education

Education is the "single most important issue in Prince George's County," Green declared. He added that it is the key to retaining and expanding the middle class and that it's high on the agenda of the Black Caucus in the State Senate. Green indicated that the Governor has committed \$150 million to basic education in the county and \$145 million in additional funds. However, the Thornton Commission, reviewing educational issues, recommended an additional \$260 million that is not funded.

City council member Thomas White said there is a "feeding frenzy" brewing on restructuring the county board of education. He hoped the legislature does not think that restructuring the board will solve all the education prob-

lems. Pitkin commented that there are those "in Annapolis" who say the county will not get money if they do not restructure the school board. She added that there was a personality conflict between some board members and representatives in the legislature. Hubbard added that we need to concentrate on the students and not on the 10 board members.

Conroy recalled that the board once was an appointed board, but is now elected. She felt it would be hard to retreat from the elected position. She added that she has not heard from constituents on the issue. Hubbard commented that restructuring does not necessarily mean going from 100 percent elected to 100 percent appointed, but that "credibility and accountability is seen as the issue" with the board.

Sylvia Lewis spoke on the issue of CB-40, a county bill that changes the way school overcrowding is calculated in relation to new home building permits. Although the county council favored the bill, all Greenbelt City Council members have come out opposed to the bill. Lewis is seeking signatures on a petition of opposition. All of the state delegation indicated that they are

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

What Goes On

Monday, January 21, Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. City offices and GHI offices closed.

Wednesday, January 23, 8 p.m., Council worksession on revision to Appeal and Grievance Procedure, Community Center

Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors meeting, Community Center

Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Buddy Attick Park at the Public Works Yard

Council Tackles Projects At Lake, Northway Fields

by Mary Moien

Projects related to the Northway fields and Greenbelt Lake were discussed late into a very long Greenbelt City Council meeting on December 17. The city proposes to formalize the parking near the ballfields and stargazing location. In addition, city staff propose setting up a new yard waste compost area in the same location. At Greenbelt Lake a grant has led to a planned wetland education facility. All of these projects were approved with modifications from the city council. All need to be approved as well by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Northway Fields

Kenny Hall, director of Public Works, described planned changes at the end of Northway extended. The Recycling Committee has already reviewed and approved these plans. Composting will be increased in the area, allowing the city to produce all the compost it needs. Citizens could also use the compost for their gardens. To get started the city would need to purchase a large compost tub at a nominal cost and improve the roads to allow better truck access.

Doug Love, representing the astronomy club, commented that some stargazers do not appreciate the smell of the compost facility already there. Hall commented that the new one will be farther from where the stargazers gather.

A plan has also been developed to formalize the parking with asphalt strips to delineate parking spaces, and with rails to keep cars or trucks from pulling onto the fields. On this issue, council-members Alan Turnbull and Rodney Roberts both felt that

the asphalt strips were unnecessary. Roberts also disapproved of the use of asphalt millings to semi-pave the area. It was agreed that crushed stone would be used instead and strips would be eliminated.

Turnbull was relieved to hear that the informal path from Greenbelt to the Goddard Space Flight Center would not be affected by the projects. Love asked the city to look into adding white crushed stones along the edges of the roads to help star gazers who usually drive there in the dark with their lights off, since car headlights can negatively affect the eyes for star viewing for as long as thirty minutes. Mayor Judith Davis, only somewhat in jest, suggested that signs be placed on the road indicating that people may be driving in the dark with their lights off. Additional plantings were also proposed.

Greenbelt Lake

The Chesapeake Bay Trust has awarded the city a \$24,500 grant toward constructing a wetland education facility at Greenbelt Lake. The city will add \$31,000 to the project. The proposed facility will be a walkway with two patios extending into the water at the lake shore near the former boathouse. Educational signs will describe the area. The grant emphasizes volunteer efforts and St. Hugh's students have already volunteered to help. This project, if approved, will begin in January.

When Davis asked when the lake restrooms would be completed, she heard that they will be finished by summer. Turnbull

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Last-Minute Change Splits Area's Legislative District

by Judy Bell

When the Maryland General Assembly opened its annual session on January 9, a legislative redistricting plan was presented as scheduled by Governor Parris Glendening.

However, it was not the plan submitted by the Governor's Redistricting Advisory Committee. Instead, Glendening presented his own version of redistricting, and it was a surprise for the legislators from the 23rd District, which includes Greenbelt.

In this last-minute version, the 23rd District would now be split into two, 23A and 23B. District 23A consists of parts of Prince George's County (population 69,783), including Greenbelt and Bowie, and a small portion of Anne Arundel County (3,729).

The new subdistrict, 23B, includes South Bowie, east of Church Road and south of Route 50, and parts of Kettering, Mitchellville and Upper Marlboro, total population 37,234. Under this plan District

23A would have two delegates, and 23B would have one. This will set up a competition in the next election between three incumbents (Mary Conroy, Jim Hubbard and Joan Pitkin) for the two seats in 23A, where all three incumbents live. District 23B, with a 60 percent minority population, would be a single-member, majority-minority district, with one delegate.

Senator Leo Green, while holding his annual Open Door meeting for the 23rd District on January 12, said that he was as surprised as anyone else to learn of the redesigned plan. "There will be many changes in the county and many candidates, I'm sure," said Green.

The General Assembly has 45 days to enact a different plan. If they fail to act, the state-wide plan would immediately go into effect. At that point it could be challenged in court. Challenges are anticipated.

Greenbelt, Area Cities Sign Mutual Aid Agreements

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council at the December 17 meeting resolved to sign mutual aid agreements with several nearby localities. Stating that local law enforcement is the first level of defense against terrorism, the city will form agreements for law enforcement and fire assistance with Mt. Rainier, Bladensburg, Hyattsville, and Riverdale Park.

The agreements will set the conditions under which the cities will be authorized to assist each other. According to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, these conditions fall under public safety and immediate threat to human life and do not include routine police activities. Natural disaster would also be included.

Mayor Judith Davis questioned how many times the city has been asked to respond to outside requests. Craze stated that re-

cently the police and/or fire department have responded to the September 11 disaster as well as the tornado in College Park and Beltsville. Police assistance was also requested for the recent visit of Nelson Mandela to the University of Maryland. Davis commented that Greenbelt might be asked to provide more outside assistance than it receives since it is a large, well-organized city. Craze demurred, stating that with the Beltway nearby, as well as the Federal Courthouse, the city might indeed need assistance at some point.

In response to a question as to why the police in College Park and Berwyn were not listed, Craze reminded the council that College Park does not have its own force and that Berwyn does not have a full-time force, so was not included in the agreement.

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also opposed to the bill.

ICC

The Intercounty Connector, once thought finally dead, is being proposed once again. The entire delegation assured those present that they are against it. Green said, "Been there, done that. That's over. We're talking different modalities now," referring to the newly proposed Purple Line addition to the Metro. Conroy agreed, saying, "I'm appalled and will fight it."

BlueCross CareFirst

Lewis was concerned about the possibility of BlueCross CareFirst becoming a for-profit healthcare organization. Green related the history of Blue Cross in Maryland and how it was created in 1937 as a charitable organization to provide care to the poor and those with no insurance. Blue Cross pays no taxes. It, or its ancillary organizations, has already withdrawn from many of the very projects for which it was founded, such as access to care for the poor and those in rural areas. Hubbard felt there will be a big fight in Annapolis as the company proposes paying \$1.2

billion to the state to change over to for-profit status. This amount is proposed to cover taxes back to 1937. Conroy reiterated that the delegation is opposed to the status change.

CCRIC

Lowell Owens spoke for Citizens to Restore and Improve Indian Creek (CCRIC). He said that his group's members are grateful that money was found to purchase and preserve 110 acres of wetlands, but are still very concerned about development around the Metro station, which they consider to be contrary to "smart growth." The development, he said, was not transit-oriented and would include a regional mall, not local shopping. Owens felt that the delegation could perhaps help keep a full beltway interchange from being built at the site. Green indicated that the county has already approved the plans for a mall, and it is the county that CCRIC has to convince to scale back. The Metro station is not in district 23, but the delegation indicated that they keep an eye on activities in adjacent districts.

City Notes

The week of December 31, the horticulture crew removed and stored the holiday decorations from Roosevelt Center, planted trees on Mathew Street, and covered landscaped beds with fabric to protect them from ice and road salt during the winter.

The street crews took delivery of, set up and shot the fireworks

display for the opening of the First Night Celebration, cleaned up after the celebrations and removed the decorations from around the city office building.

The facilities maintenance crew installed lights in the Community Center gym for the First Night festivities.

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was concerned that the materials used on the walkway would keep it from being compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Horticulturist Bill Phelan indicated that the path was "marginally" accessible and ways were discussed to improve access to the educational sites.

All projects were approved with modifications. They will be submitted to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for their review.

Ice and Easy Days At Wells Ice Rink

Grab your ice skates and head on over to the Herbert Wells Ice Rink, located at 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park for Ice & Easy Days.

This program is for children 5 to 12 years old and features beginner's skating lessons, games and lots of fun on the days that public schools are not in session.

The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with before and after care available. The program will be held on the following dates: January 25 and 28, March 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Advanced registration is encouraged.

For further information and fees call 301-277-3717; TTY 301-454-1493.

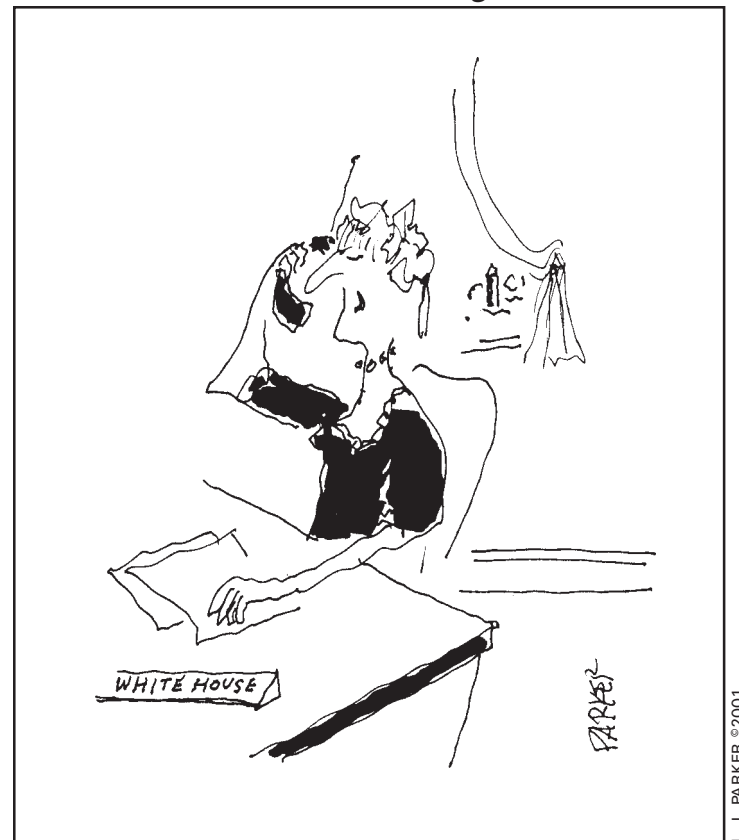
Garden Club Hears Planting Choices

At the Wednesday, January 23 meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club, Gloria Berthold will give a talk on plant choice for landscaping. She will discuss how to pick annuals, perennials, and shrubs for home gardens. Slides and handouts will accompany her talk.

Berthold is an independent landscape designer and a landscape design faculty member of the Center for Professional Development at George Washington University. She writes monthly gardening columns for two magazines, and has been featured in Southern Living magazine.

The Beltsville Garden Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville (Evans Trail is the first street to the left at the blinking yellow light, off Powder Mill Road west of I-95). Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 301-384-2415.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Cancel the pretzels . . . substitute potato chips!"

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Letters to the Editor

Signatures Needed

During the Open Door meeting with Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin on Saturday January 12, the County Council bill CB-40 was raised. The complete 23rd District delegation expressed their opposition to the bill. The CB-40 bill that was passed by the County Council relaxes restrictions on building developments that will impact the overcrowding of our schools in Prince George's county.

As was stated in Sylvia Lewis' letter to the editor in last week's News Review, the bill includes the removal of the four year waiting period for developments that will push a school's capacity over 130%; exempting over 55% of our county's elementary schools from any requirements;

the grouping of schools over a wide geographic area to "average out" enrollment; fees paid by the developers will go into a general fund that could be used anywhere in the county rather than going to the impacted schools. The web site for more information is www.geocities.com/cb40referendum.

I am part of the grass roots effort to collect enough signatures (3,000 are needed by January 25 and 10,000 will be needed by March 12) to take this matter to referendum during the fall election process. Volunteers will be outside the Greenbelt Co-op this Saturday, January 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. gathering signatures. Please stop by and sign the petition to bring CB-40 to referendum.

Julia Eichhorst

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Tuesday & Thursday, January 22 & 24
6:00pm "People and Places with Senator Leo Green-Opening Day of the Legislative Session"
6:30pm "How Can Mediation Help Me?"
6:45pm Springhill Lake Elementary presents "Living in America"

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7:00pm "One Act Plays"
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Library Bookstore Needs Volunteers

by Lucie MacKinnon

During the recent holidays the bookstore, located in the Greenbelt Library, received numerous donations from the generous Greenbelt community. Used books, magazines, records, videos, CDs, games and puzzles are sold at the bookstore and the profits are used for various library projects and needs.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) sponsors the bookstore and is grateful for gifts received throughout the year. It should be noted, however, that the following items are not saleable: damaged or moldy books; magazines and computer books prior to 1998; and technical/textbooks prior to 1998.

FOGL is actively seeking more volunteers. Be a friend. Inquire at the library or call Eileen Peterson at 301-474-8249.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Bill Souser presided over the January 9 meeting.

John Taylor, travel committee chair, stated there are openings on the trip on January 29 to the Newseum and Arlington Cemetery. Lunch will be at Orleans House. There is a fee.

It was announced that Sunshine chair Betty Down, Pearl Siegel and Shirley Egenrieder are "under the weather."

The 50/50 was won by Pauline Bordas and Louvain Townsend.

Souser thanked his officers and committees for support and dedication for the last three years and his appreciation to all the members for their help.

Hank Irving read the list of past presidents. Those present: Bill Souser, Florence Holly, Bud Henson, and Betty Maher. The officers for 2002 were installed by Irving: president, Ima Davis; first vice president, Florence Holly; second vice president, Bill Souser; treasurer, Robert Terrell; and recording secretary, Bunny Fitzgerald.

New President Davis addressed the club with some of her objectives and reminded everyone to wear name tags.

Star Gazing Party Meets at Ball Fields

Come explore the universe! The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold a star gazing party on Saturday, January 19, at Northway Ball Fields, at the end of Northway Road. The free event begins at dusk and will last until at least 11 p.m. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, the event will be cancelled. Call 301-277-4041.

Explorations Topic Structural Integration

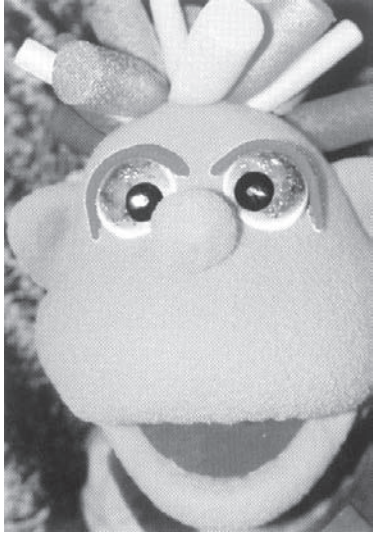
Explorations Unlimited welcomes Priscilla Soto on Friday, January 25. She will be describing and demonstrating Structural Integration, a system of bodywork developed by Ida Rolf. It changes and reshapes the structure of the body to find a better state of balance that works better with gravity. She will demonstrate the procedure on a model.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Community Events

Baltimore Puppeteer Will Teach Puppetry

Jill Kyle-Keith, founder and director of Baltimore's Beale Street Puppets, will offer three puppetry classes this winter at the Greenbelt Community Center. A resident of Bowie, Kyle-Keith brings more than 20 years' experience as a professional designer, actor, puppeteer, and educator to this engagement. Her company also builds puppets and provides performances for clients such as National Geographic, Maryland Public Television and Viacom, along with amusement parks and cruise lines.



Kyle-Keith emphasizes a spirit of fun and the value of personal expression. Her classes at the Community Center will include "Slam Bam Puppets" for ages 10 to 15, beginning on January 24. This class will meet for six weeks on Thursday evenings, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. "Puppets with Punch," for ages 4 to 9, will meet for four weeks beginning on February 7. The class will run from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons. A puppetry class for ages 16 and older will also be offered, in which participants will create a circus cabaret. This program will meet for six weeks, beginning January 24. The class will take place on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Registration is required and fees apply.

Participants in all three programs will be invited to perform at the Community Center on Sunday, March 3, in conjunction with the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Artful Afternoon series. For more information about these special opportunities and the many additional arts classes available at the Greenbelt Community Center, call 301-397-2208. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road.

GHI Notes

The GHI offices will be closed January 21 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For emergency maintenance on that day, call 301-474-6011.

To prospective members of GHI, the next free informational seminar about GHI is scheduled for January 19 at 7:15 p.m. To register, call 301-474-4161.

The next scheduled GHI Board of Directors meeting is January 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time

Greenbelt Girl Scouts will be out selling Girl Scout cookies through March 30. The Girl Scouts have a goal of selling four million boxes of Thin Mints, Samoas and six other flavors to people in the greater Washington area - the largest group of Girl Scout cookie consumers in the nation.

This year, two new flavors have been introduced, the reduced fat Ole Ole!, bite-sized vanilla cookies with pecan chips, coconut and powdered sugar; and All-Abouts, shortbread cookies with Girl Scout messages embossed on the top and fudge coating on the bottom. The usual favorites that are available include Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos and Aloha Chips. All proceeds from cookie sales remain within the local council.

While the sale of cookies is voluntary, troops eagerly anticipate cookie sale time and the council depends on a successful sale for the major portion of funds it needs to fully serve the approximately 47,000 Girl Scouts in the area. Troops themselves keep 50 cents for every box sold.

Working as a team, girls learn how to plan and achieve a goal and develop sales and marketing techniques, individual responsibility and money management skills. And troops are able to underwrite educational, service and fun activities that the girls plan for the year.

Continuing this year is the Girl Scout's Gift of Caring program, through which troops may select a charitable organization to benefit from customer's purchases of extra boxes of cookies that are donated to that charity. Customers may declare these particular purchases as tax deductions.

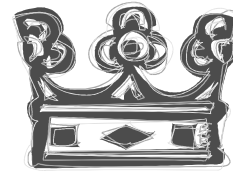
Be on the lookout for the local Greenbelt troops taking cookie orders in the neighborhood.

Mr. Greenbelt 2002 Raymond King, Jr.

by Chris Cherry

As part of the Greenbelt New Year festivities this year, eight very good sports competed for the title of Mr. Greenbelt 2002. They were Chad Bowers, Aaron Burns, Quinn Callahan, Raymond King, Robert Klosowski, Alexei Nazarov, Connor O'Reilly and Jon Payne, ranging in age from 17 to 21. Elements of the contest included a team cooking competition held the week prior to the New Year's Eve celebration. Jon Payne and Aaron Burns won the Best Cooks award, receiving a cooking utensil and ten dollars each. Robert Klosowski won the Best Model award, for which he received ten dollars and an Austin Powers figurine. Raymond King, who placed first in the obstacle course, received a toy racing car. King also won the title of Mr. Greenbelt 2002, which brought with it a fifty-dollar prize, a crown, and a date with Miss Greenbelt. The date will feature dinner at Generous Joe's and a movie at P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre. Both establishments donated these prizes for the event.

There is no word yet on Mr. Greenbelt's platform, but the fun had by all makes it likely that the contest will return next year.



Our sympathy to News Review staffer Leonie Penney on the tragic death of her son Walter.

Congratulations to Master Patrol Officers John Michael Dewey and K-9 partner, Duke, and Gerald Potts and K-9 partner, Tony, who participated recently in a Canine Association competition in Nokesville, Va. There were 25 teams competing, which involved tracking, obedience and narcotics detection. Dewey and Potts and partners finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

John Unger, of Lakeside Drive, retired January 3 after more than 42 years of federal service, 39 of them at the Goddard Space Flight Center. From 1987 through 2001, John was the program analyst responsible for monitoring the Networks Mission Operations Support (NMOS) contract which ran the worldwide tracking stations. It was accepting a job at Goddard that brought John, his wife Pat, and family to settle in Greenbelt in July, 1962. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

At the Library

Monday, January 21, Library closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday).

Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, January 23, 10:15 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, January 24, 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for 2-year-olds with caregiver.

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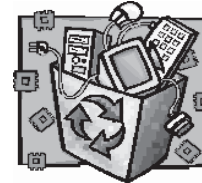
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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, January 26th from 9am-12noon
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City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection truck located in the lower parking lot of Buddy Attick Park

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- central processing units
- hard drives
- monitors
- keyboards
- printers and copiers
- laptop computers
- computer speakers
- scanners
- computer mice
- software
- recording equipment
- cameras
- telephones
- radios
- other small
- electronic equipment



(NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)

For further information, contact the
City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

Martin Luther King Jr.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Monday Route-Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route-Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route-Collected Thursday
Thursday Route-Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 25th.

Remember: During inclement winter weather, please keep walkways to refuse/recycling containers clear of snow and ice so the collectors can safely collect your items. In single family homes, refuse and recycling bins should be placed next to the curb if walkways are covered with snow and ice.

Obituaries

Walter H. Penney



Walter Herman Penney, 48, who grew up in Greenbelt, died on Thursday, January 10, in a biking accident. Riding on Sligo Creek Parkway in Takoma Park, he was hit by a car coming from the opposite direction. Police are investigating how the accident occurred.

Penney lived with his wife Cheryl Brand and two children, Vanessa and Walter, in Takoma Park. He had designed and built their home. At the age of 16, Penney graduated from High Point High School in 1969 and from the University of Maryland in 1972, Phi Beta Kappa.

Interested in computers from an early age, Penney held a number of jobs in the information technology sector. As an engineer for PBS in the 1970's, he helped develop closed captions for the hearing impaired. The effort brought an Emmy Award in 1980 for the engineering group.

A founder of Media Cybernetics in the 1980s, he was vice president of engineering. From there he went to the Verdex Corporation in Chantilly, Va. where he managed the technical support staff. He headed the imaging services department of Lockheed Martin in Washington before joining the Bureau of National Affairs also in Washington. He left that agency in November as director of information technology.

His articles on computer imaging were published in Byte and other magazines.

Penney continued his early interest in sports. He coached and managed basketball and swim teams. He was a coordinator for the Montgomery County Swim League. He was a runner, swimmer and biker, participating in various competitions such as the Marine Corps Marathon.

In addition to his wife and children, Penney is survived by his mother Leonie of Greenbelt, a sister Olga Garber of Leesburg, Va. and a brother Bernard of Chapel Hill, N.C.

A memorial service will be held January 17 at 6 p.m. at the Takoma Park Municipal Building.

Walt Penney (May 20, 1953 - January 10, 2002) Greenbelt Memories

In early May 1957, Walt moved with his parents and his two year old sister Olga into their brand new home at 127 Northway, the first house built in Woodland Hills. Their house was one of the original 21 houses and several still undeveloped lots in the new Woodland Hills Community. The houses were, in good Greenbelt fashion, built cooperatively. The cooperative had bought the land, and Jim Cassels (also a future home owner) was their representative. They hired an architect and a builder. They met many times, over a period of two years, to determine the finest details of their homes. The Penneys happened to be the first ones to move in: Northway was still a dirt road, the grass sod in the front yards had not yet arrived. But the toilets worked, so what more can one ask for? Walt celebrated his 4th birthday that May, shortly after their arrival in their still unfinished recreation room.

Young Families

One by one the neighbors moved in. The great majority were young, growing families with several children, looking for more space. Several moved from their GHI homes into the 5-bedroom, 2-bath, Woodland Hills houses. The result was droves of children, running from yard to yard and from house to house. Some competition developed: which yard held the most attractions. The Penneys boasted a tire-swing (one does not see those any more), a climbing rope and a metal climbing tower with four ladders. The neighborhood children loved to perch on that tower. It became a house, a school, a ship, you name it! The Penney's had a concrete patio: ideal for spinning tops.

Then there was the Greenbelt Municipal swimming pool, and the nursery school started its year in September. A cooperative nursery school, of course, in the basement of the Parkway apartments. The mothers became helping mothers in the classroom and the

fathers helped with fixing the outdoor play equipment when the school moved to the Sunday School building next to the Community Church. Elaine Skolnik and Helen Geller were among some of the early presidents. Several of us nursery school parents, including Leah Warner, Helen Geller and Marge Bergemann, would meet years later in the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee, which shows the stability of life in Greenbelt. Even some of the original settlers of Woodland Hills still live there: Grego, Penney, Geller, Rousseau, Bates. After nearly 45 years!

These were the solid surroundings in which Walt grew up. The Greenbelt walkway system enabled him and his friends to participate in all the sports on Braden Field without the need of parental chauffeuring. I believe they even went there by tricycle. Later they biked and walked to their sportsfields. In addition, there was the annual Easter egg hunt at Buddy Attick park, and all the wonderful features of the Greenbelt Labor Day festival.

Team Sports

Walt and his siblings, Olga and Bernard (who had arrived in 1958), were enthusiastic swim team members. If I remember correctly, practice started during the summer vacation at 8 a.m.! (before the regular swimming lessons). All kids gathered many 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons and various trophies. Summer vacation without the swimteam became unthinkable. Vacations were scheduled around the summer meets. The season culminated in a grandiose swim team dinner party at the Fire House, catered by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Walt also was for many years a Little League member on the Athletics team. Mr. Schaffer was the coach. A trophy, with Walt's name on it, testifies to the fact that in 1963 the Athletics became the American League Champs.

Then there was running, championed by neighbor Larry

Noel, with races round the lake and through the Agricultural Research Center.

Boy Scouts

Greenbelter Al Cousins was the leader of the Boy Scout Troop 746, sponsored by the Methodist Church. They camped on Al's property in Paw Paw, near Berkley Springs, WV. They participated in jamborees and went on "survival" trips - venturing into the woods equipped with only one canteen and three matches.

In his early teens, Walt participated in the downtown YMCA program where he became a counselor. This multi-cultural experience supplemented his life experiences from Greenbelt. He got there on Greyhound bus, which had a bus-stop on U.S. 1. Speaking about the YMCA: the Penney family still regularly uses the facilities of the YMCA Camp Letts, about 45 minutes from Greenbelt, on the Rhoades River. The kids camped there during the summers and learned sailing.

Schools

Since Walt was ready to start school at the age of 5, he was enrolled in the Cynthia Warner School in Takoma Park. But due to the abundance of recreational activities in Greenbelt, that did not estrange him from his local peers, who did not all go to the same school anyway. From there Walt went to Bucklodge Junior High School, which offered some advanced classes, at the time not available in Greenbelt Junior High School. Next he belonged to one of the last classes of Greenbelt youth to attend High Point High School, where he graduated in 1969. By that time

the 60s had started, and Walt was not allowed to sit on the podium with other top-achievers, even though he had the highest math scores. Reason: his hair was long! The hippie time had arrived.

Walt's first money-making job was as a paper-boy with the News Review. Also, his father would pay him to make sandwiches daily which were then taken to the office. Then, at age 14, he worked for Greenbelter Leo Walder, the owner of the "Behavior Service Consultants"; Leo was in the process of writing a paper on "Peer Evaluation," and Walt helped him to process the statistics, pulled from many questionnaires, using FORTRAN.

In 1969 Walt entered the University of Maryland and in 1970 he moved out of Greenbelt. But he always stayed close to his family and friends and continued to use many of Greenbelt's facilities. The morning before his fatal accident he spent in the hot-tub and gym of the Greenbelt Aquatic Center, where he and his family were a well-known fixture.

Walt and his family have always loved and cherished their Greenbelt experience.

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Third grade teacher Mrs. Whitfield and student Monique Whitley make banners.



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Preparing decorations for Greenbelt's New Year's Eve Celebration



Brandon Anderson and artist Alice Sims make ceramic stars.



PHOTOS BY DAVID LANGE

Hacir Afacan receives a wrapped box of holiday cookies from Tera Ford.

Suitland's Talented Students To Perform at Smith Center

by Lanny Tull

On Sunday, January 20 at 3 p.m., the Suitland High School Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) program will be hosting their showcase Gala at the University of Maryland's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in the Kay Theatre. Plan to arrive early, as the performances will be preceded by a small art exhibit accompanied by a Powerpoint presentation of visual arts by the students. Honorary co-chairs of this event will be the Honorable Dorothy Bailey, Sheila Curry, and William Shipp.

The VPA magnet program at the high school level consists of several departments: theatre, dance, vocal music, instrumental music, television production, and visual arts. Students are admitted only by audition, and the competition is stiff, as the entire program consists of only 356 students from all of Prince George's County. Due to its national reputation, prestigious art colleges and universities come from all over the United States to recruit these talented students. They are known not only for their accomplishments in the arts, but for their academic excellence, as well. Last year the 26 graduating

visual arts majors alone generated \$2.4 million in scholarships, nearly half of all the scholarships awarded to the entire school's graduating class of over 600.

Several Greenbelt teens are students of this program. Ericka Kelley is a sophomore dance major, and Lorenzo Hall, Jr., is a sophomore in television production. Sophomore April Roberts, junior Jacqueline Tull, senior Becky Ludington, and her freshman sister, Mellie Ludington, are all visual arts majors. Choosing from college level classes in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, art history, design, and graphic arts, their work is impressive. Many Greenbelters may have seen Jacquie's award winning artwork at the Labor Day Festival Children's Art Show over the past few years, as well as her exhibit at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church last May.

Come and enjoy the show. Admission is free, however donations of any size are gratefully appreciated! For further information about this event or the VPA program, contact Ron Johnson, Suitland High School VPA coordinator, at 301-817-0091.

Public Forum Topic Is Education Budget

The Prince George's County Public Schools Board of Education will hold a public forum where parents and the community can express their views concerning educational needs and priorities. The process will assist in the further development of the FY2003 Operating Budget for the school system, beginning July 1.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on January 22 at Central High School, 200 Cabin Branch

Road, Capitol Heights.

Public participation is encouraged. To register to speak, contact the Board of Education Office at 301-952-6115 by 4 p.m. the day of the hearing. Each speaker will have two minutes to express his or her views. A budget hearing was held on January 17 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School but notice was received too late to be published in the paper.

Museums Tours

Marietta House Museum in Glenn Dale, Montpelier Mansion in Laurel, and Riversdale Mansion in Riverdale Park will offer free historic house museum tours on Sunday, January 20 as part of the M-NCPPC January Come Out and Play Program. Tours at Montpelier are at 1 and 2 p.m. and at Marietta and Riversdale from noon to 4 p.m. For information call Marietta, 301-464-5291; Montpelier, 301-953-1376; or Riversdale, 301-864-0420.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Thursday, January 24, 2002
7:30 p.m.

Community Center

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- GHI Third Quarter Financial Statements - 2001
- Rental Garage Policy
- Contributions Policy - Second Reading
- Moratorium on Rehab Loan Payoffs
- Schedule Annual Meeting

Regular board meetings are open to members.



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Classes meet at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

For listings and registration form: www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or call 301-397-2208

Council Communicates MAGLEV Concerns

In a letter to John Porcari, Maryland Department of Transportation secretary, dated January 15, Mayor Judith Davis indicated that "the Council is very concerned about the proposal related to the MAGLEV [Magnetic Levitation] project." The train can reach a speed of 273 mph and is thus intended for long distances, with few stops. The intent for the Baltimore-Washington Project is for the train to run between Penn Station and Union Station with one stop at BWI Airport and a possible fourth stop near the Washington Beltway, most likely at New Carrollton.

Of the three routing alternatives being considered, one parallels the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. It is this alternative "that gives us the greatest concern," Davis said. This alternative uses the CSX/Green Line right of way to Greenbelt and then turns east through the Henry A. Wallace/Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC).

Davis went on to say that "the City realizes that such a project, if it is to proceed, is a balancing of impacts. We fear that the Baltimore-Washington Parkway pro-

posal is based on the premise that impacts to green open space are less damaging than other impacts. The council does not agree with this premise. Once open space is lost or impacted, it is unlikely that it will ever be recaptured or restored to its former state." The letter said the council was most concerned about the amount of noise the MAGLEV train would produce.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Robbery

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, January 4, 7:53 p.m., a woman was in front of her residence talking on a cellular telephone when two young men approached, threatening her and taking the cellular phone. Both then fled on foot toward Cherrywood Terrace. The suspects are described as a black male, 12 to 14, 6', wearing a black ski mask, dark blue parka and black pants, and a black male, 14 to 16, 5'3", hair in corn rows, wearing a dark coat and jeans.

Indecent Exposure

4 Court Laurel Hill, January 10, 3:08 p.m., a woman walking to her vehicle observed a man exposing himself in another vehicle. The suspect is described as a white male in his fifties, 6'1", 350 lbs., with white/grey hair. The vehicle is described as a light blue Ford Windstar van, Md. tags 97648M.

Burglary

8 Court Research Road, January 2, 7:08 p.m., someone forced open the window of a vacant residence. Tools, a cassette player, microwave oven and cleaning supplies were taken.

Beltway Plaza, January 9, 1:03 a.m., someone broke into Funcoland by prying the glass out of the door. Several Sony Playstation Two video gaming systems and numerous Playstation games were taken.

Counterfeit

161 Centerway, January 7, 9:35 a.m., someone passed a counterfeit twenty dollar bill at the Greenbelt Service Center.

Theft

9100 block Springhill Lane, January 5, 6 p.m., a boy's 20" bicycle was taken from the porch area of a town house. It was recovered the same day on Breezewood Court. No arrests were made.

9300 block Edmonston Road, January 7, 12:11 p.m., a .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun was reported stolen from a residence.

6400 block Ivy Lane, January 7, 1:31 p.m., a ring was reported stolen from a hotel room.

6400 block Ivy Lane, January 10, 8:23 a.m., a cellular telephone was taken from a locked desk drawer in an office suite.

Greenway Center, January 5, 2 p.m., an unattended jacket was reported taken at Jasper's restaurant.

7800 block Emily's Way, January 10, 5:29 p.m., a blue Huffy bicycle was taken from the yard of a residence.

Alcohol

Community Center, January 4, 9:11 p.m., a 17-year-old resident was arrested after he ran out of a restroom carrying a bottle of liquor. He was released to the custody of a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Beltway Plaza, January 11, 12:32 a.m., a 26-year-old resident was arrested and charged with consuming alcohol in a vehicle on retail property after police observed a suspicious vehicle and driver consuming beer inside. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 10, 1:55 p.m., two 17-year-old Greenbelters were arrested and charged with

possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 after they were found to have drinks at the high school. Both were released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

7900 block Lakecrest Drive, January 6, 12:02 p.m., someone threw a Christmas tree through the front storm door of a residence.

5900 block Springhill Drive, January 10, 7:27 a.m., someone threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence.

Drug Arrests

Roosevelt Center, January 7, 8:29 p.m., a Greenbelt 15-year-old and a non-resident 17-year-old were arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia after a foot patrol officer found them in violation. Both were released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespassing

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, two incidents on January 5. In the first incident at 12:23 a.m., a D.C. resident, 23, was told to leave the restaurant after an altercation with an employee. He refused and was arrested and released on citation pending trial. In the second incident at 1:28 a.m., an Oxon Hill resident, 23, was arrested after he was told to leave the restaurant by the restaurant's agent but returned the same evening. He was also released on citation pending trial.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, January 5, 1:23 p.m., an officer responding to a report of suspicious persons loitering, arrested a 17-year-old from Silver Spring who had previously been banned from the property. The youth was charged with trespassing and released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1995 Toyota Corolla four-door, from the 6000 block Springhill Court, January 5, was recovered January 7 by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington, D.C., and involved one arrest; a 2001 Mitsubishi Mirage two-door, from the 7900 block Mandan Road, January 6, was recovered the same day by Md. State Police in New Carrollton; a tan 1980 Honda Civic two-door, Md. tags GHJ647, from the 8100 block of Mandan Road, January 6; a black 2000 Honda Civic two-door, Md. tags GNG-336, from the 100 block of Westway, January 8.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles occurred in the following areas: 500 block Crescent Road; 7500 block Greenway Center; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; 8000 block Mandan Road; 7700 block Mandan Road; 2 Court Laurel Hill Road; 100 block Greenhill Road; 6 Court Ridge Road; 100 block Westway; 14 Court Ridge Road. Three vehicles were recovered.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, January 5, a 26-year-old resident was arrested and charged with theft after an officer observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that its tags had been stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Pedestrian Killed On Greenbelt Road

On Sunday, January 13, at 7:09 p.m., officers responded to a report of a man down in the roadway in the 6900 block of Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest Drive. Preliminary investigation revealed that Mohamed Mansaray, 22, of Hyattsville, was apparently attempting to cross Greenbelt Road on foot when he was struck by a vehicle traveling eastbound on Greenbelt Road. The striking vehicle was a 1991 Oldsmobile Cutlass 4-door operated by a 21-year-old Severna Park man. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver has been released without charges pending review by the State's Attorney's Office.

An autopsy showed that the victim had been struck by a second vehicle after the initial accident. Anyone who witnessed the accident or has additional information is urged to contact the Greenbelt Police Traffic Unit at 301-507-6547.

False Fire Alarms

A child pulled the fire alarm in a Springhill Lake apartment building this week; the second false alarm in as many weeks.

Such a call for help brings fire trucks, ambulances and police cars from many jurisdictions—in this case Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights both sent fire trucks and ambulances. Local and state police also appeared.

Each apartment in the building had to be carefully checked, even though the firemen were sure it was a false alarm. In this case children playing outdoors were able to identify the culprit.

The residents in the area take fire alarms very seriously as there had been a bad fire in a neighboring building last year.

Greenbelt police and firefighters ask parents to talk with their children about the consequences of such pranks. Many hours of work are wasted in the search to be sure the residents in a building are safe. Residents are needlessly distressed during the process and are angered by the waste of public resources.

Greenbelt's Fire Chief Randy Krob confirmed that his department does respond to a lot of false alarms. Those unnecessary runs "cost a lot of money," he said. Still, the firefighters take the bad calls in stride. "Springhill Lake has had some spectacular fires over the years," he explained. "And that's what we're down here for."

According to Krob, information on "malicious pulls" is turned over to the Prince George's County Fire Marshal's office. Parents of a child found to have caused a false alarm can be held responsible, he said, and may face penalties. There are programs that help young children understand why they must not pull the fire alarm.

We focus on "education and counseling the child and family," said Chauncy Bowers, public information officer for the Prince George's County Fire Department. He explained that a false alarm takes resources away from the local community. When a real incident occurs, crews must then come from further away.

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Monica Forbes-Living In the Fast Lane

by Nelda Young

Life has been rather exciting lately for Monica Forbes, who lives in Old Greenbelt with her husband, Kyle McAbee.

On the fateful day of September 11, Kyle and Monica were in Portland, Ore., visiting Kyle's brother. They had flown out two days earlier. She remembers feeling a little numb as they watched the news in their hotel breakfast room, but she



Though Monica Forbes and Kyle McAbee are no longer newlyweds, they celebrated their anniversary each year at a science center function.

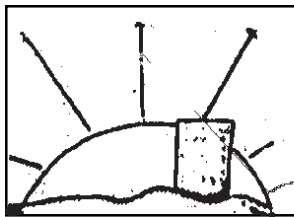
said, "I wasn't in total shock. I always figured that terrorist attacks would eventually occur again in the United States like the one at the World Trade Center that occurred in 1993. I just didn't expect them on such a catastrophic scale." Like many people, they learned that their upcoming flight was cancelled; instead, they drove from Portland to Las Vegas, visiting family members all along the way.

So, what happened the day after Forbes got back from vacation? A tornado hit Beltsville, where she works as a librarian. Around 5:30 in the afternoon the power went out. She said, "The wind became insane." She recalls suddenly smelling freshly cut wood; trees were being blown down. One punched a hole in the library roof and rain spilled in onto the children's books. Patrons who were in the library helped the staff move the books away from the waterfall.

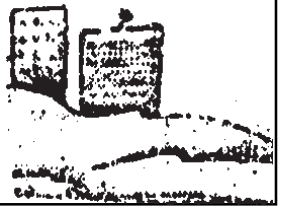
Power lines came down all

along Sellman Road. Some people drove over them, but Monica said that most did not dare. One of the trees had landed on the hood of her car, and she could not drive anywhere. She had to walk several blocks through the debris of the storm to meet her brother, who picked her up at 8:45 p.m.

But not all of Monica's recent excitements have been negative. "My best Greenbelt experience this year," she said, "was going out to the Northway ball field at five in the morning to watch the Leonid meteor shower." Lots of people were there, including kids exclaiming, "There's one! There's another one! Ooh, there goes one over there!" She counted over 50 meteors in about 20 minutes, then went back home to bed. She said she knew this would be a good place to watch the skies because the News Review always announces the Astronomy Club events as taking place on the Northway ball field.



Greenbelt's Business



Weichert Honors Two Associates

Two sales associates from Weichert, Realtors' Greenbelt Office have been honored for their achievements.

Moji Okubanjo was honored for generating the highest dollar volume, the most listings and the most listings sold in the month of October.

Weichert, Realtors' Greenbelt office sales associate Pamela Kaye was recently honored for her achievements in November. She was top producer, with the most resale revenue units and highest dollar volume. She also generated the most sales, the most listings and the most listings sold.

New Sales Agents At Coldwell Banker

Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors, announces that Markeeda Guest, Marian Williams and McKenzie Whitaker have joined the Lanham/Greenbelt office located at 9410 Annapolis Road, Suite 100 in Lanham.

Guest, a native Washingtonian, has lived in Prince George's County for 15 years. She currently resides in Fort Washington. Williams has lived in Prince George's County all her life and is very passionate about helping the county maintain its vitality and charm.

Coldwell Banker Honor Roll Report

Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors, congratulates the following sales associates for winning Honor Roll Achievements in the Lanham/Greenbelt office for December 2001: Top Producer and Top Sales - Adeyeye Aodu and Delores Haynes; Top Buyer Agency Contracts - Adeane Lavender and Jared Jefferies; Top Listings Sold - Kevin Andrews and Calvin Pinkney; Top Listing Agent: Louise Brown and Kevin Andrews.

Free Seminars In Real Estate

Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors offers free seminars for people who are interested in a career in real estate. These seminars, "Getting Started in Your Real Estate Career," are held in every office. Experienced sales associates are also welcome to attend. These seminars will familiarize the current or potential real estate licensee with information about the residential real estate profession and the opportunities available through Coldwell Banker Stevens.

The Lanham/Greenbelt office, 9410 Annapolis Road, #100, Lanham, holds seminars by appointment. To learn more, call Rachel Jefferies, 301-474-5700.

Peapod Delivers Food to Homeless

Peapod, an online grocery delivery service associated in this area with Giant Food, will deliver five truck-loads of groceries to the 1350-bed model shelter run by the Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) in Washington D.C. Giant's association with CCNV goes back many years, but Peapod began operations here only a year ago. Five of its trucks will deliver food to the shelter, which offers its homeless clientele a full array of support and rehabilitation services, and then parade through various neighborhoods and into Prince George's County where Peapod has recently begun offering home delivery of groceries through its Web site at www.peapod.com.

Tradespeople Needed

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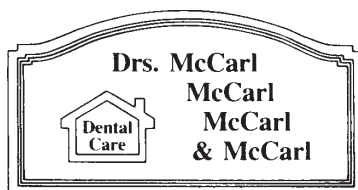
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A Review

Greenbelt Concert Band Gives Rousing Concert

by James Giese

For those needing a shot of holiday spirit to help get through the crush of holiday preparations, the Greenbelt Concert Band was the perfect choice on December 10 when it gave its annual concert. It was a great way for Greenbelters to get in the mood to face the busy weeks ahead. Unfortunately, most of the audience was composed of friends and family of band members instead of Greenbelters.

The concerts are now given from the stage of the Greenbelt Community Center gym with the brass section seated on risers above the woodwinds. A backdrop of paper strips on which interesting figures have been painted, erected, I presume, for the upcoming big New Year's Eve celebration, provided a substitute to the barren stage for much needed back and side curtains. Putting the band on stage, rather than on the gym floor, makes all the difference in the world in the sound it produces. In fact, the sound produced was so strong and resonant, aided by reverberations off the bare gym walls, that at times I was tempted to tell someone to turn the amplifiers down, only the band doesn't use electronic amplification.

On Stage

The difference in sound resulting from the band being on stage rather than on the floor, lends strong support to building a real outdoor band shell for the band and other groups to use, something that the city has talked about for over a third of a century, but never done anything about. It also helps to have nearly 40 band members playing.

This group, composed of amateur, semi-professional and professional musicians who get together for the fun of it, has performed, at times, short of instrumentalists and in apparent need of greater time for rehearsal. There have been many other times, however, when the group has performed splendidly. This concert was one of the latter. Conductor G. Thomas Cherrix has grown in his leadership role and, dressed in dark suit with red cummerbund and bow tie, led the group with vigor and authority. Cherrix continues the high professional standards set forth by long-time former conductor John Del Homme.

Varied Program

The concert program was nicely divided between an interesting variety of works arranged for band and old-time holiday favorites. The highlight of the program was Andante Scherzo by J. Ed. Barat and arranged by Clifford P. Lillya. It featured a trumpet solo played by Patrick Gormley, who has twice performed with the U. S. Navy Band. This modern but pleasing piece included a solo part that was both difficult and intricate. Gormley performed the task flawlessly. He gives added dimension to an already good brass section and performed solo parts in other works on the program as well.

The major work performed was Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite No. 1. I found the clarinet section, featured in the Prelude as a substitute for violins, to not work as well together as I felt the members should have, but the

more the band got into the work, the better it sounded. Caroline Cherrix performed a nice saxophone solo in this work.

The holiday music began with A Chanukah Celebration, traditional pieces arranged by Bobrowitz and Soper. Morton Gould's arrangement of The First Noel was interesting with a fugue like quality, but I did not like it as well as some of his better known arrangements. Assistant Conductor James Moore led the brass in a great Ceremonial for Christmas, a work consisting of familiar Christmas songs arranged by Bill Holcombe.

Moore was also featured as vocal soloist for the playing of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and White Christmas. Let's just say that his future career is not in singing, but he does have a strong voice, stays on key and did well in leading the audience to sing along. There was some particularly enthusiastic participation from some of the younger audience members in the Rudolph song.

Canadian Brass

The Canadian Brass Christmas Suite, arranged by C. Custer for a full band, would have made a great finale for the evening's performance, but it was only the first of three. The program ended with the Handel's Hallelujah Chorus arranged for band by A. Chiaffarelli. While the band performed a fine rendition of this great work that caused a king and future generations to stand to hear it, I prefer the original version with chorus.

Not on the program, but the final finale, was God Bless America. For this, the band was joined on stage by a chorus of vigorous flag wavers; children, I presume, of band members ranging from ages three to nine.

The band always seeks new members. It rehearses Monday evenings at the Greenbelt Youth Center. For information, call Cherrix at 301-552-1444 or General Manager David Clarke at 301-384-5674.

(As a non-musician who spent six years not learning how to play the piano and whose only qualification is that I like to listen to good music, any comments made need to be taken considering the source.)

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Metro Sector Plan Approved by County

The Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) for the Greenbelt Metro Area were recently approved by the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the District Council for the Maryland-Washington Regional District. The Sector Plan and SMA were developed through a comprehensive two-year planning process that involved considerable citizen input and that was directed by the Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

The County Council's action (Council Resolution CR-63-2001) adopts new planning policies and Zoning Maps for the area generally bounded on the west by Rhode Island Avenue, on the north by Sunnyside Avenue, on the east by Kenilworth Avenue and on the south by Greenbelt Road. The area includes all commercially-zoned properties on the south side of Greenbelt Road, between the CSX/Metro railroad tracks and Kenilworth Avenue, and encompasses portions of Planning Areas 61, 66, and 67.

Copies of Council Resolution CR-63-2001 may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Council, Room 2198, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro, 301-952-3600, TTY 301-925-5167.

The revised zoning map is displayed for public inspection on the fourth floor of the County Administration Building at the M-NCPPC Information Counter. For more information, contact the M-NCPPC Community Planning Division at 301-952-4797, TTY 301-952-3796.

Growing Up in Greenbelt

by Eugenia (G.G.) Horstman

Did you know that my family is one of the pioneer families? I'm not sure when we moved in, but it was the year after Greenbelt opened. My dad worked in the U.S. Labor Department in D.C. and commuted by carpool. Mom was a stay-at-home mom until WWII, when she went to work in a defense plant. We lived at 11-D Ridge Road. Our next-door neighbor, Mary Linstrom, is now deeply involved with the library and the Greenbelt Museum. She is a wonderful person.

Greenbelt was a wonderful place for kids to grow up. Not only the underpasses for kids' safety and the convenient location of the Center, but the nearby parks and playgrounds and the whole rural surroundings made it a great place to live. It used to be much more isolated than it is now because none of the surrounding developments existed then. I think the building where I went to elementary school is now a community center or something. It's next to the Center. I spent many hours in the swimming pool at the Center. It was a more innocent time then and Greenbelt was more isolated; we kids spent many hours playing in the surrounding woods. We built forts in the summer and tracked animals in the snow in the winter in the woods. I would never dream of letting my grandchildren play in the woods alone nowadays. I'm glad I had that experience as a child, though.

As teenagers, my girlfriends and I walked the gravel path

through the woods past the lake to the high school, a mile from home. I remember one spring there had been a hatching of toads; thousands of tiny, tiny toads were hopping all across the path just as we passed by the lake. We could hardly find a place to step without shooing baby toads out of the way.

During the war my father had a Victory Garden near where the American Legion Post is now. There was a little spring there where we could fill up buckets with water to water the plants. Daddy used to go straight to the garden after arriving home from work, and we kids would go with him and play nearby while he cultivated the garden or gathered produce. Nothing is better than fresh corn straight from the garden and into the pot at home within ten minutes of being picked. I have many happy memories of growing up in Greenbelt.

Nowadays when I read about the Greenbelt Project, I am irritated by the patronizing attitude of the social planners of that era. I wonder whether my parents felt that. As a kid, I was totally unaware that there was anything special or experimental about Greenbelt. I just knew that I liked it better than Capitol Hill in D.C., where I spent the first seven years of my life.

Eugenia Horstman of Flagstaff, Arizona, sent this in a letter to Greenbelter Sallyann Lewis with whom she shares grandchildren. She gave permission for it to be printed.

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