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Public Agencies Dumbfounded By Behind-Scenes Tract Sale

by Elaine Skolnik

The news hit the Greenbelt City Council and the National Park Service (NPS) like a bombshell. How could it be that Community Management Company, LLC, owner of the 17.4 acre Jaeger Tract had sold the property next to the Westchester Park community and Greenbelt Park on Kenilworth Avenue to the Friends Community School, Inc.? According to NPS spokesperson, Glenn Eugster, there was already a verbal agreement from the owners' representative indicating that the land would be sold to the partnership that included NPS, the City of Greenbelt, the National Public Trust and the Westchester Park Civic Association. Members of the partnership were livid when they heard the news – upset that a deal with Community Management that was imminent had apparently fallen through.

For nearly two years the partnership had worked to collect \$1.5 million, an amount including federal, state, city, Trust and other funds which they thought had sealed the deal. Then out of the blue they learned that the Jaeger Tract, land that the city has long sought to acquire and add to Greenbelt Park as origi-

nally intended, had been sold to the Friends Community School, Inc. Reportedly, the settlement on the property occurred on November 8 and is recorded in the Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro.

However, in a memo dated November 8 to the Greenbelt City Council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin wrote: "Glenn Eugster (NPS) advised today only two details need to be worked out to reach settlement. Neither appears to be a big deal. One is a matter of language in the documents that mentions 'condemnation' which the owners would like removed. The other is whether the land should be transferred to the National Park Trust first and then to the National Park Service. Again, the owners think this is preferred for tax purposes. I expect this also will be worked out. The Trust, the Service and I will be meeting on Thursday to discuss this matter."

Friends School

Although the NPS and the partnership believed that the settlement process with the landowner would be completed by the end of this year, the owners' representative Amir Ahmad moved ahead to settlement with the Friends Community School, Inc.

on November 8 for the 17+ acre Jaeger Tract. Apparently the Friends were willing to pay and give as a deposit about \$75,000, in addition to the \$1.5 million that the partnership had offered. (The News Review tried but was unable to reach Ahmad.)

For 17 years the Friends Community School has been operating in the old College Park School, a leased building on Calvert Road owned by the City of College Park. The Friends have been looking for a permanent home for their school that would accommodate students from kindergarten through eighth grade. The present school has an enrollment of 144 students in kindergarten through sixth grade classes.

Excited about the school's potential including stewardship of the land, Tom Goss, head of the facility, describes the proposed facility as a "green school" of sustainable architecture which would result in reduction of energy costs by the use of appropriate technology and recyclable and local materials. The building would have a green exterior which, Goss observed, would not

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SHL Plans to Refurbish Aging Garden Apartments

by Al Geiger

A preliminary redevelopment plan for Springhill Lake Apartments was introduced to the Greenbelt City Council by the new owners, Apartment Investment Management Company (AIMCO), at a work session on Wednesday, November 13.

David Douglas, vice-president for redevelopment and other AIMCO officers outlined the objectives and procedures for the planned project. The stated objectives were to provide affordable housing for residents by correcting inherited problems and upgrading all units to a high standard of quality. They hope to capitalize on the beauty of the site and its close proximity to Metro.

An analysis of the present condition of the buildings, topographic surveys and proposed preliminary site plans and building drawings of proposed interior and exterior changes is expected to be finished by the end of January 2003. Environmental issues and requirements and zon-

ing questions are also to be addressed in this time frame.

Mayor Judith Davis asked what the changes might be. AIMCO said renovation would usually not include tearing down or gutting existing structures. New kitchens and bathrooms will be the minimum change.

Asked by Councilmember Rodney Roberts about the people in residence during the renovation, AIMCO said there would be a "rolling" system where people move from old apartments to renovated ones as they are completed. Also, one building could be renovated as a "hospitality suite" where residents would stay while their units were being renovated.

AIMCO said that in February 2003 they expect to present a renovation plan to the residents and the city and receive their input. They also expect to select an architect, have complete drawings, select a contractor and acquire necessary approvals and permits within one year.

FOGM Lecturer Provides History of Planned Towns

by Virginia Beauchamp

A "tabula rasa" – a blank slate – must have had an overwhelming influence on early English settlers in America. Not that the new lands were blank. As we know, the entire East coast was covered with forest. The first adventurers from Europe were fur traders, whose quarry was found among those trees.

But to the Europeans who thought of building settlements, one had to start from scratch. That certainly would have brought about a different sense of possibility, a different sort of consciousness, from that which had developed in Europe. There cities had always just been – before anyone's living memory.

This train of thought was stimulated by the recent speech by Stuart Patterson, the Emory University doctoral student whose talk on November 12 in the Greenbelt Library was sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. In providing a historical context for the planned, so-called ideal communities of the New Deal era like Greenbelt, Patterson began with John Winthrop, founder of the Massachusetts Bay colony, and his concept of the "city on a hill."

Since Winthrop's time many start-from-scratch – some of them dubbed "ideal" – communities have been built in America. Among these were several created by the Shakers; the Oneida Colony of New York, which cel-

ebrated open marriage; others built by members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints; and a large number of company towns designed to Americanize immigrant workers.

Following World War II, a number of high-rise public housing developments were constructed by the federal government in major cities like Chicago and St. Louis – a failed model, most of whose individual examples have since been demolished. During this same period the privately developed Levittowns also came into being and in the 1960s the concept of ideal communities was reborn as communes. Since that time, Disney in Florida, has created a new, ideal city, Georgian and Victorian in style.

The New Deal Towns

Another strain of town planning developed into the various towns created by the New Deal, a concept Patterson dubbed "sufficiency communities." He traced

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Home for the Holidays: World War II New Exhibit Opens at the Museum

by Sandra Lange

Ever thought about making mashed potato mints for your holiday guests? What about hanging black curtains at the windows so your house couldn't be spotted from the air? Did you ever think that sugar and coffee and cooking oil would be rationed? Or that leather shoes and material for clothing might be scarce?

The Greenbelt Museum is opening a special exhibit on Sundays, 1-5 p.m., November 24 to December 22, called "Home for the Holidays: World War II Traditions," at the historic house at 10-B Crescent Road. The house will be decorated for the holidays, emphasizing how Greenbelt families celebrated Christmas and Hanukkah during the period of World War II, 1941-1945. There will be examples of V-mail, traditional wartime recipes, holiday ornaments and gifts on display. Visitors can take away copies of some special holiday recipes.

In the chapter entitled "The War Years" in the book, "Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987" Virginia Beauchamp describes how ordinary Greenbelt families coped when the war broke out in December 1941. In July 1941, before Pearl



The pile of pots and pans is symbolic of community support for the defense effort. This picture appeared on page one of the Cooperator (predecessor of the News Review) on August 1, 1941 and again in "Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987."

Harbor, the Greenbelt Town Council formed a Defense Council, a civic organization to deal with the potential of war. When the war finally began in December, the police chief, George Panagoulis, became the chief air raid warden. He set up an Air Raid Precautions Unit. Greenbelt residents attended air raid defense classes and set up air raid shelters in the basements of apartment buildings

and in schools. Sandbags were piled at the Center School windows. There was an air raid siren on the roof of the firehouse which was tested at 11 a.m. every Saturday.

Residents were asked to refrain from making long distance calls over the holidays so that lines would not be tied up that

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What Goes On

Monday, November 25
8 p.m., City Council meeting, Municipal Building
Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29
City offices and Greenbelt Homes offices closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Letters to the Editor

Public's Mandate

I write to you today about our thwarted effort to add 17 acres to the Greenbelt National Park. The attempt to acquire the property has brought out the best and the worst that humans have to offer. On behalf of the National Park Trust, Inc., I would like to express our gratitude to the mayor and the City of Greenbelt and City Manager Mike McLaughlin and his staff for their hard work and cooperation exhibited throughout the negotiations to acquire the Jaeger property as an addition to Greenbelt National Park. The City of Greenbelt's role in our unprecedented partnership effort was critical in securing the necessary funding and brokering our discussions with the property owner's representative.

We were shocked, however, to learn that after eighteen months of good faith negotiations with the owner's representative, our collective efforts had been dashed by the recent submittal of a counter offer by the Friends Community School. We view the Friends Community School's decision to submit their counteroffer as an outrageous disregard for the greater public good. Knowing full well the composition of our partnership and the broad constituency that it represents, the Friends Community School unilaterally decided that its needs outweighed the public's desire to preserve this pristine tract. No less offensive is the manner in which the Friends Community School conducted their final negotiations. Only after learning that our partnership had reached a verbal agreement with the owners at a specified price, as reported in your newspaper, did the School present its counteroffer.

Efforts to acquire the Jaeger property have spanned more than 20 years. Throughout the past two decades, the local community has remained vigilant in its commitment to preserve the property. Obtaining federal land acquisition funding for the Jaeger property has been an arduous task. However, in 2001, Congressman Hoyer helped to secure a federal appropriation for the acquisition of the property. Soon after engaging in negotiations with the owner's representative, it became evident that additional funds were needed to augment this initial appropriation. Recognizing the broad support exhibited by various public and private entities for adding the Jaeger property to Greenbelt Park, our partnership was galvanized. Responding to a request for financial support, the City of Greenbelt, the Westchester Park Community Association, Maryland Project Open Space, the National Park Service and the National Park Trust have committed funds to ensure this long anticipated acquisition becomes a reality. Working together throughout the past eighteen months, our combined efforts culminated in late October upon obtaining a verbal commitment from the owners to accept the partnership's most recent offer. At the time we

learned of the Friends School counteroffer we were actively engaged in negotiating the final language of our purchase contract with the owner's representative.

While we understand the Friends School's desire to establish its new campus, we cannot condone a deliberate action intended to subordinate the public's unmistakable mandate to preserve the property. We stand with the other members of our partnership alliance in remaining completely committed to our acquisition efforts. We believe the Friends School should step aside so that we can bring this matter to its rightful conclusion.

Paul Pritchard, President
National Park Trust

Metro Center Needed

As a Greenbelt resident, I generally have a favorable view of our city government. Currently, I am troubled with the idea of spending thousands of our hard earned tax dollars to fight a project that is desperately needed and is only objectionable to a very few.

The proposed new development near the Greenbelt Metro Center will bring a welcome relief to my normal commute to Annapolis or Columbia in order to purchase the quality goods that I desire. I have to travel quite a distance to dine at good quality restaurants. It is my understanding that the state has committed to install the balance of the interchange on the Beltway to relieve

local traffic congestion and the county has agreed with the concept. I would like to see Greenbelt act like a progressive community and work towards replacing a tract of land loaded with rubbish and industrial waste and turning it into a fine place for me and other Greenbelt residents to shop and dine locally.

Let us move forward. Stop the delays.

John Shyrock

Thanks, Blood Donors

The American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department express our thanks to the blood donors who contributed at the Blood Drive on November 15 at the Community Center. At a time of stress in our country, an adequate supply of blood is very important and your donation is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the blood donors, the volunteers and the Red Cross personnel contributed to the success of the drive. The next blood drive will be held at the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 26 between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Note the change in location, day and time. The later closing time was chosen to accommodate those people who wish to make their donation after work. Please make an appointment if possible in order to avoid delays. You will be contacted by the Red Cross or the Recreation Department. For further information, call me at 301-397-2212.

Janet Goldberg

Seven Artists "Seeing Red"

by Linda Uphoff

Greenbelt artists Barbara Bjanas, Gina Mae Denn, Barbara Tyroler and Linda Uphoff, and former residents Ellen Baer, Doris Kessler and Alice Plaster have been juried to show in the prestigious "Seeing Red" exhibition at Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort Washington. Twenty-five Prince George's County artists were selected from over 140 applicants by juror/artist Sam Gilliam. Internationally known Washington colorist Sam Gilliam has work in the permanent collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Bjanas is displaying a small abstract acrylic still life on paper. Denn is presenting large clay forms. Tyroler is showing an abstract color photograph. Uphoff's exhibited work is a 51" by 84" abstract acrylic painting on canvas. Baer's piece is a large abstract oil painting. Kessler is exhibiting a small watercolor still life and Plaster's work is a super-realistic oil painting.

The theme of the exhibition stipulates that the color red must be an important element in the art work. "Seeing Red" is sponsored by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

(M-NCPPC) Arts and Cultural Heritage Division. Eight hundred dollars in cash awards was given to works chosen by the juror, including the photograph by Tyroler which was awarded \$500. The Prince George's Arts Council plans to purchase a work of art in the exhibition.

"Seeing Red" will run from November 15 through January 11. The gallery's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Harmony Hall Regional Center is at 10701 Livingston Road in Fort Washington. For directions/information call 301-203-6070; TTY 301-203-3803 or try their website at www.pgparcs.com.

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The Old Curmudgeon



"I think we just made a deal for the Jaeger Tract . . ."

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving falls on the day of the week the News Review is normally printed. Therefore all deadlines move back by one day because the printer will be closed on Thursday. Deadline for all ads, articles and copy is Monday, November 25 at 10 p.m. We need all submissions sooner if possible to meet the workload imposed by a shortened workweek.

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If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters should be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

Shooting Stars: A Celestial Wakeup Call

by Larry Hilliard

It was probably 4:45 a.m. Tuesday morning when I heard the voice of WTOP telling the listening audience that meteor showers would be visible in the Washington, D.C. area around 5:30 a.m. After some initial grogginess I stirred and having developed a plan between naps I set out to execute it. I knew from previous experience that Greenbelt is a town that knows how to do the shooting star thing and it fit my plan perfectly.

I thanked my wife for setting the alarm clock and told her "I'm going up to Northway Field (a.k.a. Wolf Field, a.k.a. the dump) with the dog." I always tell our dog Ace that it's Wolf Field because I'm trying to convince him he's not a squirrel and he doesn't need to bond with them (I figure we won't see many wolves on our walks).

I donned my favorite running vest and headed downstairs for the dog. As I suspected, he was very happy to see me, the only one in the house who was at 5 a.m. I got Ace on the leash, went out the gate and down the path to the bridge near the pen-

insula where a gentleman had set up his telescope and was looking up. He pointed out the light in the southeast sky as the space station and I looked up and saw a few shooting stars. Am I already missing it? I looked at my watch and decided there was still time. I briefly considered staying near the house and waking up the kids to share the experience. Nah! I wanted to be a part of the Greenbelt déjà vu experience at the dump. So Ace and I took the lit path up Greenhill, Research and Ridge to Northway. We saw car lights coming back as we walked and jogged down the side of the road, but not so many that I worried about having missed this social phenomenon. Cars were parked along the road affirming my belief that "it's happening again."

Ace and I met another dumpee - a dog owner. After apologizing to Ace for tripping over him as I gazed up while walking, we made our way to the field. Many scattered dumpees, on blankets sipping hot chocolate, were obviously much more prepared than I. The dumpee

moniker was probably very appropriate for all of us at that hour of the morning, myself included, but the darkness was forgiving. Ace and I decided that we were wolves in the Wolf Field shadows, joining our pack. As I looked around for a frosty patch of grass to lie on, I realized that the run up there was pretty good preparation for what I was doing and lost some of my feelings of inferiority. As Ace and I laid down to watch the meteor showers he snuggled up to me and his warmth gave me an epiphany.

This wasn't Woodstock, it wasn't a Three Dog Night, but it was a One Dog Morning. I felt empowered, an equal to the rest of the pack and an empathy with that gathering in New York 34 years ago. After lying on my back for a while, seeing the shooters and, later, hearing a few "Far Outs!" we returned to the house at 6:30 a.m. by our preferred route through the Stream Valley Teeball Tunnel with the pack and our time travel behind us.

Hoyer Elected House Whip

Greenbelt's representative in the US Congress, Steny Hoyer, assumed the second most powerful job in the House Democratic leadership when his colleagues elected him Democratic whip on November 14. He succeeds Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who moved up to House Democratic leader with Missouri congressman Richard Gephardt's recent retirement from the position.

Hoyer narrowly lost the whip post to Pelosi two years ago. Although she represents the congressional district that includes San Francisco, Pelosi, like Hoyer, grew up in Maryland. Her father, Thomas D'Alessandro, and later her brother, served as mayor of Baltimore. Her father also represented Baltimore in Congress.

"I want to thank my colleagues . . . I am gratified that my candidacy was supported by every element of our diverse Caucus. I plan to build on that foundation to help create a strong, unified Caucus that advances a positive and active agenda for the American People. Throughout my service in Congress, I have worked to bring people from the left, right and center together to support big ideas and big changes, and that is what it is going to take for Democrats to win the hearts and minds of voters . . ."

"Today's leadership election was not about Democrats moving from one place on the political spectrum to another. It was about the Democratic Caucus coming together. House Democrats are going to continue to focus on the principles, issues and values that make this party great - equality, opportunity, freedom and security."

Hoyer emphasized issues that greatly affect the American people - the economy, education, retirement security, the environment. "Our task now is to promote a clear, positive agenda based on our core values and which unifies Democrats - liberal or conservative - and appeals to independent voters."

Veterans' Day in Greenbelt

by Kathleen McFarland

The temperature was warm on November 11, but rain and a tornado watch forced the annual American Legion Veterans' Day program to be held indoors at the Post home. Attendance was good. It was better, in fact, than attendance at past programs held at the usual site, Roosevelt Center. In her talk to the assembly, outgoing County Council member Audrey Scott suggested the ceremony be held indoors every year.

Scott's talk emphasized the importance of our armed services in what she termed "scary" times. At the conclusion of her remarks Scott's voice trembled with emotion as she announced that this would be her last visit to Post 136 in her official role, representing Greenbelt on the Prince George's County Council. She thanked the citizens, especially the Legionnaires and veterans present, for their support in past years and sat down to a standing ovation.

County Councilmember-elect Douglas Peters, the main speaker, murmured, "it's going to be hard to follow that" as he proceeded with his own speech. Peters, a decorated veteran of the Gulf War, described activities of Post 136 through years that he said had been beneficial to veterans and to the city.

The first speaker on the program had been Delegate Anne Healey, who introduced herself to the Greenbelt citizenry newly included in District 22. She expressed her gratitude to all the veterans for their sacrifices, those currently in the service as well as those who fought in past wars.



Snow falls on Greenbelt's War Memorial. [Photo courtesy Greenbelt Homes, Inc., "Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987."]

She mentioned that she had a niece and a nephew presently serving in the armed forces. Healey invited anyone needing her help in Annapolis to contact her and pledged her support.

Mayor Judith Davis, before reading a proclamation on Veterans' Day from the City of Greenbelt, mused, "Can it really be 20 years since the Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated?" She remarked that the city of Washington had so many war memorials not to honor war, but to honor the men and women who gave of their lives serving in those wars. She thanked the Legion for offering the use of the Post 136 home for so many city functions.

After brief remarks by Auxiliary President Rose Unruh and Mike Hurm, commander of the Sons of the American Legion, the crowd joined in singing "America the Beautiful." The colors were retired and Commander Tom Dean invited everyone to stay for a buffet lunch.

Community Events

At the Library

The library will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 through Thursday, November 28.

Upcoming programs for children are:

Tuesday, November 26, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, November 27, 10:15 and 11 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 months to 24 months with caregiver, Registration is required.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis presided over the November 13 meeting and played a tape of patriotic songs from World War II.

Joe Wilkinson announced the Lions Toy Parade at Beltway Plaza on Saturday, November 23 at 1 p.m. The Lions will collect new toys to be given to needy families at Christmas.

Membership committee member, Ernie Varda, reported that 280 members had attended meetings in the month of October 2002.

The 50/50 raffle winners were Helen Gibson and Leney Holohan.

Ernie Varda introduced Paul Sobol, a meteorologist, who gave an interesting slide illustrated talk.

The next meeting will be the business meeting on December 4. There will be no meeting on November 27. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

GIAC Offers Help On Computer Buying

Dreaming of putting a bright, shiny computer under the Christmas tree but don't know where to start? Then come to the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) free class on "How to Buy a Computer," Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Mary Camp will discuss what you need to know before buying a computer, what to avoid and current computer trends. For further information call GIAC's voice mail at 301-419-8044. Registration is unnecessary, but to reserve a copy of the handouts call GIAC by Monday, November 25. The class is open to all.

GHI Notes

GHI offices will be closed November 28 and 29 to celebrate Thanksgiving. For emergency maintenance those days call 301-474-6011.

The Board of Directors will meet December 5 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The next pre-purchase seminar will be Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

Mall and Lion's Club Sponsor Toy Drive

Beltway Plaza Mall and the Greenbelt Lion's Club are now in their 11th year of gathering toys for needy children. This year's goal is to raise over \$20,000 worth of new toys to be distributed to families, churches and hospitals for children who would not ordinarily receive any gift during the holidays.

The 11th Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Parade at Beltway Plaza Mall will kick off the drive on Saturday, November 23 at 2 p.m. Some of the parade participants that will excite the crowd are Greenbelt Mayor J Davis, Greenbelt Councilmember Rodney Roberts, the Greenbelt Police Department Honor Guard, Potomac Classic T'Birds, Rolling Crest-Chillum Community Cheerleaders and the Bowie State University Marching Band. Santa will arrive ringing in the holiday spirit; but the fun is just getting started.

Following the parade, inside the mall will be a wide variety of entertainment for the entire family including face painting, temporary tattoos, balloon sculpting, Uncle Sam Stiltwalker and a magic show. Children may also talk to Santa and get their pictures taken with him. Toys will be collected in the toy box off Center Court of the mall until December 24 and then will be sorted and distributed by the Greenbelt Lions Club.

Beltway Plaza has been an integral part of the community and will be furthering its support this holiday season through the toy drive.

For further information or questions, call "Kap" Kapastin at Beltway Plaza Mall at 301-657-9900, ext. 129.



Greenbelt Park Will Show Movies

Greenbelt Park will celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a film festival. On November 24 the festival begins with "Smoke Signals," a comedy-drama which won a prize in the Sundance Film Festival. On December 1 the comedy "Medicine River" will be shown. It stars Graham Green as an international photojournalist who returns home after 20 years for a relative's funeral. The festival will close on December 8 with "Black Indians," an American story in Rich-Heape Films' "Circle of Life" series.

All films will begin at 1 p.m. in the Ranger Station classroom.



Advent Puppet Show

7 PM on Friday, December 13

45-minute show put on by the Columbia Baptist Fellowship. Games and treats following the show. A free-will offering will be collected for the puppeteers.



Berwyn Presbyterian Church
6301 Greenbelt Rd, 301-474-7573



"Cleaner County" Honors St. Hughs'

by Leslie Hilliard

At their annual awards ceremony on November 10th, the Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County saluted individuals, organizations, businesses and government for their outstanding contributions to the Keep Prince George's Beautiful campaign. Among the honorees were Marjorie Sparks and 24 eighth grade students in her science class at St. Hugh's School. Sparks and attendees Justin Van Den Bossche, Katheryn Markowich and Harrison Hilliard received recognition for their work with the City of Greenbelt on a watershed project at Buddy Attick Lake Park. The students studied the watershed area of the park and then developed educational panels. The panels were featured during Earth Day 2002 at the park.

Also recognized for their environmental stewardship activities were fourth graders Larry Hartzell, Jr. and Peter Lomax. As members of Boy Scout Pack 202, Den 10, the boys received Badge Awards for their cleanup and conservation project at the Patuxent National Wildlife Center.

St. Hugh's Students In Talent Search

by Leslie Hilliard

The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) has invited twelve St. Hugh's students to participate in its Talent Search program. Only students who score at or above the 97th percentile on a nationally-normed standardized test are eligible.

The St. Hugh's students are: seventh grade - Laurence Fitzgerald, Nicholas Gunawan, Tiffany Edwards, Jeffrey Han, James Livingston, Gregory Meyer and Peter Morrison; eighth grade - Kyle Armstrong, Jeffrey Grant, Harrison Hilliard, Andrew Perrin and Rita Wade.

The talent search assesses and recognizes students with exceptional mathematical and/or verbal reasoning abilities. Participants will further define their academic abilities through the SAT, a standardized aptitude test typically given to students at the high school senior level. Qualifying students may then attend summer CTY courses at Johns Hopkins University to pursue their interests.

St. Hugh's Students Win "First Honors"

by Leslie Hilliard

On November 15 students at St. Hugh's School were recognized for their academic achievements at a school assembly also attended by the friends and family of the honorees.

Students in grades five through eight who maintain grades of A or B are eligible for an honors award. In addition to academic achievement, the Honor Award also encompasses attributes of respect, spirituality and responsibility.

Students achieving "First Honors" must maintain a grade of A in every subject except one, where a B is permissible. Twenty students received the distinction of "First Honors." From the fifth grade, they are - Devin Fendlay, Ramesh Katta, Scot Kincaid, Rachael Rogers and Zachary Viola; sixth grade - Wesley Hilliard, Sarah Layton, Anne Lemieux, Eric Meyer, Jonathan Nguyen, James Riordan, Kyra Simon and Nolan Soter; seventh grade - Nicholas Gunawan, Edward Kim, Eleanor Lomax and Greg Meyer; eighth grade - Jeffrey Grant, Harrison Hilliard and Sara Witter.

Students earning "Second Honors" must receive either an A or B in every core subject. Twenty students received the distinction of "Second Honors." They are: fifth grade - Alexander Dwivedi, Marcella Fidelis, Sean Kennedy, Robert Lewey and Robert Solari; sixth grade - Erin Cocchiario, Eric Didion, Megan Shaffer and Philip Wilson; seventh grade - Brian Crenwelge, Jeffrey Han, Amanda Crisman, Lawrence Fitzgerald and Nicholas Viktor; eighth grade - Megan Perrin, Justin Van Den Bossche, Rita Wade and Antania Whitlow.

City Notes

The Horticulture Crew removed a tree from the lake path and one on Hanover Parkway. The re-landscaping of the Southway median was also begun.

The Streets Crew continued repair work on Lakeside Drive, cleaned streets in Boxwood and cleaned storm drains and underpasses after the rain early in the week. They also transported used asphalt to the recycling facility.

The Parks Crew collected leaves with the vacuum and collected trash and litter along city streets and in parks and city facilities. Monthly playground inspections were done and repairs were made to a teeter-totter at 2 Court of Gardenway. Work was also continued on the playground reconstruction at Plateau and Ridge. Staff assisted with the Veterans' Day observances.

The Special Operations Crew installed eight traffic signs on Lastner and Ivy Lane and two new pedestrian crossing signs on Crescent Road near the library.

The Facilities Maintenance Crew continued wall construction and wiring changes at the police building, repaired the neon lights on the Old Greenbelt Theatre marquee and installed a new basketball backboard and rim at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Helen Supple Funeral

The funeral for Helen Supple will be held at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27 in a chapel at Arlington Cemetery. Directions: From Memorial Bridge, go part of the way around the large traffic circle and along Memorial Drive to one of the two guards, give Helen Supple's name and receive instructions on driving to the chapel and parking there.



Condolences to the Frank Gervasi family on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to Dee and Jack Downs on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22.

Kudos to Kenneth Silberman who recently passed the Maryland Bar examination. He is currently employed as a computer engineer at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Surathi Gaddam was one of four College of Notre Dame of Maryland students selected to be Clare Boothe Luce scholars. The Luce scholars are selected on the basis of potential for achievement in mathematics, computer science, engineering or the sciences.

Crisis Hub Seeks Hotline Volunteers

The D.C. Rape Crisis Center, a culturally diverse non-profit organization, seeks volunteer hotline counselors and hospital advocates. Interviews are starting now. The next training session begins in January. For more information contact the center at 202-232-0789.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community
November 24, 10 a.m.
"The Spirit of Life"
by Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers



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Interfaith Service To Be Held

The Greenbelt Interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Westway and Ridge Roads, on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. The Greenbelt Combined Choir and members of Protestant, Catholic, Baha'i, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist faith communities will be providing leadership. People of all faiths and those with no religious affiliation are welcome.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving service is one example of Greenbelt's long tradition of cooperation and respect among people of different faiths.

Festival of Lights Opens This Month

The 16th Annual Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Winter Festival of Lights opens to the public on November 29 and will operate daily from 5 to 9:30 p.m. until January 5. The festival is at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

This year's festival boasts new displays and features over one-half million colored lights in animated and static displays, with landscape lighting featured throughout the park. There is a fee. December 25 is a free admission night. Admission fees collected will be used to help fund this program.

Donations of canned food are gratefully accepted at the gate as people enter and will be given to area shelters for those less fortunate.

For information call 301-699-2456; TTY 301-699-2544.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

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

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate

Part Time Ministry

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.



St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | stgeog@aol.com | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am
9:00 am
10:00 am

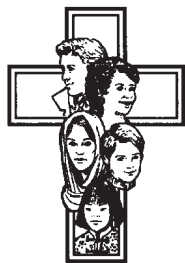
A Simple, Quiet Mass
Christian Education for All Ages
Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

An inclusive congregation!

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH



Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor
Corner of Crescent & Greenhill Rds
301-474-4212 gbaptist@myexcel.com

Sun. Worship 8:35 & 11:00 am, 6 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7 pm
Wed. Living Proof for Youth 7 pm

"BUILDING BRIDGES TO THE FAMILY OF GOD THRU THE LOVE OF CHRIST"

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY

Children and Adults
Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt

Mon. Disciple Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

Nov. 24, Reign of Christ/Christ the King; United Methodist Student Sunday
Title: Seek the least and the lost!
Traditional Worship

Baha'i Faith

"O Quintessence of Passion! Put away all covetousness and seek contentment; for the covetous hath ever been deprived, and the contented hath ever been loved and praised."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the
World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>



Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Soroptimists Offer Award to Teen Girls

The Soroptimists of Bowie-Crofton, part of Soroptimist International of the Americas, is committed to helping women and girls live better lives. To that end, Bowie-Crofton Soroptimists participate in the Violet Richardson Award Program.

This program recognizes young women between the ages of 14 and 17 who make the world a better place through volunteer activities within their communities and schools.

Bowie-Crofton Soroptimists are looking for "ordinary girls with extraordinary talent for helping others through volunteerism." Last year's honorees received \$1,300. They were honored at a Violet Richardson Awards Banquet in March.

Volunteer projects can include those that address social problems, such as drug abuse, illiteracy, violence, unemployment, discrimination and pollution. Projects may assist any group, including the elderly, disabled and mentally or emotionally challenged. Projects that benefit women or girls are especially valued. Topics can include mentoring, sexual harassment, sexual decision-making, teen parenting, careers and finances.

Applications and a good quality photograph of the applicant are due by December 15. For applications and more information contact Nancy Rey at 301-474-0970.

Earthwatch Offers 300 Fellowships

Earthwatch Institute is offering fellowships so that K-12 educators and administrators can join scientific research expeditions around the world. This year more than 300 fellows will participate in one- to three-week field research projects, working with diverse teams of volunteers under the direction of renowned scientists.

Earthwatch Institute recognizes that educators play a key role in raising public awareness of cultural and natural issues and expects teachers to share their experiences with their community and classes. The experience provides a unique career development opportunity for teachers and the chance to bring field science into the classroom.

Applications are presently being accepted on a rolling basis with decisions being made by May. For an application and more information call 800-776-0018 ext. 118 or email Education Awards@earthwatch.org or visit www.earthwatch.org/ed/fellowships.html.

Radon Gas a Peril To Homeowners

Autumn not only welcomes cold air but more air pollutants into homes. One air pollutant, radon, is a cancer-causing radioactive gas that homeowners need to know about. Higher levels of radon are more common during cooler seasons because homes are sealed tighter.

A radon test is the only way to determine if radon is present in a home. The American Lung Association offers "do-it-yourself" home radon testing kits year round. For more information, visit www.marylandlung.org or contact the American Lung Association of Maryland at 800-LUNG-USA or e-mail questions to radon@marylandlung.org.



City Information

CITY COUNCIL-Regular Meeting Monday, November 25, 2002-8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Recycle Right Awards

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

*Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda—marked by *—will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

- Advisory Planning Board, 11/13/02 (Purple Line)

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board and Youth

Advisory Committee, 11/20/02 (Skateboard Park)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

▲ Cherrywood Lane Corridor Study - Briefing

▲ 2003 Legislative Program

▲ Employee Floating Holiday

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

LEAF VACUUM COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For Single Family Homes Only

November 25-27: Lakewood
December 2-6: Lakeside
December 9-13: Boxwood
December 16-20: Woodland Hills/Greenbrook Village and Estates
December 23-27: Lakewood and Greenspring 1 and 2
December 30-Jan. 3: Lakeside and Windsor Green
Jan. 6-Jan. 15th: All Areas

Remember: Rake leaves to the curb, keeping piles away from cars and storm drains. Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris-this can damage the equipment and cause injuries. Collection signs will be placed in your neighborhood the week before the collection.

GREENBELT EAST RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

Located at the end of Hanover Dr.
(just off Hanover Parkway by the Dog Park)

Accepted Items: Newspaper,
Mixed Paper, Magazines,
Cardboard



Call the Recycling Office at
301-474-8308 for more information.

USED VEHICLE SALE

The City of Greenbelt will be accepting sealed bids for sale of the following vehicles. Interested bidders may view vehicles/equipment the week of December 2-6, 2002, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at the Greenbelt Public Works Department, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. For questions regarding the condition of the vehicles, contact the City Mechanical Shop at 301-474-0426.

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the City of Greenbelt, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, no later than 4:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2002. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description, including the serial number. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles/equipment from the Public Works Yard. The City reserves the right to reject any bids.

Vehicles

Unit #29	1992 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser.#1G1BL5372NR151522, Odometer 102,226
Unit #800	1994 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser.#1G1BL52P4RR178597, Odometer 117,874
Unit #803	1994 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser. #1G1BL52P3RR201528, Odometer 442,629
Unit #804	1994 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser.#1G1BL52P2RR202315, Odometer 111,116
Unit #806	1994 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser.#1G1BL52P3RR201688, Odometer 117,302
Unit #103	1987 Chevrolet Blazer, Ser.#1GNCT18R8H0174737, Odometer 101,113
Unit #148	1991 Ford Econoline Van, ser.#1FTFE24N1MHA51835, Odometer 94,953
Unit #300	1990 Chevrolet Cavalier, Ser.#1G1JC54G3LJ279693, Odometer 64,916
Unit #305	1990 Ford Econoline Van, Ser.#1FBJS31H8LHA56444, Odometer 59,382
Unit #455	1988 Dodge Pickup, Ser.#1B7JW24Y4JS799639, Odometer 76,383
Unit #447	1986 Chevrolet Pickup, Ser.#1GCGK24MXGJ154222, Odometer 119,026
Unit #711	1991 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser.#1G1BL5375MW256068, Odometer 159,310

Vehicle – Sale for parts only

Unit #801 1994 Chevrolet Caprice, Ser. #1G1BL52P3RR180065, Odometer 82,814

Equipment

1983 Grimmer Schmidt Air Compressor, Ser. #1257193, Hrs. 1952
Parker Vacuum, Ser. #146535
Hunter Wheel Balancer, 700 Series
Skid Steer Sweeper Attachment, Ser. #935653
Jacobson Greens Mower, Ser. #6220816292
Hein Werner Hydraulic Jack, Ser. #1062275



THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

City Offices will be closed
Thursday and Friday,
November 28th and 29th.

**THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL
NOT OPERATE ON THESE DAYS.**

REFUSE/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Week of November 25th

Monday Route.....Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route.....Regular Schedule
Thursday Route.....Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collection on
Friday, November 29th

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **December 11, 2002 at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center (Theater Rehearsal Room), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by the City of Greenbelt for consideration of a request for a **Departure from Sign Design Standards** for premises located at 7850 Walker Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The applicant is requesting permission to exceed the allowable freestanding sign area for the purpose of installing a 100.8 sq. ft sign at the Walker Drive entrance.



GREENBELT ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, 11/25 at 8pm, "City Council Meeting" live
Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, 11/26 & 11/28: 7pm "Animation Showcase"; 8:15pm "The Mill & Other Selected Short Films"

Co-op Center Spread Ad

Co-op Center Spread Ad

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Handgun Possession

6320 Golden Triangle Drive, November 11, 6:54 a.m., after officers responded to a report of a robbery inside the Residence Inn hotel, investigation revealed that the complaint was a false report and that the purse of one of the individuals involved contained a loaded .22 caliber handgun. A male resident of northwest D.C., 20, was arrested and charged with the false report as well as possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and a female resident of Bladensburg, 21, was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon as well as possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. Also found in the room were brass knuckles and three other 21-year-old females, also of Bladensburg. No information is available on charges, if any, of suspects other than the two cited.

Assault

Beltway Plaza, November 14, 8:24 p.m., a New Carrollton man, 23, was arrested and charged with assault, resisting arrest and possession of paraphernalia and disorderly conduct. An officer observed the man acting in a disorderly fashion, shouting profanities and causing passersby to take notice. The suspect refused to stop, and an officer tried to place him under arrest. He resisted and kicked the officer. The man was found to be in

possession of marijuana paraphernalia and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

Beltway Plaza, November 8, 11:23 p.m., two District Heights men, 23 and 28, were arrested after they refused to leave the Academy 8 Theaters after being told to do so for violating theater policy. They began shouting profanities and attracting the attention of customers. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Counterfeit Money

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, November 12, 12:40 a.m., counterfeit money was left to pay a bill at the restaurant. The suspects leaving the money are described only as a black female in her twenties, 5'7", and a black female in her twenties, 5'4" with a heavy build.

Vandalism

9100 block Springhill Lane, November 10, 4:01 p.m., someone used a rock to break out the window of a residence.

5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, November 11, 8:50 p.m., someone threw a rock through the front door glass of an apartment building.

Schrom Hills Park, November 12, 5:50 p.m., some person or persons vandalized the restrooms at the park.

Theft

Capitol Cadillac dealership, November 9, 12:50 a.m., a male resident of Alexandria, 27, was ar-

rested and charged with theft after an officer saw him take a car battery from a loading dock. He tried to flee on foot, but was apprehended. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

6300 block Ivy Lane, November 11, 11:20 a.m., a video projector was taken from an office suite.

7500 block Hanover Parkway, November 11, 9:05 a.m., money was taken from a desk in an office suite.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, November 11, 3:07 p.m., a sidewalk edger was taken from a landscaping trailer.

Greenway Shopping Center, November 13, 12:02 p.m., someone removed a cellular telephone from the victim's purse while she was shopping at the center.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1993 Saturn SL1 four-door, Md. tags GWJ578, November 11, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; a blue over white 1988 Lincoln Town Car four-door, Md. tags KZE408, November 11, from Beltway Plaza; a grey 1997 Dodge Intrepid four-door, Md. tags KLX641, November 12, from the 100 block Westway; a green 1998 Dodge Neon four-door, Md. tags ESR180, November 13, from the 8000 block Lakecrest Drive.

Nine vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

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these back to the ideas of Robert Owens in early 19th-century Scotland, who was concerned with social welfare programs for textile workers realized in 1824 in New Harmony, Ind. (Patterson did not mention it, but Frances Trollope, in her "Domestic Manners of the Americans," her best-selling book of 1832, gave an astringent view of that short-lived experiment.)

Patterson went on to summarize the ideas of Ebenezer Howard, who analyzed human centers of living as town, country and a new category, town-country - what residents of Greenbelt understand as green towns. Patterson himself is concentrating his research on Arthurdale, W.V., a mostly rural community built in 1933, and Aberdeen Gardens in Newport News, Va, constructed for and by African Americans.

Sense of History

Of the nine New Deal communities of various designs and philosophies, Patterson notes that in the present time all have one thing in common: a recent resurgence of interest in their own histories. He had earlier explored the idea of "staged synthetic communities" in Greenfield Village, built by Henry Ford outside Dearborn, Mich., and Williamsburg, Va., founded at about the same time with Rockefeller money.

Unlike those examples of living history museums, Patterson notes that the historical interests of citi-

zens of the New Deal towns have been generated by their own sense of their communities' specialized history - often sparked by 50th and 60th anniversaries. Although Greenbelt has indeed held such anniversary celebrations, those of us involved with the Greenbelt News Review must make a special claim to having always kept our sense of history alive. Indeed, Cathy Knepper in her recent book, "Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal," attributes to the News Review its special importance in educating our fellow citizens about our town's history.

As far as we have been able to discover, the News Review is unique in America. In fact, as we approach the end of November, we will make our annual reprise of the development and growth of our beloved town and of our own place within its history.

Hollywood Flyers

Join the fourth annual Hollywood Flyers film series at the College Park Aviation Museum running through March 14. For a complete schedule of historical and dramatic, sometimes funny and often serious movies, call 301-864-6029. There is a fee. Admission includes movie, museum, popcorn and discount coupons for lunch at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant.

Soup Too Salty? Call the Chef!

Salty soup, lumpy mashed potatoes, overcooked green beans and dry turkey. If this sounds like a Thanksgiving nightmare, help is just a phone call away with the "Turkey Talk Hotline" where holiday cooks will receive expert advice from the kitchen of the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City.

For guidance on fixing a botched recipe or creating a new dish, guests will be able to "talk turkey" with Executive Chef Gilbert Verdugo from Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 27, between 2 and 3 p.m.

To "talk turkey," guests are asked to call 703-415-5000.

ACE Job Fair Attracts Applicants

In the ACE Job Fair which convened on Saturday, November 16 at the Greenbelt Community Center in spite of inclement weather, the atmosphere in the fair was congenial. Representatives of the Prince George's County Public Schools as well as the City of Greenbelt, informed attendees about job opportunities in their organizations. The professionals were in informal attire to ally the fears of the queasy. The county Department of Transportation, Eleanor Roosevelt H.S., Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Co-op were also represented.

AMERICAN REALTY

UNDER CONTRACT

1-E Laurel Hill Road

SOLD IN 12 DAYS

8-F Laurel Hill Rd.

NEW LISTING

UNDER CONTRACT

16-K Ridge Road

UNDER CONTRACT

65-G Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

RARE! FOUR BEDROOMS, 2 1/2 BATHS, THREE LEVEL GHI. Large eat-in kitchen with an oversized refrigerator, hardwood floors, large entry hall, central heating and air conditioning, dishwasher, full basement, washer and dryer. **\$154,900**

20-S Hillside Road

NEW LISTING

This **ONE** bedroom **UPPER LEVEL END** unit has been freshly painted and includes a window air conditioner, ceiling fan, extra storage closet, new wall-to-wall carpeting, large corner yard and storage shed. **\$49,900**

5-C Ridge Road

This three bedroom block unit has wall-to-wall carpeting, ceiling fans, built-in air conditioner, humidifier, washer, dryer, remodeled bathroom. You can relax because all the landscaping has been done for you! Library end of town. **\$106,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

54-E Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

A **ONE** bedroom **UPPER LEVEL END** unit with a view of trees from a large picture window. The owner has done all the work for you, i.e., remodeled the kitchen and bathroom, installed two ceiling fans and two air conditioners. Included is a washer, dryer, microwave, pull down attic stairs, carpeting and more. **\$52,900**

32-C Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

This two bedroom **WIDE FLOOR PLAN** is a short walk to the Center. A **full second bathroom** (handicap accessible) has been added on the first floor. The kitchen has been remodeled and includes a dishwasher. A built-in air conditioner, washer, dryer and self-cleaning oven are a few of the extras. **\$87,500**

73-B Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

Converted three bedrooms into two large bedrooms. This bright and airy unit has gorgeous refinished hardwood floors, open kitchen, washer, dryer, pull down attic stairs, fenced front and back yards, storage shed and a large deck. **\$74,900**

UNDER CONTRACT

18-K Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

This two bedroom **WIDE FLOOR PLAN** has a remodeled kitchen and bathroom, new wall-to-wall carpeting, custom valances, 3 air conditioners, microwave, ceiling fan, split rail fenced yard, storage shed and plenty of parking. **\$79,900**

SOLD IN ONE DAY

8-B Crescent Road

NEW LISTING

DUPEX!! Have you wanted to buy a two bedroom duplex with an attached garage that has electricity? One is now on the market for sale. This unit has a large yard and is located on the library end of town, close to the Center. **\$84,900**

COMING SOON
- LAKESIDE -
5BR SINGLE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS
to Barbara Compton on the
purchase of your GHI and
THANK YOU for doing
business with
Jeannie Smith

Commission Only - No Extra Fees
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impact the site. There will be playing fields, a playground and probably a parking area. The Friends are currently in the process of selecting architects, engineers and construction personnel.

As far as the development review process is concerned, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will require a site plan, construction drawings, information on the nature of the school, various studies such as stormwater and traffic management and a tree conservation plan, a possible hearing before the Prince George's Planning Board and Use and Occupancy and other permits. Unknown at this time is the number of acres needed for the Friends Community School.

History

The decades-long desire of the city, joined later by the NPS and the Westchester Park Civic Association, to incorporate the 17.43 acre Jaeger Tract into Greenbelt Park had seemed to be succeeding. Surrounded on three sides by the federal park, which is itself located within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt, the Jaeger Tract is south of Westchester Park drive about 300 feet east of Kenilworth Avenue in the unincorporated Westchester Park community.

Over the past two years a partnership composed of the city, NPS, the Trust and Westchester Park have pressed for integration of the Jaeger Tract, zoned rural residential (two detached single family homes per acre), into adjacent Greenbelt Park. Although the M-NCPPC approved with conditions a preliminary plan of subdivision for 19 single family homes on the property, the owners appeared willing to negotiate the sale of the land to NPS.

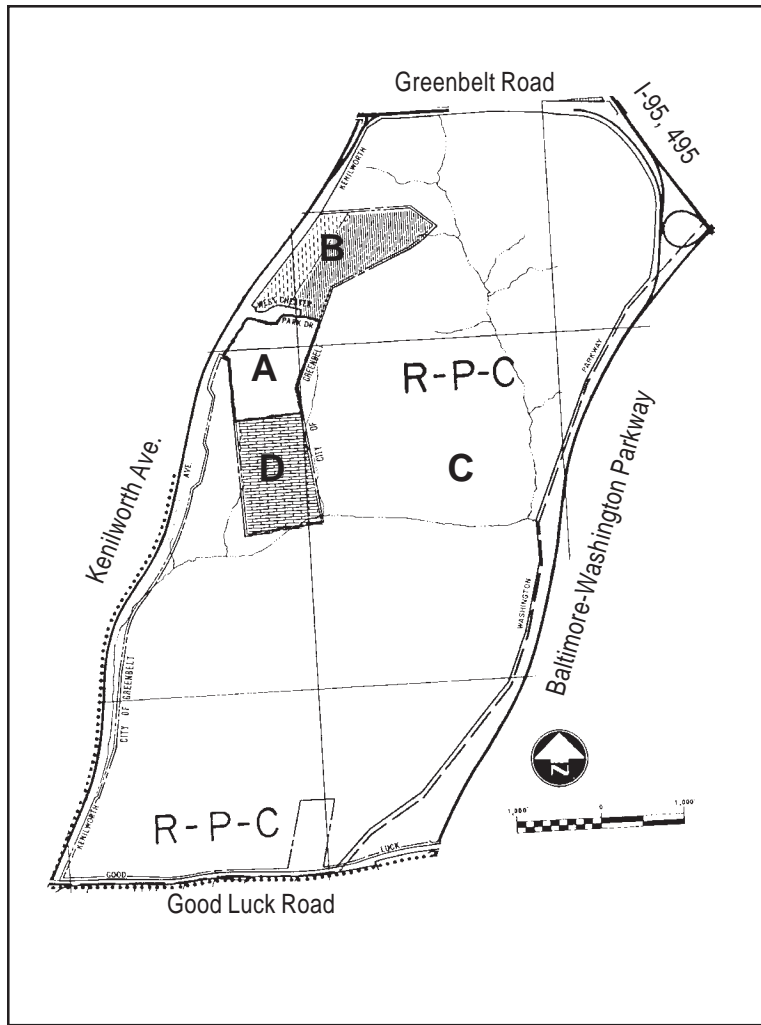
This process moved slowly, starting with the obtaining of appraisals of the Jaeger Tract by NPS and Community Management, and followed by negotiations by both parties to resolve the difference between their appraisals. The NPS appraisal was about \$580,000 below Community Management's. Reportedly, the NPS appraisal value was \$1.1 million and Community's appraisal was \$1.68 million.

Federal Support

Meanwhile Congressman Steny Hoyer was successful in persuading the US Congress to include in its 2002 Fiscal Year Department of Interior appropriations bill \$1 million for acquisition of the Jaeger Tract, subject to matching funds. Obtaining matching funds totaling \$1 million was a big hurdle for the partnership to overcome before the federal appropriation expires when Congress passes its Fiscal Year 2003 budget after the November elections. This burden was eased when Hoyer obtained a waiver on the federal matching funds requirement.

That made \$500,000 the amount needed to be raised to meet the \$1.5 million sales price that Community Management Company appeared willing to accept. Funds available were \$1 million from Fiscal Year 2002 Department of Interior budget, \$100,000 committed by the City of Greenbelt, \$100,000 from NPS, \$200,000 guaranteed by the National Park Trust and \$9,000 from the Westchester Park community.

While the Trust guaranteed \$200,000 it does not currently have the funds. However the Trust will guarantee reimbursement of such funds in about five years. In October the Greenbelt City Council agreed to advance these funds.



The map above is a display of the affected areas: A – Jaeger Tract (17.4 acres); B – Westchester Park; C – Greenbelt Park; D – Portion of Jaeger Tract previously acquired by National Park Service.

The final \$100,000 needed became assured when the Maryland Department of Natural Resources agreed to provide Open Space funds in that amount on October 25. However, two weeks later the deal collapsed when Community sold the property to the Friends School.

State-Assisted Insurance Info

For those who have questions about insurance coverage, want to know how to file a complaint against an insurance company or are interested in consumer education materials, the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA), an independent agency of the State of Maryland, is available in the community once a month to help. An MIA representative will be at the county State Comptroller's branch office soon. No appointment is necessary. The MIA representative will be available in Prince George's County at the Multiservice Center, 14735 Main St., Room 083B in Upper Marlboro on Monday, November 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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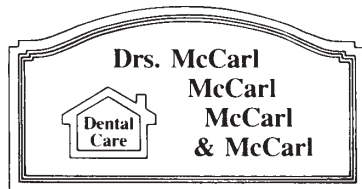
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Warm Memories of the Holidays In Greenbelt during WWII

The following article is the first in a series of childhood memories of Greenbelt during the holiday seasons of World War II. The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum will feature these vignettes and other wartime memorabilia in the historic house museum during this year's holiday season beginning December 7. The house is open Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

by Lee and Bonnie Shields

The holiday season had very special meaning, as did any family or neighborhood gathering at that time, because of great uncertainty about the war's progress. A father or brother might be away training or fighting and some soldiers were never coming back. Lee's dad served in the Panama Canal Zone for almost a year, after training at several camps in the U.S. Bonnie's dad trained troops at Camp Lee, Va. and Camp Ellis, Ill. before being stationed at a base in British Guiana. When he was in Illinois, Bonnie and her mother accompanied him – so no one was at home for one Christmas!

During the holiday season in Greenbelt, because of a lot of new construction, there were hundreds of new families in "defense homes." The town doubled in size practically overnight. The community was geared toward families with young children. One result was that the primary department of the Community Church had more than 100 children in it! Greenbelt Pioneer Annie Halley was superintendent of the primary group and helped her students – including Lee – put on plays such as "Why The Chimes Rang." The congregation met in the elementary school (now the Community Center) and the whole town was invited to attend the plays.

Another reminder of wartime was air raid practice in school and at home and people walking around looking official in civil defense attire. During each drill, we would turn off all lights, close all curtains and blinds and curl up under our desk or table away from the windows. A few older



Lee Shields sits by the family Christmas tree at 43-C Ridge Road.

teenagers would be enlisted to do airplane spotting from the roof of the Greenbelt Theatre. During one or more holidays, Greenbelt and neighboring communities also were likely to have memorials for servicemen who died in action.

Part of the evening entertainment at each home would be listening to the radio for President Roosevelt's fireside chats and for news accounts by Walter Winchell, Drew Pearson and H. V. Kaltenborn. Radio also held all of the entertainment of today's TV, except that you created the appearance of the characters in your own head. If you went to the movies, there would be newsreel accounts of the war along with films and cartoons.



Lee shows off his new stuffed animal, a favorite Christmas gift.

Other memories of the holiday season reflect the times we were in throughout the Washington, D.C. area and elsewhere. If you bought a tree or cut your own in the woods, it was likely to be a scraggly "Charlie Brown" tree. There was rationing of many products, including meat, sugar, gasoline and the all-important bubble gum, so there were long lines to stand in – and last-minute changes in holiday menus based on what foods could or could not be obtained in time.

Because bubble gum was rationed you not only stood in line for it, you also chewed it forever and you saved it on the bedpost or in a little dish overnight so it could still be enjoyed the next day. A few children even made a little extra money by charging friends to chew their gum for a few minutes!

(To be continued next week.)

Recipes from World War II Era

Butter Cream Mints (Made with mashed potatoes)

1. Peel and boil a medium potato
2. Mash potato while it is still warm and add $\frac{1}{2}$ stick of margarine.
3. Beat mixture, adding confectioner's sugar until stiff to handle.
4. Add flavors (oils - usually 3-5 drops) and colors as desired.
5. Shape mints by putting through a cookie press, or make a rope $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter and cut 1" long candies. Can also roll small balls and flatten with fork to create ridges on top.
6. Work with a small amount of mixture at a time. Keep remaining mixture covered (so it will not dry out) until needed.

Thankful Thoughts

Last year the News Review received a number of responses to our request that readers tell us what they are thankful for. This year it again seems appropriate to ask the same question. Responses will be published in the November 28 issue.

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might be needed in emergencies. Lights were to be turned off when not in use. On December 20 the first blackout practice occurred in Greenbelt. All lights were extinguished. Black out curtains were hung at the windows. Residents were told not to light cigarettes and stand near windows because the burning tips might be spotted by enemy aircraft. They were also asked to cover the lighted portion of radio dials. The Town Council enacted penalties for black out violators: up to \$100 in fines; from 10 to 90 days in jail. Wardens could enter homes during an alert and turn off lights.

On December 15 teams of two, in shifts, set up on the roof of the drug store/theater building for airplane spotting operations. Army planes frequently flew overhead to test the spotters. Planes also were flying in and out of Schrom Airport nearby which was used for training military personnel.

Another activity was the sale of Victory Bonds. Greenbelt residents set up clubs of 19 members each to buy a bond for approximately \$19. Each member contributed \$1 a week until each had a bond issued in his or her name. The Woman's Club of Greenbelt collected enough money to purchase a fighter plane. School children also bought bonds. They collected enough money to buy a tank. Defense stamp books were available with stamps costing 10 cents. Once the book was filled, it would be converted to a bond.

Families were encouraged to conserve, to use it, wear it or make do without it. Christmas gifts were often hand-me-downs. Clothing such as socks, shoes and underwear were practical gifts. Children had lessons on how to darn socks. Families collected cooking grease that was

taken to the local butcher. The fat would be used to make explosives. People listened to the radio all the time to obtain news of the war and they read the newspaper for facts about the war.

Ration books regulated how much each person could buy because many items were needed in the war effort. Gasoline, coffee, sugar, rubber, beef, cheese, butter, oils, some canned foods and leather were the most common items rationed. Rationing meant that everyone would receive his or her fair share of goods and keep the prices low. Each stamp in the ration book was worth different values or points.

Scrap materials were collected to help provide war materials. These included rubber for tires, iron and steel for helmets and guns, tin cans for planes, rags for cleaning weapons, grease for explosives and paper for packaging.

Many Greenbelt families had Victory gardens in order to grow their own food so that other food might be sent overseas.

V-Mail

V-Mail was important to service men and women. A V-Mail blank was available at the post office. After writing the letter, it could be mailed free to a service man or woman. It would be read first by military censors, who would black out any parts that they felt should be kept secret. After they had finished, they would stamp it. It would be photocopied on tiny film. The film would be sent overseas. The original letter would later be destroyed. When the letter arrived near to where it was being sent, special machines would blow it up to its full size. Then it could be delivered. Mail going out and coming into the country

If you have stories to share, please send them to the Greenbelt Museum which is compiling more holiday/World War II memories for future special exhibits. E-mail them at greenbeltmuseum@ci.greenbelt.md.us or write to the Greenbelt Museum, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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