

City Council Explores Options To Provide Senior Assistance

by Sandy Smith

At the December 16 Greenbelt City Council meeting, council considered changes to the community resources advocate program, approved plans for the public works facility expansion, and approved an upgrade of the city telephone system.

Advocate Debated

Council debated a new way to provide services under the community resources advocate program in the form of a contract with Collington, a local non-profit provider of services to senior citizens. Previously Greenbelt had employed a single individual as coordinator to provide an array of services to seniors and others in the community under a grant from the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC). Since then David Moran, assistant to the city manager, has worked with Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) to explore an alternative approach that might bring additional services and expertise to the program.

At the council meeting, Moran asked for tentative support for this approach as details are worked out and he comes back with a specific proposal. City Manager Michael McLaughlin did not ask councilmembers to be supportive

but merely "comfortable" with considering this new approach.

Moran outlined how this approach might work. There would be a single, primary person for the city, citizens and organizations to contact. That person would oversee services in general but would have the capability to tap into other types of expertise, ranging from health care, therapy, social work, to grant proposal writing. As contractor, Collington staff with training in many disciplines would be called upon as needed. A 24-hour hot-line is also a possibility. A recent development at Collington, the downsizing of staff, including one staff member initially considered for the Greenbelt project, caused a delay in planning and the need, as Moran phrased it, "for additional time to address the issues" and to ensure himself and those he is working with that "Collington can indeed provide the services needed by city residents."

Council Reaction

Reaction from council was mixed. Mayor Judith Davis saw the advantage in having a broader array of staff expertise from which to draw — from Collington or another provider — but emphasized that there had to

be one contact — one face — that all in the city would get to know and who would provide the continuity and community visibility needed for a successful program.

Councilmember Thomas White was supportive of the concept. He thought that Collington was close and accessible and agreed with continued research on a specific proposal. Councilmember Edward Putens, however, was uncomfortable with the proposal and its uncertainties. He said that he wants a situation where the city has all the facts and is in control. He encouraged simultaneous exploration of the contract approach as well as hiring a single city staffer for the job.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts also voiced concern about a contract rather than a staff position. He and others were concerned about a delay in bringing a Community Resource Advocate to the city.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull thought that the city has lost momentum in this process. He was uncomfortable that the city had advertised a position, received resumes, interviewed candidates and was now veering

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Students Use Tugwell Collection As Resource to Build Model City

by Elizabeth Wilkins, librarian and curator of Tugwell Special Collection

In October 2001 one student from Nicholas Orem Middle School and her mother were referred from the Hyattsville Library near the school to the Tugwell Special Collection at the Greenbelt Library. It was an evening of happy coincidences because I was on duty and the student brought her assignment letter with her describing the requirements for her city.

"Design A City" is the first quarter interdisciplinary

project for the seventh graders. The assignment requires that students create to scale a model city in either two or three dimensions, including at least four different zones. They have to consider all aspects of a community and incorporate land use, recreation, housing, environmental factors, government and other factors in their design. Completed projects have always been displayed at school. This year the winners and several other cities were displayed at the Greenbelt Library during November.

Since one of the collection areas for the Tugwell Special Col-



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

"Design A City" Project three-dimensional first-place winner Dimas Guevara's Salvi City. Salvi is defined by the designer as the "slang way for Salvadorean."

lection at the Greenbelt Library includes urban planning, I felt this was an opportunity to do outreach with the community. The assignment was challenging and frustrating for parents and librarians because no book exists to show step-by-step how to design a city. We have a few books that show how to do particular craft techniques, such as paper mâché or salt dough, a few books on dioramas and items in the Tugwell Special Collection. This assignment requires creative thinking and uses skills from social studies, language arts, and mathematics disciplines.

I contacted the school's magnet coordinator to plan ahead for the following school year. I also contacted Yvonne Magee, division chief of the Information Center of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and was granted assistance from three of their staff.

Summer Meetings

Over the summer in several meetings with both magnet school and planning staff, we discussed whether it was best to set up a program in Greenbelt and have all 270 students come at one time using various meeting spaces or to do a presentation at their school. I included the Greenbelt Museum in various email messages and Jill Parsons-St. John, curator of the Greenbelt Museum, was able to give a tour to our committee. Difficulties with bus transportation led us to opt for two half-day presentations at the school two weeks apart.

Aware of this assignment, dur-

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Jaeger Tract

After 40 years of effort to acquire the 17-plus acres of undeveloped land east of the main gate of the Westchester Park community for inclusion in Greenbelt Park, a pending agreement between the developer and the National Park Service fell through at year's end. Unbeknownst to the consortium of city activists, and county, state and congressional representatives who put together a financial package to acquire the so-called Jaeger Tract, Friends Community School of College Park offered a higher bid and bought the land for a future elementary school.

Post Office

By year-end, the United States Postal Service's (USPS) efforts to obtain a site for a new Greenbelt Post Office on Hanover Parkway at Ora Glen Drive appeared to have succeeded with the help of city intervention. A restrictive covenant placed upon this property by a previous owner stymied the USPS purchase. The city stepped in as middleman between buyer and seller and temporarily gained title to the property in order to use its powers of eminent domain to remove the deed restriction. Shortly before trial in December, the parties to the suit reached agreement and USPS settlement on the property is expected shortly. Under the agreement terms, the city will purchase the Sunrise property on Hanover Drive for \$624,000 and will not seek \$100,000 payment from the owners of Commerce Center for the cost of installing a traffic signal at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. Also, USPS will maintain a 140-foot buffer between its facility and Windsor Green homes and make every effort to keep a retail postal operation at Roosevelt Center.

Redistricting

The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled on June 21 that Greenbelt would be part of the 22nd Maryland Legislative District after 30 years as part of the 23rd. While with the 23rd District, Greenbelt, along with Bowie, was represented by Senator Leo Green and Delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard. Re-elected in November in the 22nd District, Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey and Tawanna Gaines will represent Greenbelt along with newcomer Justin Ross, also elected a delegate. They will take office in January. District 22 also includes Berwyn Heights, Edmonston, Hyattsville, New Carrollton, Riverdale Park, University Park and the development of Westchester Park.

Goddard Master Plan

Greenbelt's neighbor, the Goddard Space Flight Center, responded to public dissatisfaction, especially from residents living east of the facility, by changing long-term plans to redesign their campus currently bisected by Soil Conservation Road. The original concept of closing the road through the campus and moving it to the northern and western boundary of the center was abandoned. The new plan, which calls for the bypass road to turn east to connect with Good Luck Road, was well received at a public meeting on August 6. Redesign and rearrangement of buildings will improve both their scientific capacity and overall campus security.

Theater, Roosevelt Center

For most of the year, the city has anticipated acquiring the old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. The theater, once a centerpiece of the original planned community, had fallen on hard times over the years and even shut down for a period. In recent years, with Paul Sanchez as manager, the theater has improved considerably. To ensure its continuation, the city has worked toward purchasing the structure. In October, the city believed an agreement would be signed within a month, followed by a determination of how to repair, use, and manage it. At year end, a signed agreement is still expected "shortly."

As another way to upgrade Roosevelt Center, a market study survey was completed during the fall. Consultants recommended more restaurants, which leads to more business for merchants. Survey respondents desire a bank and more small business. A citywide meeting to discuss the findings is anticipated.

Lake Enhancement

A \$24,500 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, plus a city

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What Goes On

Sunday, January 5

1-3 p.m., Council Reception for outgoing state and county representatives, Municipal Building

1-5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, January 6

8 p.m., Work session on FY 2002 report on visual arts education program, Municipal Building

Thursday, January 9

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

Salon's Taxi Service

I read with great delight and enjoyment the article about Maria and her beauty salon. I feel, however, that the following story must be added, as it so typifies her way of doing business. I was in for a color and cut when the phone rang. I heard her respond with "Don't worry about it, I'll come and get you." She then served me a cup of coffee as she left to pick up a client who was unable to keep her appointment because the weather was a bit rainy. When Maria returned, I remarked that the establishment should properly be called "Maria's Beauty Salon, Coffee Bar and Taxi Service!" She and I have laughed about this for a few years now, but I am sure the name still applies.

Karan Temple True

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commitment of \$31,000, supported redevelopment of the eroded north shore of Greenbelt Lake. Two overlooks with benches connected by a stone walkway were constructed by public works staff and volunteers. St. Hugh's seventh graders and Girl Scout Troop 4816 members, along with adult volunteers, helped to plant native species for a wetland park and to set up educational signs. A dedication on April 20 became an important component of the city's celebration of Earth Day.

American Legion

Long-time Greenbelter Ric Santos served as National Commander of the American Legion during 2001-2002. Santos was past commander of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 and has been involved with the legion for 35 years.

On Flag Day, June 14, the American Legion and the city sponsored an "Evening from the '40s" ball at the Greenbelt Marriott. The very successful ball was a benefit for the USO and was designed to acquaint a whole new generation of Greenbelters with the activities of the USO. Organizers commented that today's USO is often funded by corporate sponsors but the planners wanted to "bring the USO back to the grassroots."

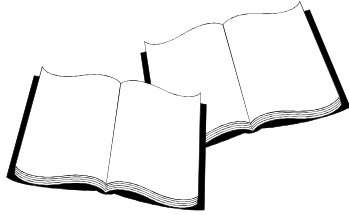
Halloween Haven

From mid-September almost through Halloween, citizens of the larger metropolitan area lived their daily lives in fear as 10 randomly selected, innocent people were shot dead, each with a single bullet, by two snipers. Others were wounded, but survived. While no shootings took place in or near Greenbelt, residents' lives were affected. As a result police provided extra protection, especially near schools; residents were reluctant to go shopping or gas up their cars; and all outside activities for children in school or community sports programs were cancelled. In mid-October city council determined that Greenbelt children would have a safe indoor Halloween celebration using the large Community Center building. Halloween Haven provided a magic show, costume contest, arts and crafts, fun activities and trick or treating door-to-door throughout the building.

A Review

Telling Tales Out of Court

by Virginia Beauchamp



Except for some seven lines in two sketchy references, the book is not about Greenbelt, the municipality and community. For the latter topics, the reader would do better to peruse the pages of this and other local newspapers or to read Cathy Knepper's recent history, "Greenbelt, Maryland," or Joseph Arnold's "The New Deal in the Suburbs."

Indian Creek and its importance to its wetlands environment has been a major concern in recent debates over development of the Greenbelt Metro site. But that controversy is not the concern of "Courthouse at Indian Creek." Frederick Quinn's new book focuses instead on the now seven-year-old federal structure on Cherrywood Lane, the Greenbelt Courthouse. It's also about the prehistory of the site, the political wrangling it took to get the courthouse built and what has happened within its walls during its first five years. The book reviews several important and varied cases, profiles the judges who work at the courthouse and describes the support staff, their functions, and the operations of the justice system there.

The site's role as an American Indian hunting and trading ground was highlighted by sculptor Jim Sanborn, whom the General Services Administration commissioned to produce a work of art to commemorate that period in history. What he created was a bronze cylinder containing the text of the Iroquois Book of the Great Law, which served as precedent for the U.S. Constitution. Quinn describes this work of art to frame his own book about the law in practice, beginning and ending with this image.

Specific Cases

The heart of the book, however, is the often engrossing story of specific cases heard at the Greenbelt Courthouse. (If the book were brought up to date, the recent arraignment at that venue of the two defendants in the "sniper" case would perhaps also have been mentioned.) These cases include several truly significant, precedent-setting ones generated because of the location of federal agencies in our region of Maryland. Among these is the National Institutes of Health, at one of whose clinics an overly competitive scientist secretly destroyed a colleague's line of "Alpha" cells.

Another notorious case, which ended up in the Supreme Court, involved a police raid in search of a suspected drug dealer at which a Washington Post photographer took pictures of the suspect's parents, who were summarily awakened and then man-handled

by the police. Another was the racially charged case concerning black Secret Service agents at a Denny's restaurant in Annapolis

who were denied service while their white counterparts and other white customers who arrived later were promptly served.

One gets a strong sense from the book that the Greenbelt Courthouse is a pleasant place to work, that the emotional environment is congenial and non-threatening, and that the integration into the justice system there of a new breed of lawyers, including women and African American men, is based on mutual respect.

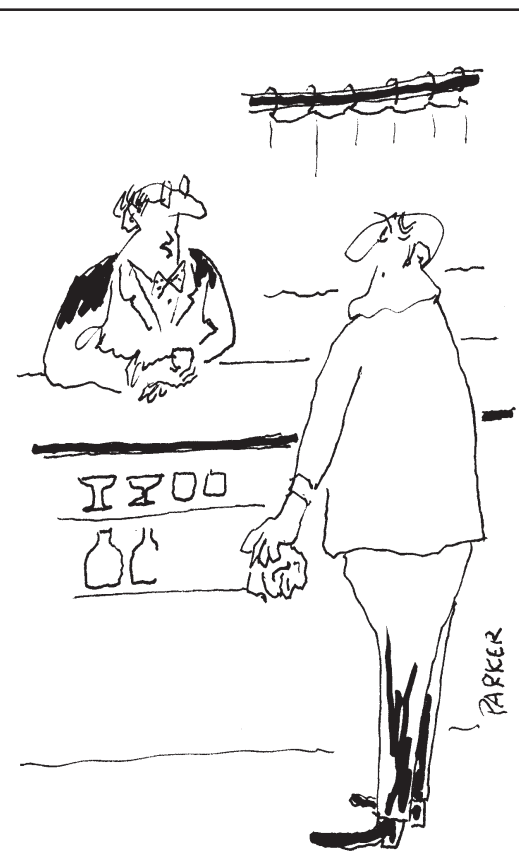
Greenbelt's Turn

Quinn's first reference to Greenbelt, the community, comes in a profile of one of the district judges, Alexander Williams, Jr. Williams recalls his appearance at the Labor Day parade in 1986 as a candidate for state's attorney — the first African American to run for and win a county-wide position — and the way folks in our town kept encouraging him in his campaign against the 26-year incumbent.

The other Greenbelt reference is an anecdote concerning the fifth anniversary celebration of the courthouse in 1999, when "a surprised member of the Greenbelt City Council" had the contents of a shoulder bag inspected by one of the guards. No indication is given of gender in the passage. Could it have been our mayor?

The book was published by the Seven Locks Press. Copies are available for sale at the Greenbelt Museum.

The Old Curmudgeon



"I knew I was in trouble when she introduced me as her 'Insignificant Other.'"

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Hollywood Flyers At Aviation Museum

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.

Owens Center To Hold Show

The Howard B. Owens Science Center at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham will present "There's No Place Like Home" on January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium. Follow the interplanetary troubadour as he visits each one of the planets and compares the characteristics of each. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. There is a fee.

During the school year call 301-918-8750 to verify program topics.

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ACE Discusses Tutoring, Character Ed with Schools

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met with school leaders in early December. All local schools had been asked to discuss with ACE a number of issues, including tutoring needs, character education, and school infrastructure.

Tutoring Needs

ACE, which has been discussing the possibility of organizing tutoring at the schools, asked for input from the schools. Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) indicated that their biggest problem was a transient population. The school already has four tutoring programs: ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Reading Together, America Reads and Kids Hope.

Magnolia Elementary School was concerned about difficulties in meeting the tutoring needs of all ages. They suggested focusing and developing a program that would have the greatest impact. For their school, they suggested supplementing programs for children in kindergarten through grade three. Greenbelt Middle School did not want the needs of middle school students to be overlooked. There, it was reported, parents of students are looking for free tutoring help.

At Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) the concern was to get students to read and to read more. Most already know how to read adequately. High school students, however, would be a potential pool of tutors — including those looking for service hours, internships, Future Teachers Club and the Child Development Students.

The question of liability was raised. It was suggested tutoring be done during a CARES tutoring session or at Before and After School programs in the school buildings. Magnolia and SHLES have such programs and Greenbelt Elementary School indicated there was a possibility they would be getting a Before and After School Program.

Character Education

All schools indicated that they are involved in some type of character education program. Magnolia gives a Citizenship Award to students for good deeds. In addition, students receive compliments for their ac-

tions each morning over the intercom. Students and teachers alike can submit a compliment to be announced about a student. The announcements are a nice surprise each morning for those cited.

Greenbelt Elementary follows a character program that includes a morning meeting and a morning circle of students in each class. The school also gives "Caught You Being Good" awards to those whose good conduct and activity are noticed. Greenbelt Middle School focuses on the idea that "We Are Family." A student and a teacher of the month are highlighted for their activities.

Sylvester Conyers, ERHS principal, reported on their character education program, which had just received a national award. He indicated that it was built upon "the Roosevelt way." Respect, integrity and other values are discussed in student forums. Students are nominated by teachers for awards. Those who receive the award are served lunch by the principal.

Infrastructure

All the public schools present at the meeting, except Springhill Lake Elementary, have computers for students and e-mail for teachers. The problems include getting teachers and students to use the computers to their best advantage, to find time in the day to use the computers and to learn how they can be of most help.

At SHLES, only seven staff have e-mail. Only one wing of the school building is wired for outside computer use. The school hopes for new phones someday.

Magnolia is wired completely and all teachers have e-mail addresses. Greenbelt Elementary has gotten new phone lines because an area office that moved into the school building needed them. There are computer labs and computers in every classroom with e-mail access.

Greenbelt Middle School also is wired and has computers in every room. ERHS has a phone, a computer, and e-mail in every classroom. There is a problem though, in that wireless connections do not work well in the temporaries.

Greenbelt Middle School indi-

Residents Invited To Honor Delegates

All Greenbelt residents are invited to a reception on Sunday, January 5 in the Municipal Building from 1 to 3 p.m. The guests of honor will be the delegation from the 23rd district who, under redistricting, no longer represent the city. Invited are State Senator Leo Green and the city's former delegates Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard. Audrey Scott, the county council member who represented the Greenbelt area for the last eight years, will also be honored at the reception. Under term limitation rules, Scott was unable to run for another term in office.

Amahl Production At Comm. Center

The Maryland Boy Choir and the Greenbelt Arts Center will present a staged performance of Gian Carlo Menotti's one-act opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, January 5 at 3 p.m.

The 45-minute holiday opera (in English) tells the story of a crippled shepherd boy and his mother, a visit from the three Kings, and a miracle.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the Greenbelt Arts Center box office at 301-441-8770. There is a fee. The Maryland Boy Choir is directed by native Greenbelter Joan McFarland, and includes boys from public, private and home schools throughout the area.

cated that renovation of the building has again been postponed.

ERHS indicated that the school system is looking into an addition for the building that would replace the temporaries. It would also provide for some growth in the number of students.

In the last two years the number of students has declined somewhat as Charles Flowers High School opened and caused a redistribution of students in this part of the county. Greenbelt Elementary indicated the possibility that a TAG program will become part of the school's curriculum.

At the Library

Children's Programs

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

Wednesday, January 8, 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

4 p.m. BooKids. Book discussion for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, January 9, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Saturday, January 11, 11 a.m. Music for Young Children. Children from birth to seven and their families. Concert by internationally-known performing artists Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer.

Adult Programs

Monday, January 6, 7 p.m. Teen Book Beat for ages 13 to 18.

Saturday, January 11, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Discussion group for adults. Theme: Wisdom.

Women's Rights Rally will be featured in the display case for January.

GHI Notes

The Pet Subcommittee will meet January 6 at 7 p.m. in the GHI Conference Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet January 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The next Pre-Purchase Seminar will be Saturday, January 11 at 11 a.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend Committee and Board meetings.

Van to Mall Service Begun for Residents

A new program sponsored by the Recreation Department provides transportation to shopping malls.

On Thursday, February 13, a van will provide transportation to Laurel Mall for shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-397-2208.

On Thursday, March 13, the van will go to Columbia Mall for shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

This program is open to the general public. Vans will pick up Green Ridge residents at Green Ridge House.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis presided at the birthday luncheon meeting on December 18. The greeters were Laurita Pranger and Doris Roberts. The birthday honorees present were Shirley Dwyer, Tom Dwyer, Sylvia Kender and Brenda Kosisky. The birthday raffle was won by Shirley Dwyer and Brenda Kosisky. Ellie Rimar read the poem, "Your Birthday," by Joe Rimar. Lillian O'Brien will send copies to the members who could not attend.

Pat Unger won the door prize, a book of poems by Joe Rimar.

The club will be going to the Spy Museum in January. There is a fee.

The next meeting will be the business meeting on January 8. The new officers for 2003 will be installed at that time.

The Golden Agers extend their sympathy to the family of Helen Starnes.

Wisdom and Poetry

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, will meet on Saturday, January 11 at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. The group provides an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don't understand. The suggested subject is "wisdom." The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to ten copies of poems for the group to read.

SHHH to See Film About Use of T Coil

Self Help for Hard of Hearing, SHHH, Prince George's County Group, will meet on Thursday, January 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The topic for discussion will be telephone communication problems. A short film on the use of the "T" (telephone) coil will be shown.

Anyone with a hearing loss or a family member with a hearing loss is welcome. For further information or directions, call 301-474-0345.

GEAC Meets

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will meet Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Green.

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from that process to acquire services from a vendor rather than hire a new staffer.

Moran was skeptical that a simultaneous process of exploring the contract and advertising for a position could be undertaken. He felt that there had to be a clear and open position to offer to applicants. He also thought that in the initial recruitment process an ideal candidate for the job had not been identified and therefore other approaches were warranted. Putens emphasized that there is still an open position.

Council completed its consideration by passing a motion deferring a decision until additional staff work has been completed and by directing staff to consider both a contract as well as hiring staff to perform the job. Leonie Penney, chair of FORA, voiced her group's confidence in Moran

and his work on this issue.

Public Works Expansion

Architect Scott Grice presented final plans for the expansion and renovation of the city's public works facility, which were unanimously approved by council. This approval paves the way for staff to bid the project, with an estimated construction cost of about \$2 million.

The building, as designed, has many "green" aspects and energy-saving features. It will be heated and cooled using geo-thermal technology; skylights, glass block and sensors will be used to maximize the use of natural lighting in work and storage areas; many of the building materials, such as the carpet, will be made of recycled products; and a rain garden will serve as both an amenity and bio-retention facility.

Grice explained that materials

chosen for the building are both energy-saving and low-maintenance. There will be ceramic tiles in the restrooms and locker rooms. In the public rooms, the flooring will be a stained concrete system, with warm colors and a durable surface. Exterior walls will be a split face concrete block. Paints with a low volatile organic compound (VOC) emission have been selected.

The city expects to make up a \$300,000 shortfall in funding in modification of plans, if necessary, through the use of a contingency fund in the construction contract by seeking grants, and by applying interest generated by the 2001 bond fund for the construction. In addition, Grice expects the contract bidding practice to be quite competitive and resulting in lower than anticipated costs.

He has also identified less

costly options for each phase of the project that can be implemented if necessary. The bids will come back to council for approval, probably in March or April.

Telephone Upgrade

Another unanimous vote came with approval of an upgraded telephone system for the city. It will cost about \$173,000, an outlay expected to be recouped in four years through cost savings generated by the new system. White described the new system as bringing "more power to the instrument on the desk and an upgrade which will benefit city employees."

The new system will replace seven systems and link phones so that phone calls among city staff will be intercom rather than outside toll calls. Phones will have voice mail, can be equipped with

caller ID, and will have conferencing ability.

Council approved a letter in support of Project Open Space, for use by Partners for Open Space, a coalition formed to protect and restore Project Open Space funding. Council approved the letter but cautioned staff, at the suggestion of Turnbull, to support open space but not at the expense or elimination of small projects which contribute to open space but may not involve actual land acquisition.

The mayor and Putens and White reported on the recent National League of Cities meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Issues discussed at the meeting included funding for cities for homeland security, budget issues in tight economic times, energy conservation, services for seniors, and even skateboarding.

City Has Piano, Journal, Musical Theater Classes

by Dorothy Sucher

If you have a yen to play the piano like Paderewski – or maybe Liberace? – 2003 may be your year. One of the intriguing new programs offered by Greenbelt's Recreation Department for the first time provides an opportunity for both adults and children to take individual piano classes from instructor Steve Brodd at the Community Center. The course consists of 10 weeks of weekly half-hour lessons, with the day and time to be arranged with the instructor. Although the course has just been advertised, many calls have already come in.

Brodd has been well known in Greenbelt for several years as a pianist and accompanist, as well as a singer. He played and sang when the newly renovated marquee for the Greenbelt theater was dedicated. In addition, he taught popular music appreciation classes at the Community Center that focused on songs of Broadway, Hollywood and the Hit Parade.

"Steve Brodd loves teaching," said Chris Cherry, of the Community Center staff. "He's committed to making music a pleasure, a joy – in other words, fun. He says he's been surprised to find how many people have had bad experiences with music lessons in the past, and he wants them to share his love of music. He doesn't believe that one size fits all, and feels that music classes should be driven by the interests of the students."

Brodd received his bachelor's degree in music from St. Olaf's College in Minnesota. He won several state-wide competitions in both piano and organ. He also plays violin and viola. Music has been a lifelong love – in fact he learned to read music before he learned to read words.

Personal Journal

Another new class offered at the Community Center is "Your Personal Journal," a six-week course that will run from January 9 to February 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Open both to those who have never kept a journal and those who have already done so, the course will enable participants to explore creative ways to enhance the journal experience, which can enrich, even change, a person's life.

Instructor Marat Moore has kept a personal journal for 35 years and says "I have used it as a tool for discernment and as practice for the strenuous sport of writing." She is a managing editor for a large trade association. A bi-weekly tabloid magazine for members which she launched and co-edits won a top award this year from the Society of National Association Publishers. A frequent writer for and staff member of the News Review, Moore is the author of "Women in the Mines: Stories of Life and Work" (Simon and Schuster, 1996).

Kids' Musical

For the second year the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Arts Center will offer an opportunity for children ages 10 to 13 to prepare and present a musical theater production. This time it is "Buried Treasure," a new musical by Chris Cherry. The class meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon from January 4 to February 8, and there will be two dress rehearsals. Performances will take place on President's Day weekend in February.

Registration

Registration is now underway for these and dozens of other exciting classes and events. To enroll, visit the business office at the Community Center or the Youth Center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration forms may be mailed in or dropped off at two drop-slot locations: in the Community Center main office and in the Youth Center business office. There is a 10% discount for senior citizens 60 or older. For information call 301-397-2208 or 301-397-2200 or visit the city's website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

World Heritage.org Seeks Local Reps

World Heritage, a nonprofit student exchange program, is seeking local representatives to provide high school students from Germany, France, Spain, Japan, Thailand, Mexico, Great Britain and Brazil with local program support.

Community representatives screen potential host families, plan annual orientations, meet with local high schools, provide support counseling for participants, and visit with the exchange students and host families on a monthly basis. Annual and on-going training is provided.

Those interested in being community representatives should enjoy fostering new international friendships, be community-minded and enjoy working with teenagers. Community representatives spend an average of two to four hours a month per student.

Those interested are asked to call Eileen Coen at 800-888-9040 or visit the website at www.world-heritage.org.

City Skies Illuminated By Rare Phenomenon

by Mary Moien and Dennis Jelalian

Greenbelt News Review staffers who worked on Sunday, December 22 (to avoid working on Christmas Eve) were treated to a wonderful rainbow and a rare "alpenglow." News Review staffer Dennis Jelalian had left the office about 4:30 p.m. and returned quickly to call the others out to see an extremely wide and vivid-hued rainbow. Both ends were visible with the center hidden behind dark storm clouds.

As we watched, the dark clouds in the east were lighted with a red glow lasting a minute or two. At that moment "local astronomer" Doug Love walked by as we marvelled and mentioned a similar glow being called the Gegenschien effect. Upon further investigation, he said that others called the red reflection on the clouds a type of "alpenglow." The real alpenglow is the red of a rising or setting sun reflected back on snow covered mountains.

Here at the News Review we saw a rare flatland version of alpenglow – sun reflected on nearby snow clouds not real snow. Love suggested since we had observed it, naming it for Greenbelt or the News Review.

June Rousseau

A mass of Christian Burial at St. Hugh's Catholic Church will be celebrated for Greenbelt Pioneer June Zoellner Rousseau on Friday, January 3 at 11:30 a.m.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home 4739 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville.



New Voices Needed For Choral Society

Philip Hale, director of the Prince George's Choral Society is looking for new members for the society. Practice for the new season begins January 7. Director Hale will meet new members January 7, January 14 and January 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 6905 Greenbelt Road. Call for an appointment at 410-288-0052 or send an email to pgchoraldirector@worldnet.att.net.

Baha'i Faith

"O Man of Two Visions! Close one eye and open the other. Close one to the world and all that is therein, and open the other to the hallowed beauty of the Beloved."

-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/>

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.

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..."



Congratulations to Janet Goldberg, a recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, who was recently honored by the Gazette newspaper for her volunteer efforts in the community.

Congratulations to Cathie and Rick Meetre of Ridge Road on the arrival of two new grandsons recently: Vasilios was born to their daughter Lisa and her husband Panagiotis on September 14 and Jacob was born to their daughter Sarah and her husband Joseph on December 23, 2002. Vasilios tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 10 oz. and lives in Bowie and his cousin Jacob weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and joins big brothers Toby and Hunter at home in College Park.

Congratulations to Linora Conta Hayes of Edmonston Road who earned her bachelor of science degree at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

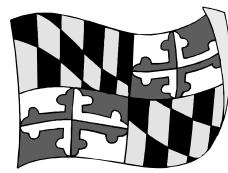
Glad to hear that Dee Ronchi is home from the hospital. Dee is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Visiting for the holidays were Jeff, Rochelle and Alyssa Timbs. They visited mom Diane Ronchi and Grandmom Dee Ronchi for Christmas week. Jeff and family are currently living in Alabama where Rochelle is working on her doctorate and teaching at the University of Auburn. They plan to stay another 4-5 years before returning to Maryland.

Marietta Honors Judge Duvall

Join Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, to celebrate Judge Gabriel Duvall's 250th birthday with an exhibit starting Friday, January 10. The exhibit is open during regular museum tour hours: Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. There is a fee.

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of Duvall, the Marietta House Museum will exhibit likenesses, artifacts and documents of the judge and his descendants. Judge Duvall served his country for 59 years, from the Revolutionary War through 1835, in various capacities including Maryland house delegate, comptroller of the U.S. Treasury and justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. A tour of historic Marietta House Museum is included in admission.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

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"



St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

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

Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

An inclusive congregation!

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.gbgm-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

Jan 5, 2nd Sunday after Christmas, Epiphany Sunday
Sermon: "Gathering of the Scattered"

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community
January 5, 10 a.m.

"A Beacon for the Third Dimension"
by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister
with drex andrex, worship associate



Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Though it is now winter and the days are cold and short, a gardener can still think of the garden and enjoy planning next year's garden. There is some very good news for next year: according to a recent article in The Washington Post the drought is over. Thank goodness! Last year was difficult, but this year promises to be less work in the garden. The rains and snow since early October have made up for the rainfall deficit, according to the Post. Certainly the snow of early December that melted slowly was exactly what was needed, since it meant the melt water soaked right into the soil.



You could skip the catalogs altogether and just head for the garden stores and centers. Seeds arrive in stores in January. Slowly examining the offerings is fun.

Clean-up

Christmas trees should be put at designated drop-off points. Christmas trees thrown in parks and common areas are like trash – an eyesore that just doesn't go away and can burn easily. The City of Greenbelt will pick up trees at the drop-off points during the next few weeks. Ads in the News Review list the spots. Or, look for the little green Christmas tree shaped signs marking the drop-off spots.

With the drought over, a gardener can plan next year's garden with some confidence because moist soil for spring planting is now assured. This is the time of year when seed catalogs arrive in the mail. Many gardeners, myself included, find reading a seed catalog akin to being a kid in a candy store. Reading the catalog is truly one of the great delights of the gardener's year – so many delicious choices! So hard to restrain from over-spending! If you don't get garden catalogs, then check out a garden magazine. This time of year the seed catalog companies advertise so you can easily find names and addresses.

If the clean-up of last year's garden wasn't finished in the autumn, try to do so on milder days. Leaves left on the lawn can smother the grass and kill it. Dead plants and leaves in the garden bed can provide a place for insects and weed seeds to spend the winter and then cause problems next year. A cleaned up garden bed is a good way to start the year off right. The City of Greenbelt provides free pick-up of yard waste from your property. Call 301-474-8004 to request pick-up. Yard waste should be in bags or tied in bundles. It really does take less time to prepare the debris for pick up than one would think.

GED Registration

Registration for the winter 10-week GED class presented by Greenbelt CARES will be held on Tuesday, January 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, January 9 and the last on Thursday, March 13.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills. GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. and is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED is held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents in either course. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$150 registration fee. All students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook and calculator from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years of age in order to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES at no cost. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, not Greenbelt CARES. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660, ext. 144, or e-mail: jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Board of Education Committees Meet

The Finance, Budget and Audit committees of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on January 6 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Sasscer Administration Bldg, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

The meeting is open to the public but there will be no public participation.

For more information, contact Jackie Gray at 301-952-6116.

U. of Md. Has New Transportation Dept.

There's a new department at the University of Maryland. Campus Parking and Shuttle-UM have been combined into the new University Department of Transportation and they've already published a brochure, "Transportation Alternatives to and from Campus." This brochure was designed to help students and faculty (nearly 50,000 people) understand alternatives to solo driving. The brochure explains just about every mode of travel available: public transit, shuttle, car pools, walking, bicycling, Metro and van pools. Contact Community Affairs at 301-314-5274 to obtain a copy.



City Information

You are invited to a RECEPTION TO HONOR

State Senator Leo E. Green
State Delegate Joan B. Pitkin
State Delegate Mary A. Conroy
State Delegate James W. Hubbard
County Councilmember Audrey Scott

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2003
1:00-3:00 p.m.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Greenbelt City Council invites you to attend a reception to honor these individuals for their years of service to the Greenbelt Community.

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 5-10

Sunday, January 5, 1-3:00pm, RECEPTION FOR CITY'S OUTGOING STATE & COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES, Municipal Building.

Sunday, January 5, 4:15pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD OPEN MEETING ON CITY ARTS POLICY, Community Center.

Monday, January 6, 8:00pm, WORK SESSION-FY02 REPORT ON VISUAL ARTS ED. PROGRAMS, Municipal Building.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Public Safety Advisory Committee

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

Christmas Tree Collection Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pickup trees at the locations listed below. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Please bring trees to any of the following areas **beginning December 30, 2002, ending February 7, 2003.**

GHI

- 73 Court Ridge Road - Playground opposite
- Plateau Place & Ridge Road - Corner on Playground side
- Research Road & Hillside Road - Corner
- 44 Court Ridge Road - Area near playground
- Eastway & Crescent Road - Corner
- 21 Court Ridge Road - Across from Green Ridge House
- Crescent Road & Ridge Road - Playground at junction
- Parkway
 - Corner across Community Church
 - Corner across from 58 Ct.
- 7 Court Southway Road - Playground at Little League Field
- 11 Court & 13 Court Ridge Road - Park area between courts

Boxwood

- Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane - Playground

Lakewood

- Greenhill Road and Crescent Road (by Baptist Church)

Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North

- Adjacent to Attick Park
- University Square - Front of swimming pool

Lakeside North - Near swimming pool

Springhill Lake - Community Building

Greenbriar

- Between buildings 7708 and 7710, Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 7728 and 7730, Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 7826 and 7828, Hanover Parkway
- Between buildings 8003 and 8009, Mandan Road

Glen Oaks

- Between buildings 7903 and 7905, Mandan Road
- Between buildings 7509 and 7511, Mandan Road

Hunting Ridge

- Between buildings 6936 and 6978, Hanover Parkway

Windsor Green

- Court entrances, picked up by Windsor Green staff

Greenbrook Village and Estates

- Southeast corner of Ora Glen Dr. and Mathew Drive
- Southeast corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
- In front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street

Greenwood Village

- Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
- Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
- Opposite 7648 Mandan Road

Greenspring and Greenspring II

- Southwest corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
- Park area between 7926 and 8006 Greenbury Drive
- Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
- Open area between 6519 and 6515 Springcrest Drive

Belle Point

- Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way
- Open area between 7800 and 7801 Vanity Fair Drive
- Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Drive

Greenbelt Village

- Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
- Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
- Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive



Co-op Center Spread Ad

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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 Terrace, December 19, 10:34 p.m., a man was walking home when he was approached by two men, one armed with a dark-colored semi-automatic handgun. The man with the gun announced a robbery and demanded money. The victim threw his wallet to the ground and the suspect removed a bank card from it before both suspects fled on foot. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 16 to 21, 5'11", 130 lbs., wearing a dark-colored sweatshirt and a dark skull cap, and (2) a black male 16 to 21, 6', 150 lbs., wearing a dark-colored winter coat and dark-colored pants.

6200 block Breezewood Drive, December 19, 10:40 p.m., a food delivery person was trying to make a delivery at an apartment, but after getting no answer at the door was about to leave. He was accosted by three men who dragged him to a vacant apartment where they punched and kicked him and demanded money. After obtaining money and the victim's wallet, the suspects fled in the victim's red 1994 Mitsubishi Eclipse two-door, Va. tags JAB1886. The victim had left the vehicle's motor running and doors unlocked. The suspects are described as (1) an Hispanic male about 25, 6', medium build, wearing a white hooded zippered jacket, and (2) a black male, twenties, 5'6", 140 lbs., wearing a black fleece sweatshirt. No description is available for the third suspect.

Assault

6200 block Breezewood Drive, December 24, 10:22 a.m., an officer responded to a report of a verbal dispute in a parking lot. Apparently one man had entered the vehicle of another man involved in the argument, retrieved a handgun and threatened the other man with the gun. The two then struggled for control of the weapon, a loaded semiautomatic handgun, which was found inside the vehicle. Police arrested two Greenbelt men, one aged 29 and one aged 33. The 29-year-old was charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, wearing and carrying a concealed deadly weapon and related charges. The 33-year-old was charged with possession of a firearm and disorderly conduct. Both suspects were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

Beltway Plaza, December 24, 4:49 p.m., someone took an unattended purse from the FuncoLand store.

7500 block Hanover Parkway, December 22, 7:27 p.m., after a traffic stop, police charged a non-resident man, 27, with theft. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to Virginia police. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

6100 block Cherrywood Lane, December 20, 9:48 p.m., a non-resident man, 18, was arrested after being observed at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from which he had previously been banned. Seeing a police of-

ficer, the suspect fled on foot and locked himself in a laundry room nearby where he was apprehended. He was then released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Burglary

Greenway Shopping Center, December 23, 12:45 p.m., someone removed several trees from the Christmas tree lot in the parking lot. A fence had been cut for entry to the lot.

Resisting Arrest

7500 block Greenbelt Road, December 24, 12:23 a.m., a male non-resident was arrested and charged with resisting arrest. When a computer check showed an open warrant with the Sheriff's Department and police tried to handcuff the man, he pulled away and tried to flee on foot. He was apprehended after he jumped over a row of bushes and landed face-first on the parking lot, sustaining minor lacerations to his face. He refused medical treatment and was then released to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a Honda Accord four-door, December 20, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, which was recovered December 21 on Greenbelt Metro Drive; a green 1994 Chrysler Town and Country four-door, Md. tags 884287M, December 20, from Beltway Plaza; a white 2002 Dodge Stratus four-door, Va. tags YKN2265, December 21, from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a tan 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass four-door, Md. tags PCV546, December 21, from the 8000 block Mandan Road; a 2003 Chrysler Sebring LXI four-door, December 22, from the 7800 block Mandan Road, which was recovered the next day by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington, D.C.; a 2002 Dodge Stratus four-door, December 22, from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court, recovered December 26 in the 7800 block of Mandan Road; an almond 2002 Dodge Stratus four-door, Va. tags YKN2391, December 22, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a white 1994 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, unknown D.C. tags, December 23, from Beltway Plaza; a light blue 1988 Mazda 626 four-door, Md. tags KCF071, December 23, from the 400 block Ridge Road; a 1994 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, December 12, from Beltway Plaza, which was recovered the next day by County police in Oxon Hill; a silver 1994 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, unknown Md. temporary tags, December 23, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a light blue 1991 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags HSC474, December 24, from Beltway Plaza; a black 1993 Ford Crown Victoria four-door, Md. tags JRA411, December 24, from the 9100 block Springhill Court; a blue 2003 Dodge Intrepid four-door, Md. tags KXX497, December 26, from the 7700 block Mandan Road; a 1991 Toyota Camry four-door, December 27, from the 9100 block Edmonston Court, which was recovered the next day in the same block; a blue 1987 Toyota Camry

four-door, Md. tags FXY361, December 27 from Beltway Plaza; a 2003 Chrysler Sebring LXI four-door, December 22, from the 7800 block of Mandan Road, which was recovered the next day by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington; a 2002 Dodge Stratus four-door, December 22 from the 6100 block Breezewood Court, which was recovered December 26 in the 7800 block of Mandan Road. Two suspects were observed in the vehicle earlier in the day, but at this time descriptions are incomplete.

In the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, on December 24 an officer observed a verbal dispute between two persons. A woman alleged that her boyfriend had locked her out of a vehicle. A computer check by county police revealed that the car had been reported stolen. The man was arrested and charged with theft and possession of marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

In the 6500 block of Capitol Drive, on December 25, two non-resident males, 19- and 18-years-old respectively, were arrested and charged with unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and related charges including five counts of attempted theft, after officers responded to a report of suspects putting tires into a U-Haul truck at the Cadillac dealership. Both suspects fled but were apprehended, one by use of a K-9. Both were taken to Prince George's Hospital for minor injuries sustained in the incident and then taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

In the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, on December 26, officers responded to a report of three men stealing tires from a car. A witness reported the men were trying to leave the scene in a vehicle, after which police stopped the vehicle and found inside it tools commonly used to steal vehicles. Also found inside the vehicle were tires believed to have been stolen from a vehicle in the parking lot. Police made three arrests, charging a 22-year-old non-resident, a 20-year-old non-resident and a 17-year-old juvenile non-resident with theft, fourth-degree burglary and malicious destruction. The two adults were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The juvenile was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Six vehicles previously stolen were recovered; one arrest was involved.

Vandalism

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road; 7700 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents); 8000 block Mandan Road (four incidents); 9100 block Springhill Court; Beltway Plaza (six incidents); 7500 block Greenbelt Road; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 7900 block Hanover Parkway; 7100 block Mathew Street; 100 block Westway (two incidents); 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; 6200 block Springhill Court.

AMERICAN REALTY

UNDER CONTRACT

65-G Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

SOLD IN ONE DAY

8-B Crescent Road

NEW LISTING

UNDER CONTRACT

18-K Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

UNDER CONTRACT

73-B Ridge Road

NEW LISTING

20-S Hillside Road

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. **Price reduced!**

13-F Hillside Road

NEW LISTING

This two bedroom frame unit has a remodeled kitchen with new refrigerator, washer, dryer and stove and a remodeled bathroom. Hardwood floors, extra storage closet, deck, and fenced yards are just the beginning. **\$67,900**

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**

SINGLE FAMILY - LAKESIDE
8 PINECREST COURT

Exclusive Listing! Take a short walk to the Lake from this split foyer single family Lakeside home. Five bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, brick fireplace, hardwood floors, sliding glass doors to patio, storage shed, energy efficient furnace and central air conditioning are just the beginning. **\$284,900**

I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year and a Safe and Happy Holiday!

I would also like to THANK my broker, Ray Wen; fellow Realtors, George Cantwell, Mike McAndrew, Tim Uber and their families; Rayetta Henson; my clients, friends and last but not least, my family, Larry, Carrie and John; for all your support and encouragement throughout the years.

Happy New Year!

Commission Only - No Extra Fees
Jeannie Smith, GRI
Quality and Personal Service
301-345-1091



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.

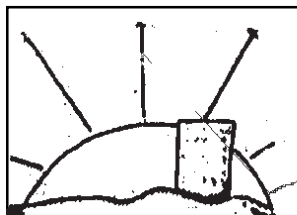
Safeway Offers Scholarships

For the sixth consecutive year, Safeway will offer graduating high school seniors an opportunity to win \$3,000 scholarships through its continuing partnership with the Greater Washington Urban League. Since beginning the program in 1997, Safeway's Eastern Division has provided assistance to 30 graduating high school seniors with financial aid totaling more than \$75,000.

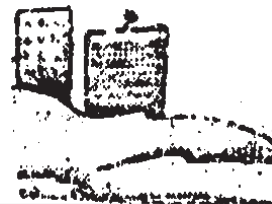
Six winners are selected annually through an essay contest. This year applicants will be asked to submit a 500-word composition, identifying in a four-part plan what they would do as either mayor of Washington, D.C. or governor of Maryland. In addition, each individual must have a minimum 2.5 grade-point average, proof of completion of 90 percent of their school's community service requirement, proof of college acceptance, and demonstrate a financial need. Eligible contestants must either live or attend school in Washington, D.C., Prince George's or Montgomery County in Maryland, the three jurisdictions serviced by the Greater Washington Urban League.

Applications are available at libraries, schools, all Safeway stores in the respective jurisdictions and non-profit organizations operating in the Urban League's service areas. The deadline for submissions is February 8 and should be directed to the Urban League's headquarters in Washington.

The winners will be announced at the organization's 31st annual Whitney M. Young Memorial Gala on Wednesday, March 12, to be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.



Greenbelt's Business



Advance Auto Parts Replaces Trak Auto

Advance Auto Parts officially opened its new store in Greenbelt following extensive renovations to convert the former Trak auto parts store. The new store, located at 7435 Greenbelt Road in Greenway Center employs 10 people. Throughout the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, more than 50 former Trak stores are being converted to Advance Auto Parts stores.

Every store serves as a community recycling center by accepting and recycling used motor oil and auto batteries. Stores also offer a wide range of support to charities and schools.

Advance devotes significant resources to communicating with Hispanic customers. Bi-lingual signs in store, a national Hispanic spokesperson, and Hispanic-oriented spots with Spanish subtitles in the Advance Auto Parts in-store television network all help communicate with Hispanic customers.

Standard & Poor Rates Greenbelt A+

After review, the City of Greenbelt's latest annual financial report and other data resulted in a debt rating of A plus from Standard & Poor's rating service.

The debt rating was for public improvement and refunding bonds.

Giant Seeks Gifts For Food Banks

Giant Food Inc. is urging the public to donate money or non-perishable food at any Giant Food or Super G store to help area food banks. Local food banks have reported increased demand for food and to assist them Giant is currently conducting its annual Good Neighbor Food and Funds campaign. The effort will benefit food banks throughout the Mid-Atlantic region which include the Capital Area Food Bank and the Maryland Food Bank.

Barry Scher, vice president of Public Affairs for Giant Food, suggests customers can help by dropping off non-perishable items - such as canned fruits and vegetables, canned meat, tuna fish, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese and canned soup at their local Giant or Super G. Monetary donations can also be made at the stores by tearing off a donation coupon at the check out registers and contributing \$1, \$3 or \$5. "Fully 100 percent of all contributions will be given to area food banks," Scher said. Last year, Giant's Good Neighbor campaign generated 80 tons of food and over \$215,000 for area food banks. For more information call 301-341-8776.

Hispanic Students Scholarship Fund

Allfirst Bank is sponsoring a \$20,000 Allfirst Hispanic College Fund Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to promising Hispanic students in the Mid-Atlantic.

The scholarship is open to students who live in the Allfirst market area, which extends from Northern Virginia through the District of Columbia and Maryland and into south-central Pennsylvania. Hispanic students who pursue studies in business, accounting, economics and finance are eligible to apply.

The scholarship program is administered by the Hispanic College Fund, Inc., a national non-profit organization established in 1993, dedicated to developing the next generation of Hispanic business leaders in America by awarding scholarships to deserving Hispanic students.

Interested students can visit www.hispanicfund.org or call 800-644-4223 for more information.

Giant Food to Retail Irradiated Beef

On November 3, Giant Food became the first food retailer in the Baltimore-Washington market to offer customers fresh, irradiated ground beef. Irradiated beef will provide customers with a new option for added assurance of food safety. Giant will be selling two SureBeam® labeled irradiated beef products: 93% lean/7% fat and 85% lean/15% fat ground beef.

SureBeam® irradiation is a process that uses a concentrated beam of electrical energy to destroy potentially harmful bacteria, including E. coli and salmonella. The process is environmentally safe and non-nuclear.

For more information on food irradiation, consumers may pick up a brochure at the store's meat counter or go to the Giant website, www.giantfood.com and click on 'food safety.'

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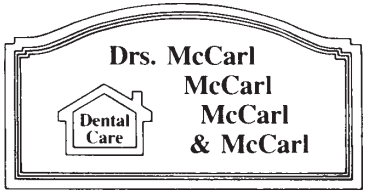
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Barbara Buck Art At Patuxent Refuge

Art work by Barbara L. Buck will be on display at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center for the month of January.

Buck, a native of Baltimore, has turned an artistic talent developed while still in high school into a successful professional career. Completion of the Academic Art Curriculum at Baltimore Eastern High School led to studies at the Maryland Institute College of Art and employment as a senior visual information specialist with the Department of Defense for 35 years.

Buck has not limited her talents to designing and producing displays, models, graphs, maps, posters, exhibitions and publications for the federal government. Her paintings have been reproduced by the National Wildlife Federation as Christmas cards and published by the National Rifle Association. In addition, prints have been made of her art work and sold through major department stores including Sears and J.C. Penney.

Wildlife is a favorite theme for her work and the quality of her work has been recognized with the awarding of numerous best in show and first through third place awards in art shows throughout the Baltimore-Washington area.

Visit the National Wildlife Visitor Center to view Buck's work. The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197. The visitor center is open daily from 10 to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 301-497-5760.

East Coast Greenway Urged by Sarbanes

A recent letter to President Bush urges assistance for completing the East Coast Greenway, the nation's first long-distance urban trail. The letter was signed by Senator Paul Sarbanes and 22 other senators, including Senator Barbara Mikulski.

The East Coast Greenway is a 2600-mile multi-use trail serving walkers, bicyclists, equestrians, the physically challenged and other non-motorized users. It is considered the "urban equivalent of the Appalachian Trail."

For more information access www.greenway.org.

City Notes

During the week of December 23 the horticulture crew pruned dead branches from trees at the Community Center and on Julian Court and completed planting annuals at the police station, the entrance to Boxwood, at the museum and the Aquatic Center.

The parks crews continued leaf collection and prepared Christmas tree drop-off signs.

The special operations crew made new letters for the New Year's Eve banner and checked the city for graffiti and unauthorized signs.

The facilities maintenance crew continued remodeling of the dark room at the Community Center.

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Many Programs Are At Patuxent Refuge

Early January events to be held by the Patuxent Research Refuge at two locations are:

North Tract (Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32):

Sunday, January 5, the North Tract will open at 6:30 a.m. for hiking and biking. A bird tour for ages 16-plus will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. (Field guides and binoculars recommended.)

Visitor Center (Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197):

Wednesday, January 8, "Nature Tots" from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. for ages 3 to 4. Trees are special homes to animals and preschoolers are introduced to this habitat through games, stories and crafts in this program.

Sunday, January 12, "All that Habitat" for ages 5 to 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. This is a hands-on, interactive program on what animals need to survive.

Refuge walking tours will be held for ages 12 plus (with no registration necessary) on Saturdays January 11, 18 and 25 at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sundays January 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Explore Mesopotamia

Explorations Unlimited at the Greenbelt Community Center resumes on January 10 with the presentation of the film "Mesopotamia: The Return to Eden." This film is a continuation of the Time Life's Lost Civilizations series. This video presents the great world traditions of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths all tracing the roots of their civilizations to the river valleys of Mesopotamia's Fertile Crescent.

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 and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Int'l Soccer Program Seeks Volunteers

Team USA/Youth is seeking volunteer scouts to evaluate local youth soccer players for selection onto regional teams competing in Europe next summer. Recommended players will be considered for the Team USA/Youth East Regional Teams.

These teams, at U19, U17, U16, U15 and U14 ages participate in the Gothia Cup in Sweden, the Dana Cup in Denmark and the Arsenal Festival in England. Over 60 nations participate in the cups.

Scouts must have a background in youth soccer, preferably as both coach and player. Instructions for volunteer scouts are at <http://www.ussport.us/volunteer> and complete program details at <http://www.teamusayouth.org>.

Team USA/Youth utilizes try-outs and a national pool of scouts to evaluate players for its international programs. The program is unable to evaluate players who have conflicts or who are remote from its evaluation sites. Local scouts provide these players the opportunity for recognition and selection.

The Team USA/Youth program is directed by United States International Sport, a non-profit youth soccer development organization. Further information is available at <http://www.teamusayouth.org> or by e-mail at info@teamusayouth.org.

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Program Prepares The College Bound

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The program offers individualized work and group sessions on textbook reading, writing, time management, exam skills, note taking and other skills that will prepare high school students for college. Included in the program are counselor appointments, extended use of lab materials and visits to a lecture class and McKeldin Library.

Participants will also interact with a panel of college students that will discuss college life and give a student perspective on different majors.

The program is sponsored by the Learning Assistance Service of the University of Maryland Counseling Center. For more information, call 301-314-7693.

Signs Delivered

Twelve new crosswalk bollard signs and two sets of replacements signs have been delivered to the city's public works department. The new language on the bollards states that motorists must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. The previous language indicated that motorists were to yield. Public Works has replaced the sign faces on the two bollard signs still in place on Crescent Road.

Since the first four bollard signs were placed, two have been destroyed - the first by an act of vandalism and the second by a collision with a fire truck.

The city's planning department will develop a recommended list for the placement of the 12 new signs, directing that four be placed in Greenbelt East, four in Greenbelt west of Kenilworth Ave., and four additional signs be placed in the historic community.


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MODEL CITY continued from page 1



Bluesville captured an Honorable Mention for Amanda Brown, with her igloo-like structure of a series of round styrofoam pieces, winding from a large bottom piece and graduating to a smaller piece at the top.

ing this past year I selected several books for the Tugwell Special Collection which are more accessible to middle school students. Four reference books were used to prepare a student workbook: "Cities in the 21st Century" by Urban Land Institute, "Carfree Cities" by J.H. Crawford, "Planning Made Easy" by William Toner and "Greenbelt Cooks - Then and Now."

Student Visitors

In late August Mary Walton was assigned to Nicholas Orem as the new magnet coordinator just before the 2002-2003 school year began. Walton was very enthusiastic about the possibilities of working with Greenbelt for the "Design A City" project and found a way to bring the students to Greenbelt so they would be able to experience the pedestrian-safe walkways and the green belt first hand. The plan was to bring four groups of 45 students per visit to Greenbelt. These 45 students would be divided into smaller groups and tour the Greenbelt Museum, walk through the Community Center, walk around the area and come to the Greenbelt Library for an orientation to the library and a tour of the Tugwell Special Collection. We reserved our meeting room to give the students a place to store their bookbags and library books and to eat their bag lunches. Unfortunately, due to the sniper incidents during October, the site visits by all but one group had to be postponed.

Some of these students will also be participating in the Na-

tional Engineers Week "Future City" competition, which uses the "SIM City©" software to design cities of the future.

(Editors Note: Nine of the top ten entries for the Design A City project were recently on exhibit at the Greenbelt Library. As science, math and technology magnet students, participants were required to complete hands-on measuring activities in science and math, complete a persuasive writing activity, research background information, write a report and create a two- or three-dimensional representation of a city which would provide places for people to live, work, shop, play and be educated.)



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Winter Fresh City won an Honorable Mention for Mascela Oforio, with eye-catching styrofoam buildings and trees dusted with glittery snow paint, and sporting names such as Icicles Gas Station, Chilly Wind Hospital, and Frozen Mountain Apartments.

Artful Afternoon Has Reception, Art, Crafts

On Sunday January 5, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy free activities including hands-on arts projects, an exhibit reception and artist's talk, an Artists in Residence studio open house and tours of the nearby Greenbelt Museum. Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series of community arts festivals sponsored by the recreation department.

The City of Greenbelt Recreation Department announced the opening of a new exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery. The show, entitled "Garden of Earthly Delights Revisited," will feature monoprints and cut-outs by internationally recognized printmaker Helga Thomson. Thomson's work includes darkly whimsical images of half-human creatures. The public is invited to attend a reception and gallery talk with the artist

from 2 to 4 p.m.

A native of Argentina, Thomson currently lives in Maryland. She had exhibited extensively in the United States and abroad. Her work has been collected by museums in Poland, Italy, the United States and Ar-

December.

From 1 to 5 p.m., the public is invited to tour the studios of the Community Center's artists in residence. Participating artists will include painters, a weaver, stained glass artists and ceramicists.

A new hands-on project will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. in the ceramic studios. Instructors from the recreation department's ceramic programs will assist



gentina, including her homeland's Museum of Modern Art in Buenos Aires.

Thomson's exhibition will be on view through January 24 at the Community Center. The gallery is open to the public from 9 to 10 a.m. daily, whenever the space is not reserved for special use. Visitors to the Community Center also will have the opportunity to view an installation of prints and cut-outs created by local youth and students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School created in workshops led by Thomson during the month of

visitors in creating tiles and pinching pots.

The city's historic house museum located across the street at 10-B Crescent Road will be open for tours between 1 and 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit of documentary photography entitled "Picturing Victims and Patriots" will be on view throughout the day at the Community Center. For information about any of the day's activities or about ongoing arts and humanities programs call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

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The Maryland Boy Choir as The Shepherds

Sunday, January 5, 2003, 3:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt, Maryland

\$10/adults; \$8/students & seniors

\$20/family rate (1 or 2 adults + 2 or more children)

TICKETS: 301-441-8770

HEY! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

TROUBLE WITH NEIGHBORS?

BAD BUSINESS SERVICE?

NOISE? MESSY PROPERTY?

You don't have to keep suffering!!

The City of Greenbelt has a COOL way to help you work things out without hassle, and without courts or lawyers. It's FREE! It's CONVENIENT! It's CONFIDENTIAL! -- and it's called MEDIATION.

So give yourself a break. You are only a phone call away from information that could improve your life. Call 301-345-7203.

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