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Greenway Center Bus Stop Is In Line for Construction Funding

by Virginia Beauchamp

The agenda prepared for the December 3 stakeholders work session with the Greenbelt City Council looked familiar. Councilmembers were meeting, as they try to do annually, with representatives of the State Highway Administration (SHA) concerning issues local to Greenbelt like road maintenance and crossing signals. Although the first eight items reprinted topics discussed many months before, obviously they had still not been settled.

Had budget cuts hampered the implementation of many of these projects, council wanted to know. But except for the neighborhood conservation program, which would have improved both sides of Greenbelt Road from U.S. 1 to the Goddard Space Flight Center, the problem was rather the timing of projects within the fiscal year, which began on July 1, and a long, wet summer. So said Charles Watkins, district engineer at SHA.

Bus Stop

At the top of council's list and long expected to be carried out was improvement of the bus stop opposite Greenway Center. Placed on an island between the turn lane from the northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway

and six lanes of heavily trafficked Greenbelt Road, the bus stop requires pedestrians to risk their lives to reach it if they want to travel west from the shopping center.

"Funding is in line" for this construction, Watkins assured council. As soon as there is a stretch of good weather, probably in the spring, Watkins said, this project will be done.

Anything involving safety is a number one priority, he added, and not subject to budgetary restraints.

He deplored the fact that the bus company takes virtually no responsibility from a safety point of view about where it places bus stops. "No policy on this issue has existed," he said, but SHA is currently in the process of drafting one.

A problem related to the Greenway bus stop, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said, is the sidewalk along the north side of Greenbelt Road to Southway, which is discontinuous and involves access across two traffic islands. He also cited the need for an additional crosswalk from Southway to the south side of Greenbelt Road, where a recent pedestrian fatality had oc-

curred.

Watkins thought these issues could be addressed in one construction project, though creating a sidewalk across traffic islands has become complicated since the passage of the federal ADA legislation (Americans with Disabilities Act). A curb cut for wheel chair access is always required now in sidewalk construction.

Repairs

Council pointed out several areas where minor repairs are needed – a tilted sidewalk along Greenbelt Road near Mandan Road in Windsor Green, a flooded manhole on Greenbelt Road just east of Hanover Parkway, a pothole on Cherrywood Lane just beyond the recent left turn cut from Greenbelt Road, a bad patch of asphalt on Walker Drive and a crumbling sidewalk on the north side of Greenbelt Road under the Beltway overpass.

Advisory Planning Board Chair Sheldon Goldberg added to the list a pothole on Greenbelt Road near Blockbuster. "It's been an unbelievable year for water," Watkins acknowledged. He promised that his department

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Getting into the Holiday Spirit at the Craft Sale, Fair

by Rachel A. Freedenberg

The 32nd annual Festival of Lights got off to a rousing start last weekend as area residents gathered together to celebrate the season, braving near-freezing temperatures, snow and treacherous ice. The festival began Friday, December 5 with a holiday tree lighting and opening ceremony and will continue through New Year's Eve with new activities each week to delight young and old.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7, eager shoppers piled into the Greenbelt Community Center to purchase handmade crafts at the craft fair, make holiday wreaths and discover the art of the center's 12 artists-in-residence. Other things to see included the black-and-white photography of local artist John DeFabbio and an exhibit of Greenbelt's Isadore "Izzy" Parker, whose social and political cartoons have been published in both local and national papers. The craft fair featured a wide variety of items for sale, including beaded jewelry, candles, body lotions, tie-dyed shirts, stained glass and wooden birdhouses.

"I think the craft fair is great – it's wonderful. There's a really nice variety," said Karen Dusold, a member of Greenbelt's

glass guild, as she chatted with friends who were selling stained glass. "It's wonderful that Greenbelt can support a craft fair of this stature."

Down the hall in one of the center's art studios, Ellen Noll was putting the finishing touches on her handmade wreath. Noll, who recently moved to Greenbelt from Hyattsville, said she especially appreciated getting to meet some of her new neighbors in a festive environment. "It's a fabulous opportunity to see other people who live in Greenbelt, do some crafts and really get into the Christmas spirit!" Noll said.

Nearby, Susan Slyter of Greenbelt was making a wreath for the second year in a row. "I smelled fir in the hallway last year and heard people laughing, so I went in," she said. "I've looked forward to it all year. I like the smell of the fresh greens and the community spirit."

In the hallway of the Community Center, Julia Eichhorst, gift shop manager at the Greenbelt Museum, manned a table selling gift items from the museum's shop. In addition to Greenbelt memorabilia, the museum sells many items that recall the 1930s

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What Goes On

Saturday, December 13

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m. to noon, free picture with Santa, Youth Center

3 p.m., Greenbelt Concert Band Concert, Community Center

Sunday, December 14

7 p.m., Greenbelt East Tree Lighting, Greenbriar

Monday, December 15

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16

Registration for winter session at Aquatic and Fitness Center for residents and passholders

Wednesday, December 17

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board (APB) and Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) discussion on Greenbelt Lake water quality assessment, Community Center. APB will then adjourn to the Planning and Community Development Conference to discuss long-range planning. PRAB will hold a Skate Park review.

Thursday, December 18

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Board Meeting, Hamilton Place



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Snow etched the branches and gilded the creek near the East Entrance to "Buddy" Attick Park last Saturday.

New City Council Organizes, Sets Priorities, Names Liaisons

by Barbara Hopkins

The newly-elected Greenbelt City Council spent time at its meeting on November 24 to propose a legislative program for 2004 and to assign council positions as liaison to various city boards and committees.

Legislative Program

Staff recommended that the city's list of priorities to county and state representatives for 2004 be limited in order to present a manageable set of initiatives. Staff also recommended submission of only one funding priority, that being Greenbelt Middle School renovation, since the state budgeting in 2004 is expected to be difficult. Additional planning and zoning authority is listed as the city's first state priority, followed by protection of municipal funding and limiting the power of judges to reduce sentences.

Joint state/county priorities proposed by staff include renovation of the middle school, opposition to the InterCounty Connector and support for the inner-beltway purple line and opposition to public funding of additional beltway ramps at Greenbelt Station. A county priority that staff proposed was amendment of the Woodlands Ordinance to allow for greater preservation and less mitigation.

Councilmember Leta Mach recommended that council include funding for the Thornton bill for education.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked to include legislation allowing expansion of the domestic partner insurance coverage to include other family relationships, such as a father being covered under his son's policy. Putens thought this should be a state issue. He also wanted to pursue obtaining speed cameras for the city.

Mayor Judith Davis wanted to include homeland security funding at the local level under the Law Enforcement Equipment Fund.

Sheldon Goldberg of Windsor Green asked to list city aggregation for electricity and Davis agreed. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said in his opinion council should go further. He said the "industry does not have the consumer in mind" and electrical power should be regulated. Davis said this may come up later and she thought the state legislature may consider it.

Assistant to the City Manager David Moran reminded council that this was not meant to be a comprehensive list of

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PHOTOS BY MARAT MOORE

Erin Bistany, 7, and Casey Gates, 9, were in the holiday spirit along with a crowd of other Greenbelters at the wreath-making workshop at the Community Center.

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and 1940s, Eichhorst said, since the first family moved to Greenbelt in 1937.

"We've done exceptionally well selling yesterday and today," she said. "This is one of our big fund raisers for the museum. We've seen many people who visit the museum afterwards, who were not aware there was a museum in Greenbelt." Over at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, photographer John DeFabbio was on hand to answer questions about his photography exhibit, "The Art of Seeing," which is on display until January 16. The exhibit displays a number of DeFabbio's photos from numerous trips throughout the world. Photos on display ranged from local sites - a view of the Washington Monu-

ment in winter - to remote areas of Spain, China, France and other countries.

DeFabbio praised the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the festival for getting area residents excited about the season through art. Wherever you can gather people for art, and especially for sales and to show people your work, that's great," DeFabbio said.

The Festival of Lights continues this weekend with a performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band, a visit from Santa, a "Wacky Winter Workshop" for children and other activities. The festival ends December 31 with the family-oriented Greenbelt New Year celebration.



Girl Scout Troop 3585 of Glenn Dale participated in the Greenbelt juried craft show at the Community Center last weekend. Shown left to right are Ronnika Charles, Essie Charles, Ronnetta Charles, Asia Miles and Valerie Leftwood.

Greenbelters Feel Local Earthquake

Tuesday around 4 p.m., an earthquake that measured 4.5 on the Richter scale, with an epicenter 30 miles west of Richmond, moved the earth under Greenbelt. Randy Crenwelge, who lives in a frame GHI townhome on Laurel Hill Road, said he was talking on the phone "and the whole house started shaking." He said it lasted just a few seconds and was accompanied by "a low rumble." He

thought someone was working on a house next door, but then he turned on the news and heard about the quake.

City staff felt the tremor as a slight jiggle and noticed that items on shelves moved, according to David Moran, assistant to the city manager. The News Review staff, however, was unaware of the tremor, speculating that the old Community Center building is so solid that it doesn't shake.

Two Greenbelt "Bluebirds" Are Sold, One to a Museum

by Barbara Simon and Dorothy Sucher

Two Greenbelt artists, whose bluebird sculptures appeared in the recent "birds i view" public art project sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Prince George's Arts Council have sold their pieces - one to a museum.

Dick Brown's sculpture "Outsider Bluebird II" was acquired by Rebecca Hoffberger, the founder and president of the Visionary Art Museum of America in the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. Hoffberger requested the sculpture for the permanent collection which is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2004. "Outsider Bluebird II" will be placed outdoors at the entrance to the museum so that it will be the first artwork visitors will see upon arriving from Interstate 95. The sculpture was inspired by the traditions of outsider art and is encrusted with mosaic tile, ceramic bits and acrylic-painted imagery. During the past summer it was displayed in front of the Brentwood office of the Gateways Community Development Corporation, which is working to create an arts district in the area.

Brown, a resident of Boxwood Village, trained as a wood sculptor in Texas and studied bronze casting at Prince George's Community College. He has won numerous awards for his three-dimensional work and his paintings. He is currently working from his home studio using ceramic tile, stained glass and mirrors to reflect his modern religious neo-impressionist style of art.

Simon's Bird

High school junior Nora Simon, 17, created a sculpture that caught the eye of Cheryl Harrington, a legislative aide for the chair of the Prince George's County Council and wife of David Harrington, who represents Bladensburg on the council. Harrington purchased the sculpture for her home.



Above, "Lady Blue Bird Sings the Blues" by Nora Simon and, at right, Dick Brown's "Outsider Bluebird II."



PHOTOS BY TOM SIMON

Simon's sculpture "Lady Blue Bird Sings the Blues" was created in homage to blues singer Billie Holiday. Simon researched Holiday's clothing for the sculpture, which is brightly painted in acrylic and includes a necklace, signature gardenia and a vintage radio microphone. The piece was displayed this summer outside Harmony Hall, the M-NCPPC arts center in the southern part of the county.

Simon plans to major in fashion design in art school after graduation. Her paintings and drawings were shown this past October at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center.

Birds i View

The "birds i view" project, one of the largest public art exhibitions held in Prince George's County, consisted of 75 bluebird sculptures created by area artists. Fourteen of the birds were auctioned on November 20, including those by Brown and Simon. The proceeds will benefit youth art programs through the Prince George's Arts Council in Education Arts Grant program.

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Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

A productive business meeting was conducted by President Ellie Rimar on December 3. Don Davis was the greeter for the day.

The officers of 2003 graciously volunteered to serve for another year with the exception of 2nd Vice President, Ima Davis. Bud Hinson will take that position. The members voted unanimously for the following slate: President, Ellie Rimar; 1st Vice President, Micki Weidenfeld; 2nd Vice President, Bud Hinson; Recording Secretary, Bunny Fitzgerald; Corresponding Secretary, Rachel Algaze and Treasurer, Robert Terrell. They will be installed in January 2004.

Several trips are planned by the Travel Committee: February 29 – Chesapeake Dinner Theater to see "42nd Street"; March 18 – tour Chesapeake City, lunch and shopping; April 26-28, trip to Lucyland in Jamestown, New York, including a boat tour and visit to York winery.

The 50/50 winners were Betty Deitch and Don Davis.

The club voted to make a donation to the city for the New Year's festival.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Pat Parker's son and sent condolences to her and the family.

The Christmas birthday luncheon will be held on December 17. The December 24 meeting has been canceled.

Dolls Displayed At Greenbelt Library

Through the end of December, a number of American rag dolls are being displayed in the



case on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library. The owners of the dolls are all Donns: Cindy, Erin, Lisa and Kyle of Beltsville; Jenni, Julie, Ian and Josiah of Chesapeake, Va; and Marjory "Grandma Marj" of Greenbelt.

About one third of the dolls are homemade and the rest commercial. Most of the dolls are from the U.S., though one is Guatemalan and one from South America. The display attempts to represent the diversity of people.

A few of the dolls have historical significance. While not antiques, they were created in the style of prairie dolls with twine hair, pillowcase dolls made by pioneer women from worn-out pillowcases and two types of handkerchief dolls that helped children stay quiet during long church services. There are also dolls with costumes from Colonial and Elizabethan eras.

Cat Adoptions

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a cat adoption day on Sunday, December 14, noon to 3 p.m. at PetSmart, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road. The cats' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. There is a fee to adopt. For more information call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at www.pgspca.org.

Greenbelt Lake Watershed Study

The City of Greenbelt Planning and Community Development staff has completed its review of the Greenbelt Lake Watershed Assessment done by Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. A summary of the recommendations set forth in the report has been prepared and the projects have been ranked in terms of environmental benefit, cost and environmental benefit per dollar cost.

The project that ranks highest in terms of all three categories is to perform additional water quality testing to address the high level of fecal coliform bacteria that was reported in the Lakewood/Woodland Hills stream.

Planning staff will present the Greenbelt Lake Watershed Assessment and the project rating list to the Advisory Planning Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee during December.

Missions to Mars Art Contest

NASA invites students (K-12) to enter its Missions to Mars art contest. In August, Mars came closer to Earth than in nearly 60,000 years and the Red Planet is still spectacularly visible in the night sky.

NASA has embarked on a bold mission to search our celestial neighbor for evidence of life, past or present, and the Mars missions are gaining momentum. Current and future missions offer the potential for significant new discoveries, as well as an increased understanding of the earth. In January, two of the most recent probe missions will land on Mars.

The art contest will help celebrate these events. Entries are due by December 22 and all submissions must include, at a minimum, a depiction of some portion of Mars and at least one of the NASA missions headed to Mars or currently at Mars. Earth and Mars renderings are also welcome, but not required. An entry consists of one hard copy or electronic picture and a brief description of the artwork and only one entry per person is permitted. Students in Grades K-12 may enter (winners will be selected in each grade level). The winning artwork will be displayed at the NASA Visitor Center and on the Goddard website.

For entry rules, contact Michelle R. Jones@nasa.gov or at 301-286-8012.

Food Bank Drive

Greenbelt Park will be collecting non-perishable food items to help the Capital Area Food Bank. Collection boxes are located at Greenbelt Park Headquarters which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station which is open 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information call 301-344-3948.

Boys & Girls Club Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club annual board of directors elections will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Democratic Club Hosts Holiday Gala

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will hold its Annual Holiday Gala on Friday, December 19 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. This event will also include installation of officers by Prince George's District 4 (Greenbelt) Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters. Other local elected officials have also been invited.

Although speakers are not generally featured at this meeting, because of the gravity and timeliness of the topic, the group will hear from Lowell Owens of Greenbelt, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, on the topic of the Patriot Act. Prospective members and the general public are welcome to attend.

After a short business agenda and the swearing-in ceremony, outgoing president Kurt Walter will turn over the gavel to incoming president Bill Hunt. A social hour will follow. Members are reminded to bring a holiday dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

For transportation or information call Bill Hunt at 301-982-0111.

Volunteers Needed For New Year's Eve

The Greenbelt New Year's Eve Committee needs volunteers to help with this year's celebration at the Community Center. Volunteers work for one or two hours. The rest of the evening they're free to enjoy the food, music and festivities. Volunteers direct traffic, supervise activities and generally insure everyone is having a good time. Volunteers will meet at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 30 to review policies and procedures.

All volunteers receive free admission and a free "Event Staff" T-shirt. For more information call volunteer coordinators Dan Hamlin 301-982-0048 or Jim Marley 301-552-1288.

Bill Cornett Will Make Music at the New Deal

Former Greenbelter Bill Cornett will don his "Tanto Makeul" stage persona and give a concert of original work at the New Deal Café on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Infused with his own off-beat sense of humor, Cornett's songs range from the holiday hip-hop tune "He Got The Santa" to the funk-chant "The Song With No Name," along with other musical observations on psycho-social issues, namely "I've Got To Spend More Money" and "I'm Afraid That My Life Would Still Suck."

Cornett has been performing live for less than two months, but has already drawn rave reviews from audiences all over the D.C. area. "Bill's songs are hilarious and the music was really good," says former Greenbelter Jacqui Waters, who attended Cornett's New Deal concert in October. "We went not knowing what to expect, and we were just blown away!"

"Billy Fotis, a local blues singer who directs the Tuesday night jam sessions at the Bangkok Blues Restaurant in Falls Church where Cornett often performs, also had high praise for him. "I keep on wondering, where the heck does this guy come up with this stuff?" he says, referring to the humor that permeates Cornett's songs. "And this white boy can rap, too! He's pretty outrageous!"

Cornett warns that his stage persona is very different from



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

the one he uses most of the time. "As Tanto Makeul, my voice changes radically and I'm a lot less inhibited on stage than my usual conservative demeanor may indicate," he says. "A lot of my friends have been more than a little shocked."

Alden, a world-renowned guitarist, will be backing Cornett on stage, along with Mike Smith (formerly of "The Wilsons") and Eric and Marty Bouchard (AKA "The Groove Killers") on bass and drums, respectively.

The concert is a charity event for the INOVA Children's Hospital. There is no admission fee, but CDs of the song "He Got The Santa" and T-shirts to go along with them will be sold at the concert, with profits going to the cause. A full CD of Tanto Makeul songs is scheduled for release by Scootaround Records next spring.

For more information and song samples, visit the web at www.tantomakeul.com.

P.G. Choral Society Performs Dec. 14

The Prince George's Choral Society will be performing "A Festival of Christmas" at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. Join the Choral Society for an afternoon of family fun, with favorite Christmas songs and stories. For more information and to reserve tickets, contact Frank Leonard at 301-538-1532. There is a fee.

Concert Band Plays

The Greenbelt Concert Band will perform on Sunday, December 14 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center.



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Dennis Doornekamp Dies, Ex-Parks Supt.

Former Greenbelt Superintendent of Parks Dennis Doornekamp, 85, died at his home in Frederick, Md. on November 30, 2003. He was employed by the City of Greenbelt to manage its parks and landscaped areas in February 1972. He retired January 31, 1985. He first worked under Public Works Director Albert S. "Buddy" Attick and, upon Attick's retirement, under George Smith.

Doornekamp was born September 18, 1918, in The Netherlands. During World War II he was a member of the Dutch underground resistance. Learning about landscaping and gardening in Holland, he immigrated to the United States in 1956 and later became a U.S. citizen. In this country he first became superintendent of the Lambert estate in Princeton, N.J. Later, he worked as a superintendent of the Lyndhurst Castle in Tarrytown, N.Y. He was president of the National Gardeners Association and had yearly exhibits in the New York, Philadelphia and Washington flower shows.

As a native Hollander, Doornekamp had a special fondness for tulips. Among his duties were the landscaping of Southway and, later, Hanover Parkway. His flowerbeds always had tulips in bloom at springtime. He disliked roses, however, because of their thorns, a bane to gardeners required to prune them. His signature landscaping in Greenbelt was the entrance to "Buddy" Attick Park. It was a labor of love for him, out of respect to the memory of his former boss who had been a popular city employee for 40 years. Besides flower beds at the roadway entrance to the park's parking lot, he planted a wide variety of evergreen trees and shrubs along Crescent Road to the east of the entrance. This area has become a virtual arboretum of evergreens.

During his service to the city, Doornekamp received a number of awards from professional associations for his outstanding contributions in beautifying the city. Among these were the 1973 Professional Grounds Maintenance Association (PGMA) Honor Award presented by the Professional Grounds Maintenance Association and the magazine,

Grounds Maintenance, for the "best maintained median or roadway in the United States" for the landscaping of Southway. The purpose of this award was to bring recognition to individual professional accomplishments and was designed to encourage and recognize well-kept landscapes throughout the country. In September 1978 Doornekamp received the "Member of the Month" award of PGMA. In presenting this award, PGMA noted his previous Honor Award as well as the many other achievements in landscaping and parks beautification which he had accomplished. In 1964 Doornekamp became National Association of Gardeners (NAG) vice chairman and president in 1965. He also served as trustee and NAG director until 1975.

Doornekamp's wife, Ellen; a daughter, Amy D. McHenry and husband John; two grandchildren, Tripp McHenry and Kara McHenry Sysol; three great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Brandon and Lauren Sysol; three sisters and many nieces and nephews survive him. A brother and sister preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 705 W. Patrick St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

Memorial contributions may be made to either the Hospice of Frederick County or to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mary Alice Carroll

A memorial service for Mary Alice Carroll will be held at the Greenbriar Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. All her friends are welcome to attend.

Holiday Events At Baptist Church

Two holiday events will be presented at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. On Sunday, December 14, "Fear Not," a musical drama will be performed at 8:30 and 11 a.m. On Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. there will be a candlelight carol service. All are welcome.

City Notes

The parks crew completed construction of the stone steps near the parking lot behind the city office building. The retaining wall will be built and landscaping added when weather permits. They also vacuumed leaves all week, readied snow equipment and cleaned sidewalks on Friday.

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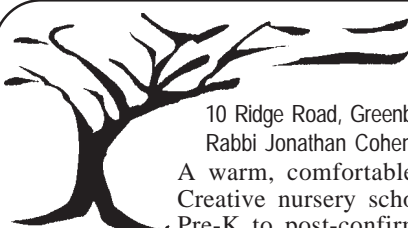
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"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former city park superintendent Dennis Doornekamp who died November 30, 2003 at his home in Frederick, Md.

Beth Osborne of Plateau Place has recently accepted a commission as Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). She will serve as the Health Systems Consultant for the Department of Immigration Health Services (DIHS), which provides health care and public health services in support of immigration law enforcement for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (formerly INS). Strategic Planning will be her first major undertaking at DIHS. Osborne resigned her commission in the Army in order to be called to active duty with USPHS. She is still a registered nurse in her new position. The commissioning process took two years to complete.

David E. Wolf, son of Glenn and Elizabeth Wolf, was recently named an Alden Scholar for the 2003-04 academic year at Allegheny College. Alden Scholar awards are presented to students

who maintain a grade point average of 3.2 or higher during the preceding academic year. The awards are named in honor of the Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr., who founded the college in 1815. Wolf, a graduate of Queen Anne School, is a senior geology major at Allegheny College.

News Review staffer Meta Lagerwerff is recovering from hip surgery at Doctor's Hospital after a fall earlier this week. She has already begun some physical therapy and can sit in a chair. We hope she's feeling better soon.

Congratulations to former resident Bill Bowen, Jr., in the completion of his first Marine Corps Marathon on October 26, 2003, which he ran in 4:32 and his second Marathon in the Park on November 9, 2003, run in 4:21.

Prince George's Choral Society

Presents

A Festival of Christmas
an afternoon of family fun
Sunday, Dec. 19, 3 p.m.
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
\$15 per person; \$12 seniors, children

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Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship



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10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 am
Talk & Listen (Coffee Hr.) 10:15 am
Worship Service 11:00 am

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www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt

Tues. Lectionary Study 7:00 am
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

December 14, 3rd Sunday in Advent
Sermon: Jesus, Our Joy

PEDESTRIANS CROSSING

What do you know about your neighbors?



"O Mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other. Verily, the most honored of you in the sight of God is the one who is most righteous of you, and God has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things)."
- The Holy Qur'an, 69:13

Knowledge brings understanding, understanding leads to tolerance, tolerance fosters respect and respect brings peace. Let's get to know each other and take the first step toward peace.

For more information on Islam, e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit www.islam-guide.com.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community

December 14, 10 a.m.

"Make a Joyful Noise!"

by Jaco B. ten Hove and

Barbara Wells, co-ministers with

John Bartoli worship associate

Annual music service featuring

David Chapman, music director,

and the PBUUC Choir.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Ring in the New Year At "Greenbelt New Year"

by Patti Brothers

Bring in the new year with friends and neighbors at Greenbelt New Year 2004.

The activities will begin at 7 p.m. with entertainment in three venues. The Community Center will host the rhythm and sounds of Trinidad and Tobago – make sure to wear island apparel and put on suntan lotion. Blue Sky Puppets will delight the audience with "let your imagination take you away" puppet shows. Magic Mike will perform magic and other "how'd he do that" feats as well as fabulous balloon sculptures. The Goddard Storytellers will tell spell-binding stories all night long for people of all ages.

For music for all ages Don Bridges will play and sing. The children's arts and craft room will be open once again for a night full of creativity. For those who feel like dancing, the Scottish Country Dancers will have everyone moving all night long. John Hill will provide the party goes with a full night of sit-back-and-relax music from his acoustic guitar and wonderful voice. Need a new hairdo for the evening? Come to the celebration and get one just designed for you. The Greenbelt Swim Team will provide delicious food all night long and Chef Lou will satisfy everyone's sweet tooth with delicious desserts.

DC Motors will begin the final celebration and ring in the New Year in fine style with their great, nonstop sounds that span the last four decades.

The Youth Center will have lots of "get involved" activities for everyone – a huge twister game (will your body bend in all those ways?), a brand new ob-



stacle course called the Adrenalin Wall – both provided by Talk of the Town and a karaoke DJ provided by Sight and Sound Entertainment, which will provide music all night long for listening and/or for singing. There will be lots of food available for purchase at the Youth Center, so no need to eat before coming.

The Arts Center will be filled with music all night long. "Adrenaline" will start off the evening with their great sounds and "Something Completely Different" will provide music later in the evening. The movie theater will show a film festival.

The New Deal Café will open at 9 p.m. and will feature the John Guernsey Jazz Group.

Discount wristbands are now available at the Greenbelt Co-op office, the Youth Center office and the Community Center office. Children under five are free. Tickets purchased at the door cost slightly more. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Don't miss Greenbelt New Year 2004 – the best party in town!

Schoolhouse Holds Open House

Join in the holiday fun at the historic Seabrook Schoolhouse holiday open house on Sunday, December 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free and light refreshments will be available.

Enjoy a visit to this one-room schoolhouse built in 1896 and browse early 20th century exhibits, including pictures of former Seabrook School classes. Seabrook Schoolhouse is located at 6116 Seabrook Road. For more information call 301-464-5291.



City Information

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2003

Municipal Building Council Room at 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Needs Assessment Final Report-Sukil Communications
- WSSC Customer Service Program
- Citizens Concerned with a Cleaner County (CCCC) 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 an asterisk will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.*)

- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Open Forum Report

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 13, "Personnel," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Extending the Health Insurance Benefit to Domestic Partners and Eligible Dependents -2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Establish a Forest Preserve Task Force - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of a Prefabricated Animal Control Facility Building -2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Application for Transfer of Liquor License – T.G.I. Friday's
- Contribution Group Application Process
- Update on City's Lawsuit on Conceptual and Preliminary Plans for Greenbelt Station
- Attendance at Maryland Mayors Association Conference
- Resignation from Advisory Group

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: Advisory Committee on Education

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

WINTER SESSION

(January 5 -February 28)

REGISTRATION

Residents and Passholders register on December 15 & 16
Non-Residents register on December 17-19

Water Aerobics, Adult and Children Swimming Lessons, Home School Swimming Program

For more information call 301-397-2204 or visit www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, December 15 at 8pm: City Council "live" Tuesday & Thursday, December 16 & 18: 6:00pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary 6th Grade" 6:30pm Greenbelt Assistance in Living program presents "Holiday Blues and Beyond" 7:15pm "Holiday Tree Lighting" 7:45pm "Beltway Plaza Toy Parade" 8:30pm Replay of City Council Meeting PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, December 17 & 19: 7:00pm "Ebony Scrooge 9:00pm "Return to Albion"

ASSISTANCE FOR PETS Help pets in need this holiday season by donating old blankets/towels, unopened pet food and pet safe toys and treats. Collection boxes are placed at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and the New Deal Cafe. Info dceldran@hotmail.com.

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 15-19

Monday, December 15, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building "live on Channel 71."

Wednesday, December 17, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board (APB) and Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), Greenbelt Community Center-Multi Purpose Room. Both committees will meet jointly to discuss Greenbelt Lake Water Quality Assessment. APB will then adjourn to the Planning and Community Development Conference to discuss long range planning. PRAB will stay in Multi-Purpose Room to hold a Skate Park Review.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, December 13th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:

Enjoy the holidays with your friends and neighbors.

SANTA'S VISIT: Saturday, December 13th from 10am-12pm. Greenbelt Youth Center-Multi-Purpose Room. Bring your children for their free picture with Santa and activities to keep them busy while they wait. Also, bring a blank VHS tape and we will tape your child's visit for free.

WACKY WINTER WORKSHOP: Saturday, December 13 from 9am-1pm, Greenbelt Youth Center-Morrison Lounge. Children in grades 1-4 can enjoy a wide variety of fun activities including games, crafts and a special "Make Your Own Pizza" lunch. Cost is \$12 per child and you must register by December 12th at noon. Call 301-397-2200.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON: Sunday, December 14 at 3pm in the Greenbelt Community Center gym. Enjoy the seasonal sounds performed by the Greenbelt Concert Band. Get in the mood with this free annual event.

GREENBELT NEW YEAR: Tickets are now available at the Co-op, Greenbelt Community Center and the Youth Center. Ring in the New Year Greenbelt Style with this fun, multi-venue family event. **Please visit www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or call 301-397-2200 for more information.**

Celebrate Christmas with us!

"FEAR NOT" A Musical Drama
Sunday, Dec. 14 8:30 am and 11:00 am

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE
Wednesday, Dec. 24 7:00 pm



Greenbelt Baptist Church

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads

301-474-4212 x3



PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, December 18, 2003
GHI BOARD ROOM
at 7:30 p.m.

Key Agenda Items

- Tree Maintenance Contract – 2004 2nd Reading
- Trash Disposal Contract – 2nd Reading
- Appointments to AdHoc Committee to Establish a Foundation
- Proposed Privacy Fence – 4D Ridge Road
- Extension of Yard Line to 75' – 52C Ridge Road
- Improper Satellite Dish Installation – 25C Ridge Road
- Unauthorized Fence Installation – 57R Ridge Road
- Existing Shed Installation – 12D Hillside Road
- Reuse of Existing/Similar Flat Porch Roof – 46A Ridge Road

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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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.

Assault

Breezewood Drive and Breezewood Terrace, December 2, 4:59 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with two counts of assault, hindering, failure to obey a lawful order and several traffic citations. Police stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. After the driver could produce no identification, he was ordered out of the vehicle. When police attempted to have him sign the citations, he attempted to flee the scene on foot. An officer tackled the man to the ground, at which time he began assaulting that officer and a second officer who was assisting. The suspect ignored all commands to stop resisting and continued to fight the police, who had to forcibly take him into custody. The suspect was transported to Prince George's Hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained while resisting arrest and then was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Robbery

9100 block Edmonston Road, November 26, 12:14 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with robbery and possession of marijuana. The victim came to the station and reported that he had been robbed at gunpoint by his roommate the evening before. The roommate was arrested at his residence and was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, November 26, 7:12 p.m., a man reported that he was walking home when he was approached by another man, who produced a handgun and ordered the victim to the ground. He then took the victim's wallet and backpack and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 20 to 24 years of age, 6'1", 165 pounds, wearing a dark colored ski mask and dark pants.

100 block Westway, November 26, 8:43 p.m., a woman reported that a man, known to her, was saying goodbye and hugged her. She then realized that the man was reaching into her pockets. When she asked him what he was doing, he pushed her to the ground and took money from her pocket. The suspect fled in a vehicle described as a gray older model Cadillac or Chevrolet. The victim sustained a minor injury to her finger. Investigation is continuing.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, December 2, 6:51 p.m., a man reported that he was walking in the parking lot when he was approached by two men, one who displayed a sawed-off shotgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the victim's laptop computer and wallet the men got into a vehicle described as a white Dodge caravan with Maryland tags 956503M and fled the scene. The victim got into his vehicle and followed the men into Washington, D.C., where he lost sight of the vehicle. A computer check revealed that the suspect vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police. The

suspects are described as a black male in his teens, 5'7", 130 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and a black male in his teens, 6', 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing dark clothing.

6100 block Breezewood Court, December 2, 7:58 p.m., a woman reported that she was walking to her residence when a man approached her from behind and grabbed her purse. He then fled the area on foot. He is described as a black male, approximately 18 years of age, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, a black wool coat, light colored blue jeans and dark tennis shoes.

Weapons

6000 block Springhill Drive, November 21, 8:49 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of an unregistered short-barreled shotgun, concealed deadly weapon and possession of marijuana. A nonresident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. Police observed what they believed to be a hand to hand drug transaction. Two of the suspects involved ran from police. The man was carrying a knapsack as he fled the scene. He was apprehended, the knapsack was located nearby and found to contain a sawed off shotgun and a 380-caliber semiautomatic handgun. He was also found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The youth was apprehended and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

6200 block Greenbelt Road, December 2, 1:36 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, failure to stop at a stop sign and driving a rental motor vehicle in violation of the rental agreement. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed that the driver did not have permission to use the vehicle. Located in the vehicle was a semiautomatic handgun. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drugs

6500 block Greenbelt Road, November 17, 1:25 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of paraphernalia, assault, resisting arrest, theft, leaving the scene of an accident involving bodily injury and several other traffic violations. Police responded to a report of a traffic accident with one of the people involved running from the scene. He was chased on foot by an off-duty Secret Service Agent, an off-duty Capitol Hill Police Officer and citizens. He was apprehended in the 8900 block of Edmonston Road, where he bit one of the officers in the arm. The officer was transported

to Prince George's General Hospital for treatment. The suspect was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to ingest marijuana. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle driven by the suspect had been reported stolen to the Delmar, Del. Police Department. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. Later investigation revealed that the vehicle had also been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police Department. A warrant was obtained further charging the suspect with theft, motor vehicle theft and unauthorized use.

Burglary

GHI offices, Hamilton Place, reported November 26, 7:43 a.m., commercial burglary.

7400 block Greenbelt Road, reported November 27, 10:15 a.m., attempted commercial burglary.

6500 block Capitol Drive, reported December 1, 8:35 a.m., commercial burglary.

9100 block Edmonston Terrace, reported December 1, 11:25 a.m., unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. A VCR, DVD player, video game player, CDs and video games were taken.

Lakeside Drive, December 2, 11:48 a.m., a woman reported that she observed a man attempt to enter her residence by forcing open the rear door. Upon seeing her inside, the man fled the scene on foot. He is described as a young black male, 5'6" with a thin build, wearing a black hooded coat.

7500 Greenway Center Drive, reported December 3, 6:48 a.m., attempted commercial burglary.

7500 Greenway Center Drive, reported December 3, 7:54 a.m., five commercial burglaries were reported in a high rise office building.

Sobriety Checkpoint

The Greenbelt Police Department will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on December 19 in conjunction with "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month" and "Checkpoint Strikeforce."

In 2002, more than 46 million Americans traveled by automobile during the Christmas and New Year holidays. With holiday celebrations, many people make the mistake of choosing to drive impaired during December. Last December, more than 1,100 people died on the nation's highways as a result of impaired driving. In a checkpoint conducted during the summer, police officers from the Greenbelt Police spoke with over 1,500 motorists. Of these 1,500 motorists, six were arrested for DUI/DWI.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program will once again be sponsoring free taxi cab rides for intoxicated drivers from December 12 to January 1 between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Riders must be 21 or older to use this service and the free fares are limited to a \$50 value.

Additional information can be obtained at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Officer Byers and Rex Win Competition

On Sunday, November 23 Master Patrol Officer Barry Byers and K-9 partner Rex of the Greenbelt Police Department finished first at the 2003 United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Region Three Tracking Trials in Nokesville, Va. There was a total of 23 teams competing from police departments throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Sixteen teams received certification.

In order to achieve the United States Police Canine Association's Police Dog II, or Tracking Certification, an officer and his/her canine must score a minimum of 130 (70%) out of a possible total of 180 at a regionally sanctioned USPCA trial. Byers and Rex received a score of 178.5.

The test is comprised of a three-legged track, 150 to 300 yards in total length. Somewhere on each leg an article of

evidence will be dropped by the track layer, 30 to 60 minutes before the start of the test. The articles selected could be a shotgun shell, key on a ring, credit card, etc. At the end of the track an end article, such as a towel or a tennis ball, will be concealed. There will also be a cross track laid over the initial track to introduce contamination, in an attempt to confuse the dog.

Teams are judged on the dog's ability to follow the track and locate each of the leg articles and the end article. There is no time limit for this test. However, the judges will conclude the test if the team has stopped working or is obviously unsuccessful.

Rex has been with the Greenbelt Police since April, 2003. He is an extremely smart and focused German Shepherd who resides with Byers when off-duty.

AMERICAN REALTY

3-F Ridge Road

Two bedroom block unit with two bathrooms (one full bath located on first floor) with new refrigerator, new blinds, fenced yard, freshly painted and on the Library side of town. **\$114,900**

NEW LISTING

14-Y Ridge Road

Three bedroom **BRICK** located close to the Center. A remodeled kitchen with extra cabinets, remodeled bathroom, extra shelving in the separate dining room, new storm doors and a fenced yard are just the beginning. Call for an appointment! **\$149,900**

NEW LISTING

54-D Ridge Road

SOLD IN 1 DAY!

Three bedroom frame backs to the woods and has a remodeled kitchen, wall-to-wall carpeting, remodeled bathroom, extra cabinets in the storage closet, washer and dryer, ceiling fans and two air conditioners. The yard is fenced and landscaped.

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 13
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 15
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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would take care of all these matters.

Neighborhood

The project to improve Greenbelt Road was well along when the Ehrlich administration assumed the Maryland governorship. Community residents of Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt had shared planning ideas in a series of meetings with SHA staff to beautify and make safer the stretch of Greenbelt Road from Soil Conservation Road to U.S. Route 1.

Since no work had actually begun, however, the project was put on hold because of the budget shortfall. Watkins said that similar projects with improvements already under construction had been allowed to continue. Since 90 percent of the Greenbelt Road project involved public safety issues, Watkins agreed with council that this neighborhood improvement plan should go forward. He urged the city to contact the governor's office to reinstate funding.

Problem Spots

Mayor Judith Davis asked SHA to check the timing on the crossing signal at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. She said if a pedestrian left the curb at the beginning of the signal to cross Greenbelt Road, he could get only halfway across before the yellow warning signal started flashing. She also complained that the general lighting at this intersection is not adequate. "The intersection is dark," she said.

Council also complained about the ugly appearance of the salt dome at Cherrywood Lane and Kenilworth Avenue - a long-time issue with the city. But from the point of view of dealing with snowbound roads, its location is ideal, Watkins said. He knew of no other state-owned

property so accessible. He urged council to offer suggestions on how the facility might be disguised or beautified.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked again if a light might be installed at Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road. "How many accidents need to happen before something is done?" Putens asked. Watkins acknowledged that as traffic patterns change and its volume increases, a new set of parameters may be reached that could justify installation of a light. On the other hand, he said, "90 percent of all traffic signal requests are turned down."

Watkins expressed frustration, agreeing with council that the bridge on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway over the Beltway badly needs resurfacing. Yet the bridge itself is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. His department would be willing to do the actual roadwork, he said, but they could not begin to do so without authorization. For whatever reason, the Park Service has not provided the go-ahead.

Illegal Posting

Councilmembers raised the issue of unsightly signs posted on utility poles and in the median strip of state roads. Who has the responsibility to see that they are removed? "We have zero tolerance for signs," Watkins said. Posting them is against the law within the county. But he acknowledged that his limited staff has little time to remove them. SHA will do a sweep of signs upon request, he said; but he gave the city full permission to remove signs along state and county roads. Any signs, including those posted on weekends by real estate companies, are illegal, he said.

Snow Removal

Watkins remarked on the attrition in SHA personnel since the state budget cut. There has been a hiring freeze, he said, since the new administration took over and vacancies could not be filled. Typically the department has about a 20 percent turnover rate. However, he had just been allowed to bring in 16 new maintenance workers as permanent hires, he said, and especially to be available for snow removal.

He was talking on Wednesday, just before the region's first snowfall of the season. "The first two times it snows - that's their training," he said.

The State of Maryland is also planning an experimental program in maintenance of its portion of the capital Beltway. Shortly SHA will be advertising for bids on maintenance of a section of the Beltway. The success of such a private company will be compared with an equal portion maintained by the public agency. "We're approaching this experiment with optimism and with caution," Watkins said.

Fire at GHI Office

by Peter Curtis

About 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, a tree fell behind the GHI office on Hamilton Place. It struck a breaker box and a small electrical fire resulted. Two fire trucks responded and quickly extinguished the fire.

Gretchen Overdurff, GHI general manager, noted that damage was limited to the breaker box. As a precaution, electricity was cut off to the entire building until PEPCO could check all of the wiring. As a result, the GHI office was closed for the day at 4 p.m.

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the city's interests and concerns and that issues not listed could still be brought to state or county attention.

Boards and Committees

After the November election, council designates members to serve as liaisons to the city's various advisory boards and committees of the city and the Council of Government (COG). Changes in liaison representation for this council's term include: Putens replacing Tom White on the Advisory Planning Board, becoming an alternate liaison on the COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee and giving up his liaison position on the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) to new Councilmember Mach, who chaired ACE but resigned her membership when elected to council.

Mach will also serve as liaison to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the COG Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. She will become an alternate liaison to the COG Metropolitan Development Policy Committee.

Councilmember Konrad Herling will fill the liaison positions vacated by Alan Tumbull on the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee as well

as the position vacated by White on the Greenbelt Access Television board. Herling told council he was resigning from his remaining term on that board. He will also serve as liaison to the COG Metropolitan Development Policy Committee.

Davis will continue to serve on the COG Board of Directors with Roberts as her alternate. She also continues on the COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee. Roberts will also continue on the COG Transportation Planning Board.

GHI Notes

The following events will take place next week:

Mon., Dec. 15 - Pre-Purchase Orientation, 7:15 p.m., Board Room

Tues., Dec. 16 - Member & Community Relations Committee, 6:30 p.m., 3 P Research Road

Wed., Dec. 17 - Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room


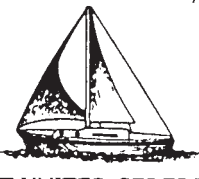

Thurs., Dec. 18 - Board of Directors meeting, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

GHI offices will close at noon on Friday, December 19 for the Employees Annual Holiday Party. Emergency maintenance will be available.

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Member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

DR. JAY MCCARL

Dental Implant Symposium, Boston University.
Fellow in Academy of General Dentistry.

DR. DAVID J. MCCARL

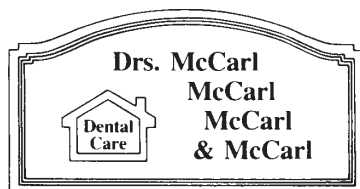
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Students of Friends Community School Plant 20 Trees at New Site

by Jill Lodato

Strolling through a park on a warm spring afternoon can warrant a quick respite in the shade under one of the trees towering overhead. On November 14 a group of fifth and sixth grade students from Friends Community School in College Park contributed to the tree population next to Greenbelt Park when they planted some 20 trees on what will be the future site of their school.

Under the guidance of various parents, including one EPA environmentalist and one chemist, and with the help of students from the University of Maryland's Natural Resource Management (NRMT) Society, the children planted pin oaks and discussed the condition of the soil in which they were planting. In reality the trees were being planted in the subsoil because all the top soil had been removed many years ago by the former owners, according to Elizabeth Hole, a teacher at Friends Community School and organizer of the day's events. The cost of the trees came from a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust through the sale of license plates.

After planting the trees and determining what the soil would have been like in an ideal situation, the students went on to do their monthly observation. As Hole explained, the students have a one-meter square plot of land that they observe each month, determining changes brought on by time and weather. Hole believes it is important for children to be involved with nature and experience everything first-hand. They can incorporate subjects they have studied in their classes into a hands-on activity.

Some of these classroom studies were taught to the students with the help of NRMT Society members who had come to the school on several occasions before the day of the field trip. The NRMT Society, a student club at the University of Maryland, is "dedicated to the professional and educational enhancement of all undergraduates interested in the environment and the responsible use of our natural resources," according to the club's website.

The capstone class of the NRMT Society, taken during their senior year, has a required project component. They acted



After a day of digging, the kids hiked off of the property with their shovels. Front is Matthew Wilmes, next Graham Martin-Poteet, background T. Malik Russell.

as chaperones and teachers, helping the children dig through the tough clay and decide where to plant the trees.

"Friends Community School's students are far above and beyond what I'd expected," Colm Gent, president of the NRMT Society and member of the capstone class said after his interaction with the children on the field trip. "The intelligence that they expressed was quite an amazing thing."

The students then enjoyed lunch and a hike around the land that will be home to the Friends Community School. Currently the school is located in an old, run-down, College Park elementary school building. This Quaker school wants to construct a green school on the piece of land known to many as the Jaeger Tract.

Green Building

"A green school or a green building design would be one intended to have little or no impact on the environment," Hole, the organizing teacher behind the field trip, said. "It would also use building materials which are environmentally friendly and easily disposed of. In our case, we plan to use straw bales as part of the construction to help with the insulation... [and] a garden on the roof to reduce water runoff and to help cool the building."

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System determines the standards for what it is that makes a building green. Some of the main goals of LEED are to "define 'green building' by establishing a common standard of measurement" as well as to "raise consumer awareness of green building benefits," as stated on the website.

Concerning the land that Friends Community School plans to build on, there has been some controversy. Many residents, as well as Congressman Steny H.

Hoyer, D-Md., worked to add this piece of land to the property of Greenbelt Park. But it was the school in the end that bought the property and is now producing plans for their new school.

There had been several other proposals for development on the land, including at one point, one for 19 homes. However, concerns were expressed over possible issues with storm water affecting the streams, according to Jim Rosenstock, a park ranger in the Resource Management Division with the National Capital Parks East, which manages Greenbelt Park.

"The overall footprint will be a lot lighter on the land," Rosenstock said in reference to the green school proposal. "We're looking forward to working with them [the school]. We do want to be good neighbors."

Students currently attending the school seem to be benefitting from the land even without the actual school building. Everyone involved wants to see the land preserved and kept in harmony with nature as much as possible.

"The highlight was the satisfaction of actually planting the trees to help the land and then talking with the kids about how the land will be different when they return as grandparents to the school," Hole said. "It is fun to start changes that may really affect the land and the future of the school."

Holiday Show At Planetarium

The Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Rd. in Lanham, will hold two planetarium programs for the holidays. On December 12 at 7:30 p.m. "Rudolph Flu" tells of reindeer who are unable to fly on Christmas Eve. It will also be presented on Saturday, December 13, 10 to 11 a.m. and 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

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The girls also joined in the hard work. Pictured are Nicole Huffman and Maia Barnes

Nursery School Sponsors Kindergarten Info Night

by Melissa Sites

On December 4, the Greenbelt Nursery School hosted its annual Kindergarten Information Night at the Greenbelt Community Center. Representatives from seven area kindergarten programs, both private and public, were on hand to present information about their schools and to answer questions. The program was open to all area parents.

A speaker from the Prince George's County Magnet Schools program explained the lottery system and provided brochures for the upcoming lottery (deadline February 6, 2004). Seven magnet programs providing full-day kindergarten are available by lottery. These include the public school Montessori program (which begins with 3- and 4-year-old preschool) and French Immersion program, located at Robert Goddard Elementary School, the Music and Technology program in Berwyn Heights, and several others.

A kindergarten teacher from Greenbelt Elementary School described the current staffing and student numbers, this year encompassing four kindergarten classrooms each with 18 students. She described how activities are scheduled throughout the day and spoke of the importance of parental involvement, especially through the PTA.

Private schools with religious affiliation were represented by Concordia Lutheran School, located in Hyattsville, Holy Redeemer School, a Catholic school in College Park, and St. Hugh's here in Greenbelt. These schools offer a faith-based curriculum, while providing accred-

ited programs and certified teachers. The Catholic schools offer scaled tuition rates for their parishioners.

Representatives from Paint Branch Montessori School and College Park Nursery School and Kindergarten rounded out the evening. The speaker from Paint Branch delineated the educational theories of Dr. Maria Montessori and described how the Montessori program emphasizes five areas of learning for young children, which are conveyed through hands-on, experiential activities: practical life skills, the five senses, language arts, science, and cultural (history and geography). An important feature of Montessori education is the mixing of age groups within a classroom, so that five-year-olds (for example) often have the opportunity to reinforce their own knowledge by passing on lessons to younger children. College Park Nursery School, like Greenbelt Nursery School, is a parent-run co-op. The kindergarten is an accredited, half-day program, capped at 12 students and does not require parents to co-op during the day, though they are closely involved in other areas of the school.

A good crowd filled the seats in the Theater Rehearsal Room and asked many questions. Each kindergarten program provided descriptive materials to take home. Every school emphasized the importance of looking over the options for kindergarten, including visiting the available programs and making an informed decision about what is best for them and their child.



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